

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.

Newsletter— 20th October 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 LOVE

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Lucas Burrows YR	Lucas is kind, helpful & good at sharing and he sings beautifully in music lessons.
Milo Bernardis Y1	Milo helps people with their work, is good at football and looks after nature.
George Davey Y2	George is respectful, nice to others, always tries his best and is lovely.
Angelica Bishop Y3	Angelica is quiet and funny, she looks after her friends & is becoming more independent.
Louis Fagan Y4	Louis is always ready, always tries his best, he is funny and kind.
Ayesha Islam Y5	Ayesha is super kind, a good buddy, hilarious and good at cheering people up.
Damian Georgiev Y6	Damian is kind, helpful, always ready to learn and a good role model.

Celebrating Life in School
Our main event this week was Wellbeing Wednesday when we all thought about our mental wellbeing. The children took part in varied activities and our thanks go to everyone who made this possible. Classes have been busy the rest of the week - EYFS talked about farmers and what food is grown at this time of the year, Y1 looked at how Jewish people celebrate harvest, Y2 have been doing detailed drawings which they will make into 3D models and Y4 have been out in the playground orienteering. Follow all the classes on the website blog: Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Poppy Appeal
We will again have the Royal British Legion poppies, slap bands, bracelets and zip poppies for sale after half-term. There is no set price but a suggested donation for the slap bands would be £1 and the other items 50p. Items will be for sale at the front of school each morning.

School Photographs
If you are not ordering directly from Tempest, please can you ensure all orders are returned to school by Friday, 3rd November in order to have them back by Christmas.

Worship in School
Mrs Atkinson led Monday's Worship. She talked to us about needs that some people have and how we should help and support everyone because we are all different. She taught us the sign language to "Jesus love is very wonderful" - see if your child can teach you! On Thursday, Rev Catherine talked about how God's love is overflowing for us.

Building Work
I have been informed that the building work will be finished (apart from snags) after the half term break. The Year 2s will be in their new classroom and will enter and exit via their new classroom door onto the playground. We will also re-instate our one way system through the car park to stop congestion. In the morning, please enter via the front gates and leave through the car park and in the afternoon enter via the car park and leave down the path. Year 1 can enter through the normal door either from the front of school or the alleyway.

Reminders
If your child has a school dinner and are registered on Scopay, it would be appreciated if you could check the balance over the half-term break and top-up as required. School dinners should be paid for in advance and not arrears. The cost is currently £2.50/day, £12.50/week and £95.00 until Christmas. Dinners are not included in the fees for nursery children who stay all day. Please try to avoid children having their ears pierced over half-term— there is not enough time for them to heal and earrings are NOT permitted in school for safety reasons. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN'S ITEMS OF CLOTHES ARE NAMED. You are more likely to get them back if they have a name in.

Secondary School Applications
Don't forget, if you need to apply for a secondary school place the closing date is 31st October. You can use the link below to go directly to the application page. https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/ If anyone is having problems completing the admissions form, please come and ask.

After School Clubs/Activities

Permission letters will be sent out the first week of term with clubs resuming the second week. The exception is Chinese Club which will begin on Tuesday 31st October.

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	Tri-Golf Club Y3/4/5	Full— everyone who brought a slip has a place
Wednesday:	3.15– 4.00 pm	Multi-Skills Club KS1	Free
Thursday:	3.15—4.15 pm	Football with Coach Dan	KS2 () £30.00
	3.15—4.15 pm	Karate with Andrea KS1&KS2	(contact school for more details)

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
30 Oct	All day	Inset day— closed for the children	Staff
31 Oct	8.45am	School re-opens	All
1 Nov	All day	Chas Jacobs visit	Y4
		Visual Screening Check (email sent to YR parents Weds 18th)	YR
9 Nov	7.30pm	Scot4ll social event Venue TBA	Parents
10 Nov	1.30– 3.00pm	Open Afternoon for September 2024 new starters	All
15 Nov	After- noon	Visit to Lancashire Museum Preston	Y6
27 Nov -1 Dec	TBA	Book Fair (possible Christmas pressies!) —more details to follow after half term	All
8 Dec	TBA	Christmas Fair—more details nearer the time	All
13 Dec	Lunch	School Christmas Lunch	YN-Y6
19 Dec	6.15pm	Don't Be Afraid performance Further details to follow	All
20 Dec	2pm	Don't Be Afraid performance Further details to follow	All
21 Dec	1.30pm	Church Service	All
	3.10pm	School Closes for Christmas	All
8 Jan	8.45am	School re-opens	All

Vacancy

We are currently have a vacancy for a welfare assistant for lunchtime duty from 12-12.30pm (2 1/2 hours per week) term time only to start after half-term. If you are interested please ask at the school office.

Parking

Please consider where you are parking when dropping off and picking up children. We have been contacted by a resident to say some parents are blocking the access road just off Wakefield Drive behind Scotforth Road.

Friday Family Worships

We try to make sure everyone is included in our Friday Family Worships and have been trying to provide a Zoom link each week. Most weeks, however, no one joins via Zoom, so from next half term we would ask that if parents would like a Zoom link, they contact the office directly via email - admin2@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk We will continue to try to give you as much notice as possible so that you can attend in person, if your child is has an award or it is their time to shine.

Happy Half Term

It has been a very busy half term with all children settling into their new classrooms with their new teachers. There has been lots of learning going on and a range of different opportunities provided for the children across school. I hope you all have a good half term break, whatever it is you are doing and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the busiest (and longest) half term leading up to Christmas.
Best wishes, Mrs Walsh