

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.

Newsletter— 17th 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
Theo Brown YR	Theo is a good friend, has lovely manners, is sharing & good at maths & drawing
Arna Hama Y1	Arna is kind & helpful, she good at maths, PE & signing in the play
Stan Makinson Y2	Stan has a fabulous imagination, a kind heart, is independent & good at singing
Lilly Aspinall Y3	Lilly is kind & polite, a great member of the worship team & a good friend
Arin Hama Y4	Arin is extremely kind & helpful, always happy, a good listener & great at football
Hannah Weston Y5	Hannah is energetic, an ability queen, she loves animals & is a good role model
Kacey Mellor Y6	Kacey is selfless, caring, considerate & polite & he has a great sense of humour

Christmas Production—Don't Be Afraid

On Monday, letters will be given to the children in Nursery and KSI with details of how you can order tickets for this year's Christmas Production—please keep a look out for it!

Christmas Fair & Non-Uniform Days

In the run-up to the Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December, we are holding 2 non-uniform days. The first is **FRIDAY 24th November (next Friday) and FRIDAY 1st December**. Please could children bring in donations of any bottles (eg shampoo, juice), chocolates or sweets and any good condition unwanted gifts. We are again holding our Surprise Gifts Room but this time on the day of the fair. A good mix of male/female gifts would be greatly appreciated. Items are the same for both non-uniform days. Many thanks as always for your support.

Tree Planting—Urgent Appeal

Does anyone have an hour to spare on **TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER** between 11am and 12 noon? As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have now received 100 tree saplings and we would really appreciate some help in planting them with Y6 on the edge of the school field. You don't need a DBS for this activity, just a spade, wellies and gloves! If you can help please let the office know either in person on Monday or email admin2@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk. Many thanks in anticipation.

Worship in School

On Monday, we linked our Christian value of peace to Remembrance Sunday. Year 6 read the poem "The Fallen" and we spent time in silence as a sign of respect and gratitude that we live in a country in which we have freedom and peace. On Wednesday, the children who had been to the Pupil Parliament led Worship, thinking about protected characteristics, in particular disability. They explained how we should always focus on people's abilities not disabilities. The Worship Team and some of the staff showed this through a practical demonstration involving taking off shoes and socks! Rev Rebecca led Worship on Thursday and she showed a video with people from different faiths all singing a song about peace. The theme was how people with differences want to work together for peace.

Celebrating Life in School

Y6 visited the Museum of Lancashire as part of their WW2 topic. They learned all about what couldn't be talked about—it was a very 'Top Secret Mission' but much enjoyed!

4 of our Y5 children attended Pupil Parliament with other children from the local area. The theme was 'walking in someone else's shoes' with the emphasis on what people can achieve rather than what they can't.

Our Reception class should have the whitest smiles this week after learning how to look after their teeth.

Y4 admired God's wonderful world and wrote prayers which they hung outside for the other children to read.

Rehearsals for our Christmas production are going ahead with gusto—the parts have now been given out and lines are being learned.

For more information on school life, visit the class blogs at: scotforth-st-pauls.c.of.e.primary&nursery.school

SCOT4ALL

There is a meeting on Monday (20th November), straight after school in the EYFS unit. Supervision will be provided for children. Please join us as we start formulating a plan for events for across the year. We are a friendly bunch who want the best for all the children across school.

WANTED!

Y6 would greatly appreciate donations of clean and washed jars—jam/coffee etc, for their Enterprise Week starting 4th December. Donations can be brought left in the school office. Many thanks.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
20 Nov	3.15pm	SCOT4ALL meeting in school (childcare provided)	All parents
24 Nov	All day	Non-Uniform Day	YN-Y6
27 Nov -1 Dec	TBA	Book Fair (possible Christmas pressies!) —more details to follow	All
1 Dec	All day	Non-Uniform Day	YN-Y6
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

Attendance

Attendance for the first half term has averaged 95.38% - just under our target of 96%.

YR	95.02%	Y4	92.81%
Y1	96.27%	Y5	96.44%
Y2	93.33%	Y6	96.34%
Y3	97.47%		

Closure of A6

Advance warning: at present, we have been told the temporary classroom will be removed from site on 17th December, this will involve closure of the A6 during part of the day. Should this date change, we will of course let you know as soon as possible.

Charity Events

The children have chosen CancerCare as the school's charity for this year. We will be organising events to raise money for this in the coming months.

As you are aware we are fund raising through Scot4All for a new children's kitchen and along with this and CancerCare, we feel that parents can give in other ways to such events as Children in Need and Comic Relief, hence we do not organise events for these particular days.

Online Safety

This week's topic looks at photos online—not only ones you look at but makes you think about what parents and children are uploading for general viewing.

After School Club

After School Club will be open over Christmas for 4 days. Please see the attached leaflet for full details.