

# Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.



## Newsletter— 10th November 2023

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 PEACE

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Ottlie Aldren YR	Ottlie is happy, helpful, kind & sharing & good at drawing
Herman Amurov Y1	Herman is nice to everyone, a good listener & always tries his best in everything
Oscar LeBrun Y2	Oscar is smart, funny, always tries hard, resilient, a good person & a best friend
Mary Makinson Y3	Mary is caring, kind & always smiling, a great friend, is a great singer & dancer
Henry Fossett -Key Y4	Henry is polite, always smiling & polite, is good at running, is smart & tells funny jokes
Atticus Nemeth Y5	Atticus is an animal expert, passionate, helpful & a nice friend
Ella Jackson Y6	Ella is loving & supportive to everyone, has resilience in all she does & always tries her best

**SCOT4ALL**

Thank you to the parents who joined some of the staff at Greaves Park yesterday for a social gathering. It was lovely to see some new faces. SCOT4ALL is a group that everyone linked to school is part of automatically and its purposes are to support each other and to raise money to help the children have access to extra resources/activities that the school cannot afford to pay for out of the normal budget. Last year we had a range of activities and raised over £1200. We would love to match (or increase) that figure this academic year so that we are closer to being able to install a working kitchen for the children to develop their DT and cooking skills. With this in mind, we will have a SCOT4ALL meeting in school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November to try to create working parties to manage different events throughout the year. These events should not be planned and managed by one person, so that it does not become a "job" and overbearing. The first event will be the Christmas Fair on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December and staff have kindly agreed to take the lead for this event – we will ask for help nearer the time. Part of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November will include making arrangements for the fair. In order to allow as many people as possible to attend, we will provide childcare. Please come along – we really are a friendly bunch, who just want the best for all children in school.

**Worship in School**

This week we focused on our new Christian value of Peace. We thought about how God can give us peace, how we can be at peace with one another and how we want there to be peace in the world. We also remembered that being at peace with ourselves means being happy with who we are and we should know that God made us uniquely and that we are all special. As we move towards Christmas we will think about God's Big Story and how Jesus was sent to bring peace to the world. It was lovely to hear the amazing singing and see the fantastic signing in our prayer and praise worship – the children's enthusiasm for both of these are amazing. Thank you to everyone.

**OFSTED Visit**

Firstly, I want to say that you should all feel very proud of the way your children represented school during our recent OFSTED visit. Although I cannot provide any information about the grading, I will say that the inspectors were impressed with how well the children behaved and their politeness. The full report should be available during the last week of the term and until it is published, I cannot share the grades that we have been awarded. Thank you to parents for completing the parent questionnaire, overall it gave very positive feedback about the school – you can see the results via this link [Ofsted Parent View](#)

**Main Front Door**

Some parents seem to be struggling with the main front door. Once you have pressed the doorbell, the office staff will generally open it straightaway but you must push the door open— it is not automatic. If however you do not open it within 5 seconds, the door will lock again automatically.

## After School Clubs/Activities

**Permission letters have been sent out this week, please ask your child / check their bags!**

Monday:	12.00- 1.00 pm	Athletics Y5/6 (lunchtime)	Free
Tuesday:	12.30—1pm	JAM club Y5/6 (lunchtime)	Free
	3.15—4.15 pm	Chinese Club Y3/4/5/6 (From 31st October— 5th December )	Free
	3.15 —4.15 pm	Lacrosse Club Y3/4/5 (From 7th November—12th December)	Free <b>PLACES STILL AVAILABLE</b>
Wednesday:	3.15– 4.15 pm	Basketball Club Y5/6 (From 8th November-13th December)	Free <b>PLACES STILL AVAILABLE</b>
Thursday:	3.15—4.15 pm	Football with Coach Dan KS2 (From 9th November—21st December)	£35.00
	3.15—4.15 pm	Karate with Andrea KS1&KS2 (contact school for more details)	

### Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
15 Nov	After-noon	Visit to Lancashire Museum Preston	Y6
20 Nov	3.15pm	SCOT4ALL meeting in school (childcare provided)	All parents
27 Nov -1 Dec	TBA	Book Fair (possible Christmas pressies!) —more details to follow	All
4—8 Dec		Enterprise Week	Y6
8 Dec	TBA	Christmas Fair—more details nearer the time	All
11 Dec	after-noon	Carol Singing	Y6
13 Dec	Lunch	School Christmas Lunch	YN-Y6
19 Dec	6.15pm	Don't Be Afraid performance Further details to follow	Early Years & KS1
20 Dec	2pm	Don't Be Afraid performance Further details to follow	As above
21 Dec	1.30pm	Church Service	All
	3.10pm	School Closes for Christmas	All
8 Jan	8.45am	School re-opens	All

### Celebrating Life in School

It hasn't all been about Ofsted this week! Our Eco group managed to avoid the bad weather and went to check on the trees they planted on the edge of the school field. Unfortunately, 20 of them had died off but the Woodland Trust are sending new ones to replace them in the next week or so—hopefully in time there will be shade at the field!

On Tuesday we had Nick Toczek, a published poet, visit Y5&6 who helped the children develop their poetry skills. We also invited children from other schools to take part and all enjoyed the event.

The children have been marking Remembrance Day with lots of different poppy work. A big thank you to the Y6 children who have been selling poppies at the front of school for the last 2 weeks and thank you to everyone who has bought them.

If you didn't already know –Christmas is coming! The children have started to practice their singing for the Christmas production.

Finally, we finished the week with our Open Afternoon for parents of children starting next September. Y6 did a great job of showing parents around school and did a superb job in answering any questions! A big thank you as always to the parent volunteers who helped to provide refreshments, it was great to see some new faces.

As always, you can find out about all things happening in school by visiting:

[Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

### Reminders

Please call /email the school office, rather than the class teacher, before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent for any reason. If a reason is not provided the absence may be classed as unauthorised.

If your child suffers any vomiting or diarrhoea please do not send them back to school until 48hours after the last episode.

Juice is only allowed at lunchtime in the hall and not permitted during the day in class.

### Online Safety

This week's online safety guide looks at the rise in influencers, the risks they can sometimes pose, and how to stay safe.