



Jesus (the gardener) nourishes and tends us as we learn and grow, so that we can all flourish. As a vine, we are one, but all unique and special to Him. We care for each other, as God cares for us.



6/9/24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you and your children enjoyed the summer and have had a nice break. We have had a lovely first week back. Please see the Year 1 blog to see what we have been doing: <https://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/blog/category/class-of-2023>

Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Boyle, Mrs Ventress on a Tuesday pm and Mrs Whiteside on a Thursday afternoon. The class will also benefit from the regular support from Miss Kilshaw, Mrs Joel, Mrs Winder, Mrs Arthington and Mrs Law at varying times.

Both gates will be open in the morning and at pick up. The back gate can be accessed by the alleyway off Chatsworth Road.

**Reading-** Your child will have a home –school reading pack that will be given out on Monday as this is when the karate reading challenge will start (see separate letter). In the pack you will have a phonetically decodable book, which should be read a number of times to help with fluency and comprehension. Your child should not be sounding words out as many words when re-reading the book. There will also be a ‘reading for pleasure book’ for an adult to read and to share together to increase your child’s vocab. Each child will have a ‘read day’ and a ‘change day’. On their reading day, your child will read with an adult in school. On their ‘change day’ your child will change their books if there is a comment in the record book to say that they have read the previous one. **Please bring the reading book and reading record in their book bags daily, just in case we have extra reading days.** We will change the ‘reading for pleasure books’ on your child’s reading day.

**Spellings-** A list of spellings will be handed out on a Monday to learn for Friday where we will have a quick quiz. This will be linked to our phonic sound for the week and we will do many activities throughout the week also.

**PE-** our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays allowing the children opportunities to take part in cross-curricular activities, games and looking particularly at their fundamental skills e.g. skipping, hopping, kicking, throwing etc. this term. Please ensure your child is wearing an appropriate ‘active uniform’. This consists of:

- School jumper with logo (available from Uniform shop in Lancaster) or a jumper of the same style and colour
- School zipped top (available from Uniform shop in Lancaster) or a buttoned/zipped cardigan of the same colour – see right
- White or green polo shirt
- Black or dark grey (charcoal) active leggings/jogging bottoms/tracksuit bottoms – plain and no obvious logo
- Black or dark grey (charcoal) shorts/skorts – plain, no obvious logo and a decent length (no hot pants or equivalent)
- Plain black, dark grey or white socks (ankle or knee length)
- Plain **black** trainers (**if laced, pleased ensure your child can fasten these themselves**)
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Earrings **should not** be worn.
- Because we will be wearing trainers for outdoor PE and bare feet for indoor PE, tights will not be suitable with this new active uniform.

**Water Bottles-** Please can your child have a named plastic sports water bottle containing preferably just water. We sometimes can have spillages and juice can stain.

**Show and Tell-** We do not have a specific day for Show and Tell but if your child has something special to show or tell they can bring it into school e.g. something they have made, a trophy, certificates or any special news. However, no TOYS please for show and tell and **please do not bring toys into school.**

I am looking forward to some exciting times ahead and I hope your child is too. If you want to know anything else or have any questions, please do let me know. My email is a.boyle@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you for your support, Mrs Boyle and the Year 1 Team

