

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.



Newsletter— 10th May 2024

Learning, growing and caring as part of God's family.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.

John 15:5

Our Christian value for this half term is TRUST

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Moeletsi Jani YR	Moe loves to build things & always tries hard. He is kind & caring & always smiles.
Emily OtuLarbi Y1	Emily is always polite & very kind. She is good at singing & always works hard.
Heath Patchett Y2	Heath treats everyone equally. He is trustworthy & a good role model.
Amali Jeremiah Y3	Amali is full of lovely ideas, she is a great listener & a brilliant member of Y3.
Emily Hesketh Y4	Emily is resilient, independent & cheerful. She is kind & has a smile for everyone.
Sebastian Manoj Keepram Y5	Sebastian is a pleasure to work with, he is keen to learn & has lots of enthusiasm.
Harmann Singh Jass Y6	Harmann always helps others . He is a sensational member of the blue team.

Worship in School

This week we have continued with our Trust theme with a story about how Joshua trusted God in a very strange battle plan. We sang more songs about Trust and had a wonderful outdoor Worship on Wednesday in the sunshine. Jonny and Abi, from NISCU (a local Christians in school organisation), joined us on their prayer walk around all the local schools.

SATS

Our Year 6 children all get their time to shine next week as they sit their SATS tests. We know that all our children will try their best and we will feel very proud of them because of this. Their positive attitude, independence and resilience will help them to achieve their full potential in the things they are being tested in. We, however, love the fact that they are all unique and have amazing talents in so many different things that won't be tested next week. The SATS also do not measure how kind and caring this class is and we know that if they were, they would be working at greater depth!

To all of our Year 6 children, we hope you have a stressless weekend (have lots of fun and relaxation) and "don't be scared - you're all prepared"! (a variation of a quote used by one of the Year 6s recently). Good luck - you've got this!

Water Bottles

Please remember that your child should bring a clear **(NAMED)** water bottle to school each day, with fresh water from home. This should have a sports lid so that there is a way for the bottle to be fully enclosed. This is to ensure the children stay well hydrated and also make sure spillages, spoiling children's work and causing unnecessary disruption to lessons, do not happen.

Uniform/Clothing

Please remember that we want the children to be ready for sports activities, but we also want them to look smart and respectable. Shorts and skirts MUST be a suitable length and any long hair should be tied back (this also prevents the spread of head lice and enables children to see clearly their work and the board). Trainers must be completely black and without logos. As we move towards warmer (hopefully) weather, your child may wear a sensible and suitable cap or hat, however we would always encourage them to bring coats if there is any chance of rain - the weather can change dramatically throughout the day. If it is a hot day, please apply sun cream before the start of the day and, if needed, send a named bottle of sun cream for your child to reapply at lunchtime. We will do our best to help, but please train your child to be as independent as possible - helping 30 children with sun cream is very time consuming!

SCOT4ALL

The next gathering of friends and family of Scotforth School's children is on Wednesday 22nd May at 6.30pm. Parents, grandparents and members of the community who love our school are welcome, it is for anyone who wants the events for children and families to continue and raise much needed money for extra things for the children. If we get too many (hopefully) for the Wobbly Cobbler, we will find an alternative on the night. Even if you've never been to a SCOT4ALL meeting before, please come along - you are part of the team!

Online Safety

Continuing the theme of balancing screen time for children, this week's tips are for the KS1 age group. Please have a look, it may give you some new ideas.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 13 -Thurs 16 May	AM	SATS Tests	Y6
Mon 20 -Thur 22 May	Through -out the day	Pedal and Scoot	YR, Y1 & Y2
Fri 24 May	3.10 pm	School closed for half-term holiday	YN-Y6
Mon 3 June	All day	Inset day (closed to children)	All
Tues 4 June	8.45am	School re-opens	YN-Y6
Weds 5 June	6pm	New Reception Evening	2024 intake
Fri 14 June	PM	Peter and The Wolf Concert (details to follow)	Y5 & 6
Tues 25 June	All day	Transition Day (Ripley & Central)	Y6
Tues 25 June	AM	Move up Morning in school & New Reception Starters	YN-Y5
Thurs 18 July	1.30pm	End of Year Church Service	All
Fri 19 July	3.10pm	Break up for summer	YN-Y6
Tues 3 Sep	8.45 am	School re-opens	YN-Y6

School Dinner Questionnaire

Thank you to all those who completed the questionnaire about school dinners. The questionnaire is now closed and we will talk to the cook and pass on your comments to Lancashire County Council catering service. I will feed back more fully in future newsletters, but it was surprising for us that not many of you knew that we have a salad bar. At least you are now aware that there are lots of healthy additional options for the children.

School Improvement Plan

This year we have been focusing on developing our Computing provision, encouraging the children to learn to become good learners and further enhancing our Early Years' provision. We are also monitoring closely the way we teach maths and have been embedding the strategies introduced in last year's SIP for reading and writing. Throughout the year, we have implemented changes and additions to our actions in order to see a positive impact specifically in these areas. As part of today's email, you have received a copy of the Spring term review which identifies what we have done so far, the impact of these actions and what we will do next. If you would like to know more or have any questions about the review sheet, please get in touch with Mrs Walsh - head@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

Celebrating Life in School

This week classes have made good use of the dry, warm weather and taken learning outside. Y6 have been revising their SPAG, whilst Y3 have been trying not to get wet finding out about capacity and volume. Nursery children had a look around outside school to spot the signs of spring and note them on pictures. Y4 walked to the Town Hall today to take part in the Mayor Making Ceremony. It was really interesting and they received numerous compliments for their singing.

Athletics

This week's was the last competition for this year. Well done to our athletics who came a fantastic 2nd! Many thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to take children to the events over the last months –without your help, the children wouldn't be able to take part in such events.

Reminder

Please can parents ensure children DO NOT play on the steps by the back of the school office/Y1 waiting area as this is a fire exit. Thank you,