

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.

Newsletter— 24th May 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 TRUST

| ★ Time to Shine ★ | |
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| Name | Teacher's & Children's Comments |
| Joshua Talbot YR | Joshua loves animals & dinosaurs. He can run fast & likes to climb. He is always smiling. |
| Helna Mary Kuzhuppilly Vibin Y1 | Helna Mary is very independent. She has worked hard to learn so much English. She is thoughtful & a good friend. |
| George Withers Y2 | George is hilarious, always smiling & very funny. He is resilient & strong. He is a good role model. |
| Finley Lloyd Y3 | Finley always tries hard. He is optimistic, trustworthy, joyful & irrepressible. He is great fun. |
| Amelia Jane Ludlow Y4 | Amelia loves nature. Her work is always neat. She is great to play with & is absolutely crazy. |
| Zsofia Babic Y5 | Zsofia is determined, enthusiastic & always tries her best. She is kind, polite & the world's best buddy. |
| Kian Berry Y6 | Kian is smart & very good at video games. He is really funny & a great actor. He is an amazing role model. |

Water Bottles

Please remember that after half term only clear, named water bottles with sports type lids will be allowed in classrooms. Please ensure you have one ready for your child to bring into school. Screw top bottles are **not** allowed and will have to remain in their locker until break and lunchtime.

Parents' Meeting

On Wednesday 26th June at 6pm, we are holding a Parents' Meeting to discuss what we have done as part of our work on teaching the children how to be good learners. We have used a range of strategies and felt that it was important for you to know about them. As part of the meeting, I would like to receive feedback about our targets for this year - computing, being a good learner and developing the Early Years' Unit as well as our ongoing work on improving maths, reading and writing. As we draw closer to the end of this year, we start to plan for next year and I would value your thoughts on areas for improvement for next year. I will ask for ideas as part of the discussions on that evening. I look forward to seeing you there.

Worship in School

This week, we continued thinking about how God's people trusted Him. The stories were about Jonah and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The three friends trusted God and He kept them safe, whereas Jonah did not and the children all knew what happened to him! Thanks to Miss Huddleston and Rev Catherine for leading our Monday and Thursday Worships. Once again, the children sang beautifully during Wednesday's Worship and the Worship Team members who wanted to, led us in prayer.

SCOT4ALL

After a very productive SCOT4ALL meeting on Wednesday evening (thanks to those who attended), there is now a plan in place for organising Fun Fridays. There is at least one person from each year group who has volunteered (or has said in the past that they could help) to organise one Friday between half term and the end of the school year. If you are in a Whatsapp group for your class, please await further instruction from this person. If you are not part of your child's class Whatsapp group, please see myself or Mrs Atkinson and we will try to put you in touch with the right person. These Whatsapp groups are not organised by school, but I am aware that many parents use them as a positive platform for sharing information. Fun Fridays will consist of an ice lolly stall and at least one other stall/activity and will be straight after school finishes at 3.10pm. Please bring cash - we do not have a card/contactless machine.

The dates are as follows (the year groups show which parents are organising the event - ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND)

- Y1 - 7th June
- Y2 - 14th June
- Y3 - 21st June
- Y4 - 28th June
- Y5 - 5th July
- Y6 - 12th July

The first event will include an ice lolly stall and a toy stall. In order to have toys for sale, we are holding a non uniform day on Friday 7th June. Please can you send in toys for the stall BUT NOT UNTIL THE FRIDAY.

Future Dates

| Date | Time | What | Who |
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| Mon 3 June | All day | Inset day (closed to children) | All |
| Tues 4 June | 8.45am | School re-opens | YN-Y6 |
| Weds 5 June | 6pm | New Reception Evening | 2024 intake |
| Weds 19 June | AM | KS1 Sports Day (weather dependent) | KS1 |
| Tues 25 June | All day | Transition Day (Ripley, Central & Our Lady's) | Y6 |
| Weds 26 June | AM | KS2 Sports Day (weather dependent) | KS2 |
| Weds 26 June | 6pm | Parents' Meeting. Learning to be a good learner—what does this mean? School Improvement Plan | All Parents |
| Weds 3 July | 6pm | Lockerbie Meeting | Y5 Parents |
| Weds 10 July | PM | Y6 Play in the woods | Y6 |
| Thurs 18 July | 1.30pm | Leavers' Service in Church | All |
| Fri 19 July | 9.10am | Awards for YR-Y5 in Friday Family Worship | All |
| Fri 19 July | 3.10pm | Break up for summer | YN-Y6 |
| Tues 3 Sep | 8.45 am | School re-opens | YN-Y6 |

Class Trips

Please see teachers' emails and letters about events for specific classes.

Standfast Barracks Competition

We received this from the organisers of the competition: We were blown-away by your entries for the design competition, so many amazing, creative designs that celebrated Standfast & Barracks and the local area and we're delighted to announce that the following students have been awarded 'Highly Commended' for their entries.

Eva Jones Wilf Gornall Lydia Johnstone Well Done!

They will each receive a certificate and also, to celebrate everyone's involvement in our Centenary, we will send you a length with all student's artwork printed onto fabric!

We had such an amazing response to the competition with more entries than we anticipated, we're looking into options for a display and will let you know in due course.

In the meanwhile, Standfast have an exhibition currently on at the Town Hall in Lancaster about our history, textiles printing methods and design.

School Dinners

Thank you to the 59 parents who responded to our survey about school dinners. I have shared the answers with Dawn, our cook, who will pass them on to Lancashire County Council catering team. In the main, parents appear happy with the variety, healthiness, price and portion sizes. Some comments were made about portion sizes being different for older children. I have been informed that Early Years and Key Stage one (up to year 2) have smaller portions than Key Stage two children. When writing about portion size, some parents suggested that seconds could be offered. This does already happen, but only for the last class in the hall when everyone has been served. We have a rota for Key Stage two children, as we cannot fit everyone in the hall at the same time. Many of you recognised that we provide healthy meals, but that your child does not always like the vegetable options. All the meals are planned based on their nutritional content, and the children are always encouraged to eat the vegetables on their plates, as part of the planned meal, and top up with salad from the salad bar. If your child is coming home complaining that they are hungry, please encourage them to eat everything off their plate and add extras.

We continue to be concerned about wastage. This is not food bought and not served, this is the food that children do not eat and scrape into the bin, so again please encourage your child to eat/try everything on their plate. A common theme for comments were about wanting ice cream and flavoured milk back on the menu. This has been checked with Head Office and unfortunately they were removed due to their high sugar content. The children in the School Council also requested this, so the cook is going to try to see if they could be added occasionally on special menu days. There were a few individual responses that only relate to specific children and/or families and while I cannot respond individually, please be reassured that all information will be passed on.

In good news - the cheese paninis will be returning to the menu following this consultation and we are looking into the possibility of adding soup onto the menu

Celebrating Life in School

There have been lots of different activities across school this week—from Y2 contemplating the story of Moses in their own Tabernacle to most of KS1 children having a great time on pedal bikes and balance bikes! Many thanks to the parents who very kindly gave up their time to come and help. Y2 will have their turn very soon (date to be sent out).

Y2 & 6 had a visit from the fire brigade and found out what they do and how we can stay safe in our homes. Y2 have also been crown green bowling this week and had a fantastic time.

Air power was the main topic for Y3 when they made various moving models. There were some adaptations and it all got a bit messy at times, but fun was had by all.

Y5 went back to basics with string telephones this week (somehow we don't think they will give up the mobile variety any time soon!).

As always for school in pictures visit the school blog: [Blog | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)