



Newsletter—24th February 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 FORGIVENESS

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
James Watts	He is caring & sharing, looks smart, good at maths, funny
James Taylor	He is helpful, brave, funny, amazing at maths, good at running & football
Finley Lloyd	He is kind, always smiling, a chatterbox, good at multiplication, does tricks on his scooter.
Jasper Young	He is always happy, good at the piano, a mad scientist, loves his dog,
William Blackwell	He is polite, always tries his best, funny, respectful, good at football
Emily Waine	She is helpful, a good singer, good at maths, funny, caring
Ryu Lea-Smith	He is polite, has interesting ideas in class discussions, always happy, creative

Worship in School
This week we have started to think about the Christian Value of Service. Rev Rebecca led an Ash Wednesday service in school and we talked about what Christians do during Lent. Our Lent Challenge began with work Wednesday and I hope that the children did something to help out at home. If your child takes part in the Lent challenge, please let me know as I hope to show signs of service on our display board in the hall – photographs would be great, but feel free to email just saying what your child has done.

Celebrating Life in School
This week Y4 have begun to learn all about forces and how things are pulled by gravity. Y2 have started their new unit in Computing— Animation! Have a look at their blog Introduction to Animation! Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk) and watch the 'animated' children. The opening of the new temporary classroom has gone to plan and the children are settling in very well.

Next Week's dates
Tues 28 th – Strike Day (Years 1, 2 and 3 are closed) Year 5/6 at Lancaster University (Be the Change)
Wed 1 st Mar – Ruth from Barton Grange in to talk to School Council Parents' Consultations
Thurs 2 nd Mar – Small group Y5/6 University of Cumbria (Mental Health Champion training)
Fri 3 rd Mar – Mrs Atkinson out all day (Inclusion Conference) Extreme Reading photos to be in by today SCOT4ALL meeting straight after school (Y6 classroom)

Future dates
06.03 Scotforth's World Book Day
10.03 Animal Art Competition
14.03 Y5/6 Athletics Competition (Blackpool)
15.03 Strike Day (more information to follow)
16.03 Strike Day (more information to follow)
17.03 Non-uniform day (Easter themed chocolate)
22.03 Y4 Music Festival
24.03 Feel Good Friday
Family Easter Bingo 6-7pm
28 – 31.03 Bikeability Y6
31.03 Service in church at 1.45pm
Break up for Easter Holidays 3.10pm
17.04 Start of the Summer term 8.45am
12.05 Coronation Disco

Strike Day
Please remember that there is another strike day on Tuesday 28 th February. Years 1, 2 and 3 will be closed. All other classes remain open and children are expected to be in.

On Line Safety
Carrying on with our on-line safety, this week gives tips on discussing our digital lives which is attached to the newsletter.

Lent Challenge

A reminder than this has now begun and will continue for the rest of the half term. It is all about serving others (but please only give when and where appropriate to your circumstances).

Money Monday – donations of money and/or animal food for Animal Care

Tins Tuesday – donations of tins and packets for Hala Pantry and the Olive Branch

Work Wednesday – doing something for someone else to help them out

Thank you Thursday – use your manners and think about things you are grateful for

Forgiving Friday – a time to reflect on the week, seek out forgiveness and forgive others

Feel Good Friday

A reminder that we would like to dedicate the afternoon of Friday 24th March to activities that help children's wellbeing and mental health. If you can help by leading an activity or just by being in school to support, please let us know. So far some examples of activities are mindfulness exercise, mindfulness colouring and cross stitch, all being led by governors. It would be great if parents and grandparents could also help out. Finding something that helps maintain good mental health at an early age is crucial to ongoing wellbeing.

Animal Arty Competition

Please encourage your child to take part in the competition – any style of art is allowed as long as it has something to do with animals. £2 entry for 1 piece of art, £5 for 2 pieces. Art work should be named and have your child's year group on it and should be brought in on Friday 10th March.

Extreme Reading Challenge

Where have you been reading? Find the most extreme place to read, take a picture and send it into school (via email to the class teacher or printed out). All photos should be sent into school by Friday 3rd March.

World Book Day

As you can see on this newsletter, we have got so much going on that we wanted to keep things simple this World Book Day. We also wanted to keep the costs down for families, so have decided on our colours scheme, which links in with the secret theme for the day. The theme will be revealed in the morning assembly. Please do not buy anything special for this, just dress your child in one of the following colours - red, purple, beige, grey, white, black, green, yellow, orange, blue, pink or peach. Again to keep things simple, it could just be a tee-shirt or jumper or something mainly in that colour. If you have been super prepared and bought costumes, we aim to do a dressing up day again next year, so hopefully they will still fit.

Attendance

We aim for at least 95% attendance across the whole of school. As you can see from the figures below, last term we didn't quite reach this figure, our whole school attendance was only 92.77% School appreciates that there were an awful lot of bugs and viruses circulating, hopefully these have now, in the most, cleared and attendance will start to improve. Well done again to Y5 for the best attendance!

Class	Attendance percentage
Reception	93.7
Year 1	89.3
Year 2	91.5
Year 3	91.9
Year 4	94.2
Year 5	96.8
Year 6	92.0

World Bood Day Lunch

There will be a special lunch to celebrate World Book Day on 6th March. If your child doesn't normally have a school meal on a Monday but would on WBD, please complete the attached order form or simply call in at the office. The cost is £2.40 . Please note: jacket potato will also be an option on the day (not shown on the menu).

Clubs

Monday	Basketball Y3/4	3.15-4.15 pm (27.02—27.03)	Spaces still available! - ask at the office if interested
Tuesday	Athletics Y5/6	3.15-4.15 pm (ongoing)	- Please note there will be no club on Tuesday 28th Feb
Thursday	Football KS2	3.15-4.15 pm (02.03—30.03)	
	Netball Y5/6	Lunchtime	