

# Garstang Community Primary School



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Dear Parents and Children

I hope you had a super Easter break and managed to spend some quality time together. I can't believe we are already in the Summer term! I just wish the weather would now make up its mind what it's doing! Wednesday was glorious and just as I'm writing this on Thursday afternoon, the rain has started! Summer term is such a busy one -please keep an eye on the diary section as things are being added and occasionally changed too!

This term we have welcomed Max into Maple Class and Bella has returned to join her friends in Ash Class—I know that you will make the families very welcome! We received the names of the children joining our school family in Acorn Class in September—we can't wait for them to start! Our induction programme will start soon, as will our transition sessions for our current pupils.

Hopefully you all received our Ofsted Report—thank you for all your messages of congratulation—they are very much appreciated!

Steph Reeves  
Headteacher

## King Charles III—Coronation

The King's Coronation is almost upon us! As a school, we will be celebrating in a number of ways. Activities will be undertaken in the classroom and in assemblies to give the children an insight into this important ceremony. We will also be joining with St Thomas's School on Friday 5th May in order to receive commemorative coins from Garstang Town Council. This will involve us walking, as a school, to Garstang Free Methodist Church at 9:10 am. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform that day—if they usually do PE on a Friday, please send their PE kit in a carrier bag. There will be no celebration assembly on the 5th or 12th May. We will also be having a celebration picnic lunch on the 5th.



Garstang has been chosen to host Wyre's Coronation celebrations with a range of activities available:

- Live music and entertainment across the town from 12pm – 4pm
- The Wyre Coronation Walk at 2pm – an interactive trail starting at Cherestanc Square suitable for the whole family, with lots to see and do along the way. Commemorative medals for those who take part! We've got royal crowns and flags for everyone too!
- Free outdoor theatre in the family area at Millenium Green at 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Stop off along the walk to enjoy a free show or just pop to the green.
- Wyre's Big Help Out – find out what volunteering opportunities there are in your area and enjoy giving something back to your local community

## Enterprise Week

We had an incredibly busy last day of term at Easter, when we held our Enterprise Market in the school hall. All of the classes made an incredible effort, making their products and marketing them too. I think they really enjoyed themselves, and also learned an awful lot along the way! Each class has now worked out their profit, after paying back their 'loan' from the dragons, and are busy choosing what to spend their money on!

The profits made were as follows:

Acorn—£134.90  
Rowan—£60.00  
Willow—£115.00  
Ash—£133.04  
Maple—£98.70  
Beech - £179.90  
Oak—£90.50

Huge thanks to:

Mr Dignan for organising the week  
Staff and pupils for their enthusiasm and productivity  
Mrs Bevins, and Mr and Mrs Oliver, for being fabulous dragons!  
Parents for supporting by sending in spending money with children, and spending their own money at the market too!  
Beech Class have been awarded the Dragon Trophy for the most profit made and it stands proudly in their classroom!



## School Activities and Achievements

Maple, Beech and Oak classes are currently having cricket tuition from Garstang Cricket Club. They are really enjoying their sessions and learning some great new skills.

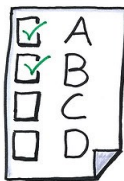
We were visited by Andrew from Dogs' Trust, who undertook a whole school assembly, talking about how to keep safe around dogs. He then visited 4 classes to look further into how we can ensure that our dogs are well looked after and cared for.

Oak Class were visited by Iain Hook, who talked to them about the different career opportunities open to them in the NHS. They undertook a range of activities and Iain really piqued their interest. I was delighted to receive an email later that evening, saying that they were the best group of children he had delivered the programme to. I was super proud of them! Well done and thank you Oak Class. I shall look forward to being treated by you in about 15 years time!



## Statutory Assessments

Summer Term is the time in which many of the Government's Statutory Assessments will take place. Some of the dates are fixed, and some need to be administered within a given window. The classes affected are:



Rowan—Phonics Screening—wb 12th June  
Willow—KS1 SATs—any time in May  
Maple - Multiplication Check—1st 3 weeks of June  
Oak—KS2 SATs—9th-12th May

We try to keep these as stress free as possible but it is inevitable that some children will worry. Please do let us know if your child is concerned so that we can talk to them and reassure them.

## Sports Day

Sports Day is fast approaching (Friday 26th May)—we have scheduled it a little earlier this year in order to try to ease the end of year madness!! For those of you who haven't experienced one of our Sports Days before, you are in for a treat! In order to make sure that the children are active for the majority of time, they take part in a carousel of activities around the field, in multi-class teams. They then have the opportunity to be competitive in a number of running races. We finish the morning off with a family picnic on the field. We aim to start the day at about 9:15, and lunch starts at 12:00. Please ensure that your child has their correct PE kit on that day:  
White t-shirt (plain or with school logo)  
Plain black shorts  
Pumps/trainers.

## Diary Dates

### May

KS1 SATs take place this month

1st	May Day Bank Holiday
3rd	Ash Class trip to Footprint
5th	Coronation Celebration and picnic lunch
8th	Coronation Bank Holiday
9th-12th	KS2 SATs
16th	RNLI Assembly
17th	Oak Class Dance Day Acorn Trip to Booths Reception Induction Evening 6pm
18th	Beech and Oak Class to UCLAN Science Fair
26th	Sports Morning and family picnic 9:15am



### June

Y4 Multiplication test take place this month

6th	School re-opens (TUESDAY)
8th	Oak Class Dance Day
12th	Y1 Phonics tests this week
12/13th	Oak Class Bikeability
14th	Acorn trip to Humblecough Farm
21st	PTA Fun Day after school
23rd	Willow trip to Leighton Hall
30th	Acorn Class Assembly 9:15am

### July

6th/7th	Oak Class trip to London
17th/18th	Oak Class Performance 6:00pm
20th	Oak Class Awards Evening 6:00pm
21st	School closes for summer

