



MISSION STATEMENT

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

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain in me and I remain in them, they produce much fruit." (John 15:5)

School Lunches

You will no doubt have seen the news this week regarding schools having to move to a temporary menu until half-term. We will be offering a choice of sandwiches with salad/vegetable sticks and a cup of soup for those who want it, as well as a baked potato option. We will be giving the younger children soup once they have sat down—we don't expect them to carry it! There will be provision for those with food allergies and vegetarian options.

We fully understand if you decide to send your child with their own packed lunch during this period. If you decide on this option and have paid in advance, the money will remain in the account until we are back to normal, you will not lose it.

Thursday, 7th October—SPECIAL LUNCH

Despite the above news, for one day only on Thursday, 7th October to celebrate Autumn, there will be a special lunch. Your child can choose from **burger in a bun with chips, pizza and chips or a jacket potato followed by sponge and custard.** The cost is the usual £2.35 and can be ordered on the day.

Harvest Festival Donations

Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the Olive Branch, as always you have been very generous to this worthy cause.

Snacks

Parents in KS1 may not be aware, but free fruit is provided for every child each day and therefore we would ask that you do not send your child with any other snack. We understand that some children may not like the fruit on offer and would suggest sending them with fruit they do like. Many thanks.

POETRY! POETRY! POETRY!

Next Thursday (October 7th) is **National Poetry Day** and we are celebrating it all of next week by sharing some of the teacher's favourite poems. Next Friday the children will get the chance to vote on which of the teachers' poems they prefer.

It would be lovely if you could also share some poetry with your child at home over the next week or so. Maybe you have a favourite one from your childhood? Maybe you have a poem you had to learn by heart and can still recite from memory? I learnt The Owl and the Pussy Cat and can still say it today! If the children have a poem/poetry book that they love, please send it in with them so we can share as many great poems as possible.

There are also lots of great poem links online - I know children of all ages love watching Michael Rosen perform his poetry and he has many poems on Youtube. "No Breathing in Class" is often a favourite with the children as is "Chocolate Cake" which is also one of the teachers' favourites... Can you guess who?! Find out next week!

Thanks for your support and enjoy the poems! Mrs Redmayne

Boxes of Hope

Just a reminder that shoe boxes can be brought into school from now until half-term. Details are again attached for this worthy cause. Many thanks.

For further school information, please see page 2 of the newsletter.



Scotforth Superstars



Name	Nominated by	Nominated for
Grace Aspinall Holly Allan	Mrs Mayor & Mrs Belshire	A well presented, detailed information page about the Loch Ness Monster
Tharlia Barker- Smith	Mrs Redmayne	Excellent use of speech layout and punctuation
Demi Crane Fletcher Muffitt Dawn Sowah	Mrs Redmayne	Using really effective sentence structure to create tension
Tala Dawson Fergus Laird	Mrs Browne & Mrs Whiteside	Super blending during our phonics lessons
Adam Sowerby	Mrs Browne & Mrs Whiteside	Super effort in our phonics lessons
Martha Grimwood	Mrs Boyle	Excellent effort in all her writing

On-Line Safety

As we have had a rather poor response to our offer of an online safety information event, the deadline for replies has been extended to next Friday, 8th October. Please see page 2 for the return slip. Unless we have more interest, we will not be able to run this particular session.

Clubs

We have started running some extra-curricular clubs this term, football and multi-skills, but are hoping to be able to start more. If any parent is interested in running or helping with a club, please get in touch to discuss further. It doesn't have to be sporty, it could be to do with the arts, nature or something completely different!

Monday: Multi Skills for Y3 & Y4 3.15pm—4.15pm

Tuesday: Athletics 1230-1pm Y5/6

Thursday: Football for all KS2 3.15-4.15pm

Karate for all children 3.15—4.45pm. If your child is interested in taking up karate, please contact Andrea Carbon to discuss further 07534333569

Thursday: Change4Life Lunchtime—keeping children active at playtime

Photographs

If you are not ordering on-line for your school photos, please can all orders be returned to school by Wednesday, 6th October at the very latest.

Reception Children—please ensure orders for the Guardian photo are received by Tuesday, 5th October at the very latest.

Struggling to get your child to read? Wanting more ideas for books? Look no further!

"Raising a Reader" Parent Online Training
Tuesday 5th October, 7-7.45 pm.
No need to go out in the rain: just sit on your sofa with a cuppa and get loads of ideas to help your children!



<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/raising-a-reader-top-tips-for-parents-to-foster-a-love-of-reading-free-training/>

We know that reading has a huge impact on a child's outcome at school as well as improving wellbeing, developing empathy and being great fun! It can though be **really** tricky to get your child to love reading, especially in the face of computer games, phones and YouTube!

This free online training (**45 mins only!**) will give you lots of great ideas and recommendations about how to foster or develop a love of reading in your children. I can fully recommend this training, having done it myself recently. It'll be a 45 minutes well spent!

I'd love to know if you do the training and how we can support you more to develop reading in our children's lives. Please get in touch either in the playground or via email. Mrs Redmayne (Literacy subject lead)

j.redmayne@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

2022 School Admissions

Applications are open for next year's September intake. Apply on line at Lancashire.gov.uk/schools. Closing date for Primary Schools is 15th January 2022 and for Secondary, 31st October 2021.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child's uniform is CLEARLY NAMED, the best way to do this is with embroidered name tags or some other permanent marker. If you use ordinary pen it washes out after a couple of washes and we cannot return the clothing to its owner.

As the weather is so changeable at the moment, please make sure you send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing, preferably warm and waterproof.

After School Club

Some parents were having difficulties opening the flyer last week. This has now been attached as a PDF version.

On-Line Safety

Lancashire County Council have offered to give a zoom presentation to parents regarding on-line safety. Before booking the session, we are asking parents what their preference would be and if there are any issues they would particularly like to discuss. Please complete and return the slip to school by **Friday, 8th October** and we will collate the responses. If we have enough parents who wish to participate, we will send out further details. This is an ideal opportunity for parents to ask about any worries or queries they may have regarding internet safety for their children, so don't miss out.

On-Line Safety—Zoom presentation

_____ (name of child & class)

_____ (name of parent) would like to take part in a zoom

presentation in an afternoon/evening (please circle).

I would like advice on _____
