

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

## Newsletter— 12th January 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 COURAGE

★ Time to Shine ★	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Minnie Edmondson YR	Minnie is always helpful, kind & a good friend. She is really good at making things.
Louis Patchett Y1	Louis is a good friend & plays with everyone. He is good at all his school work.
Adelina Nemeth Y2	Adelina has a kind heart, is a good friend & loves nature. She always works hard & is amazing.
Rosie Britton Y3	Rosie is always smiling, is funny & thoughtful. She always tries hard at everything.
Savannah Bowers Y4	Savannah is independent, a great friend & always kind. She is good at gymnastics.
Summer Birkett Y5	Summer is kind, polite, caring, happy & thoughtful. She is the nicest person on the planet.
Isabella Hama Y6	Isabella is independent, resilient & never gives up. She is a very good school tour guide.

Parent Governors
We currently have some Parent Governor vacancies that we would like to fill as soon as possible. We will send out information about what the role entails and the process for applications on Monday. Please take some time to consider whether this is something you could do to help the school. We are keen to move towards a more diverse governing body, which is representative of all pupils across school.

Worship in School
We have begun thinking about Courage, as our new Christian value. The children have spent time thinking about what courage means to them and sung songs about being bold and strong during Wednesday's worship. On Thursday, Rev Catherine talked about being courageous when you feel like you are different or the odd one out. She told us the story about Daniel bravely worship God and being thrown into the lions' den for doing what was right. The children were relieved to hear that God closed the lions' mouths and protected Daniel from being eaten!

### Celebrating Life in School

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and welcome the children back to school. What a first day it was! Following the completion of the extensive alterations (and reclaiming the car park!) we celebrated with a Grand Opening. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and mark the event, particularly Archdeacon David Picken who blessed the school and Chas Jacobs, our local artist and former pupil, who kindly cut the ribbon to a rousing round of applause, and not forgetting all the children for their brilliant singing. Once the outside activities were over, all the guests were invited into the hall for refreshments and a guided tour by our very able Y6 Tour Guides who were complimented on how good they were. Thank you to everyone who supplied cakes for the refreshments and in helping to serve them. Have a look at the great pictures on the school blog where you will be able to see what the various classes have been up to this week: [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk).

Unfortunately, Cat Smith, local MP, could not make it to our Grand Opening on Monday so we arranged a special visit for her on Friday. Two of our Year 6 children showed her round and answered all of her questions. The tour included a visit to the new areas in our school, especially the new Early Years' Unit, which Cat thought was, "an incredible space".

We also talked about how we are all different throughout school, which is something that I love about Scotforth St Paul's School. We celebrate differences and learn from each other. Cat thought that we are one of the most culturally diverse schools in Lancaster.

I talked to Cat about our next exciting project, a kitchen space for the children to refine their cooking skills as part of the DT curriculum. She said that it would be a brilliant resource to help the children to develop their skills.

Cat was very impressed with the children in school and said that their attitudes and behaviour were some of the best she had seen (and she visits many schools).

## Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
15 Jan	23:59	Applications for September 2024 Reception places closes	YN
17 Jan	All Day	Egyptian Workshop	Y3
19 Jan	All Day	Roman Workshop	Y4
6 Feb	All Day	Damian Harvey—Author Writing workshop	Y3/4
9 Feb	3.10pm	School closes for half-term	YN-Y6
19 Feb	8.45am	School re-opens	YN-Y6
21 Feb	All Day	Mathematician Workshop	Y5/6
6 Mar		Parent Consultations (details to follow)	YN-Y6
20 Mar	Evening	Lancaster Children's Music Festival (details to follow)	Y4
28 Mar	1.30pm 3.10pm	Easter Service in Church School closes for Easter	YN-Y6
15 Apr	8.45am	School re-opens	YN-Y6

## Drop Off—One Way System

Thank you to everyone who has been using the one way system in the morning - it seems to have really help with the congestion at the front of school. At the end of the day, please wait on the playground for your child and just walk down the path as usual. It is a safer way out for the children.

## Back to School Advice

Please take a look at the Governments advice for parents on how to keep fit and well now they are back at school. Go to: [UKHSA reminds parents of back-to-school advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-school-advice)

## Staff Retirement

Some of you may already be aware but we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Lofthouse on Friday 2nd February as she starts her well deserved retirement. She has been helping prepare and serve meals at Scotforth for 26 years and has seen many changes in the school meal service over that time. School will mark the event but if anyone would like to send her good luck messages please feel free to do so.

## After School Clubs/Activities

Monday: 12.00- 1.00 pm Athletics Y5/6 (lunchtime) Free

Tuesday: 3.15—4.15 pm Tag Rugby Y5/6 Free  
**This has now been opened up to Y4 and letters have been given to the children today**

Wednesday: 3.15– 4.15pm Dance Ys 2/3/4&5 Free  
12.00-1.00pm Girls Football

Thursday: 3.15—4.15 pm Football with Coach Dan KS2 (5 weeks 11 Jan-8 Feb) £25.00  
3.15—4.15pm Karate with Andrea Carbon KS1&KS2 (contact school for more details)

Friday: 3.15-4.15pm Mad Science Y1-6 £50

## Children's Belongings

It's only 5 days into the new term and already we have items of uniform which cannot be returned as they are un-named. To ensure uniform and other belongings can be returned, please ensure they are CLEARLY NAMED. Unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of each half-term.