



Where all our Pupils SHINE

Newsletter – Week 1 Friday 6th September 2024



Welcome to the new school year – we hope you all had an enjoyable summer and many memories have been made! A special welcome to our new Reception Class and our new Pre-School starters.

Miss Fielding has also joined Team Forton and will be working in Clougha Class this year. We have a busy term planned with lots of new and exciting opportunities!

An enormous thank you to Simon McDonald and his company along with his colleagues who have plumbed in our smart water metres so that we make the most of Lancashire's wonderful wet weather to flush our toilets!

A big thank you also goes to Lydia Read-Potter and her company – Booksmart, who have sponsored our brand new sports kits, which our children are all looking forward to wearing in the next few weeks and across the year.

A big thank you to the Ladies Link team for supplying material and making the children new baking aprons! The apples are being picked and pies will be made shortly.

Your support and generosity is very much appreciated by us all.

School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform and how smart the children are. We have a second hand uniform which is very well stocked, please speak with a FOFS member if you need any uniform.

Please ensure all items are clearly named.

Home/School Diary

All children will be provided with a home/school diary for parents to record their child's reading each night and to share any other information. Please ensure this comes into school each day.

PE Days

The children need to bring their full PE kit into school and these will be sent home for washing at the end of each half term (unless they get particularly dirty before then). Please ensure that the children wear the correct kit – All children should have the following PE Kit during the whole of the school week:

- ◆ A PE bag, preferably with a drawstring top
- ◆ Pumps (elasticised for Infants) Trainers for Juniors
- ◆ Navy shorts
- ◆ Sky blue tee shirt with school logo (navy blue hoodie, which is **optional**).

Home School Agreements

This document will be coming home next week, please spend some time sharing this with your child and then both sign and return to school.

Consent and Data Forms

You should have received an email regarding data and consent forms. Consent can be given over the schoolgateway. Please ensure this is done by 13th September.

Rock Steady Band

To all those children that have signed up, this will be starting next Wednesday afternoon.

Health and Safety

Please ensure that children are not left unsupervised on the playground before 8.45am. This is to maintain the children's safety at all times. Please also note that it is our policy that dogs are allowed on the school playground, but must always be on a lead and under control. We do appreciate your support and understanding with these matters.

Phonics Information Evening

All our current Reception parents are invited to a short, informal session on how to support your child with phonics at home. The event will provide an opportunity to see how phonics is delivered in school. This meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th



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September 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm. Children will be supervised by staff during this meeting.

Junior Reading Evening

Junior parents are invited to join us for a short, informal meeting to talk about reading in KS2. This will take place at 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm on Thursday 7th November. Children will be supervised during this meeting by staff.

Learning Partners

Yesterday, your child was partnered up with a brand new learning partner. They will meet each Thursday and spend some time together on a learning task.

Water Bottles

We encourage the children to drink water throughout the school day. Please ensure bottles are named.

Assembly Themes Monday – Thursday

Autumn Term 1

- Week 1 - Adventure
Week 2 - Poetry
Week 3 - Starting Afresh
Week 4 - Sound and Silence
Week 5 - Consequences
Week 6 - Thinking about the future
Week 7 - My Heroes

Celebration Assembly is held on Friday at 3.00 pm parents and families are invited to join us.

Assembly themes can be found for the full year on the website.

Yellow Hoodies

Children can wear their yellow hoodies on Friday's and any external school trips. New Reception and Pre-school children will be provided with a hoody.

Birthday's at Forton!

On the day of your birthday you may wear your own clothes (if your birthday falls in the holidays/weekend) own clothes can be worn the day before/nearest.

Cakes that are brought into school will be handed out at the end of the school day for parents to decide if

they are suitable for their child to eat. Please remember we do have children with allergies, which is why we take this additional care.

Any party invitations please hand to parents directly, to avoid any upset to those not invited.

Friends of Forton School (FOFS)

If you shop at Asda you can help us earn money for school every time you shop.

You just need to sign up using the Asda Rewards App, click on the Cashpot for schools section and search for "Forton Primary School". Even if you don't shop at Asda, just by selecting our school in the App it adds money to our Cashpot.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all - every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops.



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11 th	Robinwood Parent Meeting - Pendle
11 th	Reception – Phonics Information
16 th	Pendle - Residential
17 th	Pendle - Residential
18 th	Pendle - Residential
26 th	Life Education Van
October	
16 th	Pendle Class Bikeability
17 th	Pendle Class Bikeability
17 th	Parents Evening
18 th	Close School
28 th	INSET DAY
29 th	INSET DAY
30 th	Re-open School
November	
1 st	8.30 am Family & Individual Photos
6 th	Flu Vaccinations Pre-School – Yr 6
7 th	KS2 Reading Meeting 3.30 pm
December	
12 th	Christmas Jumper Day
19 th	Whole School Dukes Play Trip
20 th	Close School – NO PM CLUB
January 2025	
6 th	Re-open School

GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

TOGETHER

Garstang Community Fun Day

COME AND JOIN THE FUN...

12-3PM

RANGE OF LOCAL BUSINESSES | MUSIC | RAFFLE | CRAFT STALLS

SELECTION OF FOOD AND DRINKS

SAT 14TH SEPT 2024

AT GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY
Bowgreave, Garstang, Preston PR3 1YE

STALLS £10.00
PLUS A RAFFLE PRIZE

Contact us for details Email : PTA@garstang.fcat.org.uk

LANCASTER HOCKEY CLUB

07 SEPT

10 - 11 AM

HOCKEY TASTER SESSION

FREE TASTER SESSION

FOR CHILDREN AGED 6-14
Lancaster University Astro Turf Pitch

To book your child's place, please email lancasterhockeyclub@gmail.com



This summer, we challenged children across Lancashire to become a Reading Hero and help Dr Paige Turner investigate the strange cases of disappearing books, mysterious portals and flying saucers. This year, even more children have become Reading Heroes at Garstang Library than last summer. Thank you to everyone who has helped us to defeat Blurb!

If you haven't yet claimed your stickers and prizes, there's still time! Come into the library by the end of the September and let us know what you have read to become a Reading Hero and get your prize.

Find out more details at www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/lancs-reading-heroes/

or contact us at garstang.library@lancashire.gov.uk