Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School

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

Jesus (the gardener) nourishes and tends us as we learn and grow, so that we can all flourish. As a vine, we are one, but all unique and special to Him. We care for each other, as God cares for us.



### Newsletter No26 Friday 25th March 2022

#### **Celebrating This Week in School**

Our Kindness challenge is nearly at an end (although we all will continue being kind to each other!!). We have continued to talk about Kindness in Worship and the children have been giving me lots of footprints with examples of kindness shown by others. However, we are still a little way from the cross at the front of the hall. If your child shows kindness at home, please send in a footprint from home. Hopefully we will succeed in our challenge to create a footprint path from the back of the hall to the front. We have loved having Rev Rebecca back in school this week leading Worship, talking about how Jesus showed kindness by washing his disciples' feet.

On Monday, we had a very special assembly where three of our very talented musicians played their instruments for us. Hannah, Dillon and Surya did an amazing job as they performed their brilliant pieces – very brave, talented and kind.

Linked to our kindness theme, I need to say a great big thank you for all your donations – cakes and money. You have been extremely kind. The turnout at the cake, game and craft stall on Monday was overwhelming and again on Tuesday, so many people came to get cakes, leaving generous donations. It was also great to see the children dressed in blue and yellow (or own clothes of any colour) on Thursday and once again, the donations received were above and beyond expectations. In total, over £800 has been raised. This will be sent to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC). Please see the second page for more information about the school council's next initiative to help.

The weather this week has been lovely and the children have enjoyed getting out and about. Years 1 and 2 went to Blackpool Zoo and found out about a range of different animals, their habitats and eating habits. Year 4 went outside to carry out investigations linked to their forces work in Science. Year 3 and 6 have continued using the school field to develop their cricket skills and Year 2 ventured back to the bowling green to fine tune their rolling and aiming skills. Two Year 6 children helped Mrs Walsh look after Rosie by taking her for a walk around Dorrington Woods on Friday lunchtime. Nursery and Reception had a great time on their first ever school trip – take a look on class the blog to find out more - <u>Nursery trip to Wildlife Oasis</u> | <u>Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-stpauls.lancs.sch.uk)</u> Links to the blog will be posted on Facebook periodically.

We had the photographer in school today taking class photos and took full advantage of the brilliant sunshine and had them outside. She also took photos of those children who missed in September.

To round off a busy week, Year 1 had a reading café this afternoon and it was great to be able to have parents back in school.

# Scotforth Superstars



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Nominated by	Nominated for
Mrs Ventress	Excellent attitude & hard work in phonics
Mrs Mayor	Always being involved in science discussions
Mrs Mayor	Improved confidence in swimming
Mrs Mayor	Super effort writing an explanation text
Miss Arnold & Mrs Whiteside	Super independent writing
Miss Arnold & Mrs Whiteside	A brilliant map of a farm
Miss Arnold & Mrs Whiteside	Always trying really hard and not giving up
Mrs Boyle	Super effort in her handwriting
Mrs Boyle	Great independent writing
Miss Huddleston	Enthusiastic work in algebra
Miss Huddleston	Inventive ideas when designing and making shelters
Mrs Dowson	Fantastic stencil art
Mrs Dowson	Brilliant reading comprehension answers
Mr Manning	An enthusiastic glockenspiel performance
Mrs Walsh	Finding out where we can take the Ukraine donations to and making posters
Mrs Cross	Excellent knowledge about animals on our visit to the zoo
	Mrs Ventress Mrs Mayor Mrs Mayor Mrs Mayor Miss Arnold & Mrs Whiteside Miss Arnold & Mrs Whiteside Miss Arnold & Mrs Whiteside Mrs Boyle Mrs Boyle Miss Huddleston Miss Huddleston Miss Huddleston Mrs Dowson Mrs Dowson Mrs Dowson

#### **Team Points**

Team Points were won by Lune this week. Well done!

#### Cake Sale & Non-uniform Day

A huge thank you again for your support—the combined total raised is £820.00. There were a few unsold cakes with long dates and we took the decision to donate them to the Olive Branch.

#### New Spring/Summer Lunch Menu

The Lancashire County Council new Spring/Summer menu will begin after Easter. A copy of the menu will be sent along with the newsletter and will also be available to view on the website. Please note: due to delivery issues, there may be slight variation to the menu for the first few days.

## Upcoming Important dates (please watch out for emails from teachers about class specific dates)

28.03 – 31.03 Bikeability for Year 6

- 30.03 Special Easter dinner
- 30.03 Parents' Evening in school (Zoom appointments to
- be made separately)
- 01.04 Service in church 1.30pm
- 01.04 Break up for Easter
- 19.04 Summer term starts
- 22.04 Celebration Assembly Parents/guardians welcome
- 09.05 12.05 SATs week for Year 6
- 27.05 Break up for half term

#### **Information and Reminders**

You are all warmly invited to join us in church for our Easter service and celebration assembly next Friday  $(1^{st} \text{ April})$  at 1.30pm. We aim to give awards to six children from each class in line with the trophies/cups usually given out – most improved reader, writer, mathematician, a reward for excellence, the shining star of each class and one for creativity. These will be chosen by the children. Because of this, we need time to allow the children to vote for who they think deserves each award. Once this has been done, we will contact the parents of those receiving awards so that they can attend, if possible. Unfortunately, because we are in church and there is no internet, we are unable to Zoom.

#### After School Club Easter Bunny

Some of you may be aware that the children in ASC have been decorating a bunny for the 'Love Easter Love Lancaster' campaign being run by BID. He is called Sonny Bunny and if you would like to see him, please have a look at the flyer sent alongside the newsletter.

#### A message from Ellen and the school council -

Hello! Thank-you for all your help so far, we would like to do one more thing to help the people of Ukraine by sending stuff to a special place called the Ukrainian Aid Appeal. They will then send everything we have donated to the people who have had to leave Ukraine. They are looking for specific things such as:

Warm clothing (coats, new socks, jumpers) – adults and children Toiletries

Children's toys (preferably soft) Buggies/baby carriers Thermos flasks and bottles Please bring any of these to school by Friday 1st April. Thank you from the School Council.

#### **Future Events**

We are planning to hold a community event for the Queen's Jubilee next term. We already have an art project planned in school and would like to do something where we can all be together for this special celebration. More details will follow after the Easter holidays.

#### **Community Notices**

Attachments this week (on separate email) include the Parish News, information about the Holiday Club at Easter, Friends of Dorrington Wood activity day, Ellen's Ukraine posters, Activities run by BID, School Lunch Menu.

#### **School Crossing Patrol**

Unfortunately, we will no longer have a school crossing patrol after Easter. Parents are reminded that although there is a pelican crossing, to still be careful crossing as cars don't always stop on red.

If any parent is interested in applying for the post details are as follows:

Contact Susan Halpin tel- 07831309516

Term time only 38 weeks

5 hours per week (paid for 7.5 to include travel time) 8.30am -9.00 am and 3.00pm- 3.30pm Mon- Fri £9.90 per hour

The post is advertised on the LCC website and the jobcentre.