Dear Parents and Children,

Last minute newsletter as usual! Must try harder next year! It's such a busy time at the moment, but at least summer has decided to arrive at last!

As the end of term approaches, things are becoming ever more hectic! There is plenty going on so please make sure that you look really carefully at the diary section so that you don’t miss anything!

The children have enjoyed 2 ‘moving up’ sessions, spending time in their new classes with their new teachers. They have their final session next week. There have been no changes to the teaching staff this year, so classes will be as follows:

**Acorn:** Mrs Jackson/Mrs Thwaites/Mrs Cook  
**Rowan:** Mrs Ayers/Mrs Wareing  
**Willow:** Mrs Love/Mrs Bhagat-Lowe/Mrs Lawton  
**Ash:** Mrs Russel/Mrs Newiss/Mrs Craven  
**Maple:** Mrs Murphy (Miss Knagg!)/Mrs Mortimer  
**Beech:** Mr Dignan/Vacancy  
**Oak:** Mr Wilkinson/Mrs Gregson

You may have noticed Miss Knagg’s new name there! Miss Knagg does get married on 6th July and will be known as Mrs Murphy from then on. I’m sure I’ll slip up regularly! We wish her, Mr Murphy and Zara the very best for their big day.

Thank you

Stephanie Reeves  
Headteacher

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**Miss Taylor**

Miss Taylor will be leaving Garstang Community Primary School at the end of term. She has worked in school for 7 years, giving fantastic support to a range of classes and teachers. Miss Taylor always has a smile on her face and nothing is too much trouble, She will be missed! We wish her every success in her new role at Carr Hill School in Kirkham.

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**Wicked Young Writers**

This was our 3rd year of entering this competition, and we were really proud of all our entries. One child made it to the glittering final in London this year and we are delighted to say that Eve R in Ash Class won 2nd place in the 5-7 age category! Her time travelling story about Mary Anning was inspired by Year 3’s work on fossils. Eve finished off her day at the Natural History Museum, hunting for the fossil in question!
Summer Work

This summer is going to be busy as work starts on our outdoor theatre area with the money we have received from the National Lottery. We are going to have a fabulous new quiet reading area for children to enjoy at lunchtimes and for us to use during learning time. The facility will also be available for local community groups to benefit from out of school hours. We are also having internal decoration and recarpeting to the front of school, which is looking rather tired. Each stain on the carpet tells its own story! Poor Mr Clensy And Mrs Creswick will be very busy over the summer, making sure school is ready to open in September.

School Activities

Ash Class made us think very carefully about our plastic usage in their incredible assembly—the facts they told us about plastic were so worrying! I personally haven't bought a plastic water bottle since! Oak Class have been really busy since their SATs. They were visited by a magistrate and they learned how the judicial system works, taking part in a mock trial. I'm pleased to report that no-one was given a custodial sentence! They also took part in 2 bikeability sessions, where they learned to ride safely out on the roads. As their end of term performance, Oak Class will be treating us to ‘Class of Rock’ the musical! They have had 2 full days of dance training for this! Willow Class visited Brockholes Nature reserve and spent the day pond dipping and minibeast hunting. A great time was had by all! A trip to Lancaster University to learn about democracy and their place in society really inspired Oak Class and they learned a great deal. A group of Year 3 and 4 children spent an enjoyable, if rather wet afternoon, at Poolfoot Farm, playing in a tri-golf tournament—it was great fun, although Mrs Reeves was sad she didn’t see any Fleetwood players! A group of girls entered the Kwick Cricket Competition at Rossall—they had a great time and played very well as a team. We played a netball friendly at St Thomas’s, which was great fun. The new Book Fair proved popular, with £170 raised for school reading books. Thank you to all who bought books. Acorn delighted us with their assembly, showing off all they had learned over the year. They are so confident, sang some lovely songs and there wasn’t a dry eye in the house! We held our Saturday Open Day on 22nd June and were visited by lots of past and current pupils who came to see how the school has changed (and stayed the same!). Sports day was a great success, with just the right kind of weather! I particularly love to see our families enjoying the picnic. Thanks to all who supported. A group of our Y4/5 and 6 children attended the Science Festival at UCLAN. They got to look inside a brain, learned all about the mathematics of rollercoasters and visited stalls where they got lots of freebies. A brilliant experience for them all!

| July       | 3rd       | Ash Class to Windermere  
Acorn Class to Humblescough Farm |
|           | 4th       | PTA Fun Day  
Year 6 Production ‘School of Rock’ 7pm |
|           | 8th & 9th | Maple Class to GCA to watch ‘Little Shop of Horrors’  
PTA Discos |
|           | 10th      | 12th Oak Class to London  
Reports out  
15th Wheelchair Basketball  
Oak Class Reports out  
Beech Class Tower Wood Meeting  
7pm  
16th Maple Brass performance 2:30  
Y5/6 Quidditch Day  
19th Oak Class Leavers’ Assembly  
School closes for summer |