

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.



Newsletter— 26 April 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	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Owen Stephens Y6	Owen is a great House Captain. He is kind hearted, helpful & a good role model.
Jack Withers Y5	School wouldn't be the same without Jack. He is always happy, kind & compassionate.
Karen Talbot Y4	Karen takes great care with her work & has great handwriting. She is helpful & smart.
Locryn Mellor Y3	Locryn's energy & enthusiasm is unquenchable, He has great general knowledge & loves books.
Joe Kornas Y2	Joe has good manners & is a good role model. He is arty & likes scary stuff.
Eri Kuye Y1	Eri is polite & a best buddy. He is good at map reading, maths, running & making things.
Summer Attir YR	Summer always has the biggest smile! She is good at drawing, a really good friend & a superstar.

Attendance & Punctuality			
Our aim is for 96% attendance over the whole school and from Christmas to Easter we have achieved just slightly below this at 95.2%. Well done Y3!			
YR	93.8%	Y4	94.8%
Y1	93.4%	Y5	95.3%
Y2	95.4%	Y6	95.7%
Y3	97.4%		
As well as having the highest attendance, Y3 have also been the most punctual class with the fewest late arrivals since September. Y4s are not doing quite so well, with the most children being late and over 120 starts to the day being affected!			
If your child arrives after the second bell (at 8.55am), they will be recorded as being late. Children who arrive on time settle more quickly and are ready for the start of the teaching session.			
From Monday 29th April, there will be a book in the office to record the names of children who are late and the reason for this.			

Worship in School
Mrs Walsh led Worship on Monday and Thursday and told stories from the Old Testament relating to TRUST. The Worship Team also helped by acting out the story "The Bad Brother", where Jacob broke his brother and dad's trust. We then thought about Moses and how he eventually trusted God to complete his very important mission of rescuing the slaves from Egypt. We continued talking about being trustworthy and also who we can trust in our lives, especially when things get tough. Wednesday's prayer and praise Worship was lovely, with some beautiful singing and prayers said by children from different classes.

Pupil Parliament
Four children represented the school brilliantly today as they joined other children from Lancaster and Morecambe schools at Pupil Parliament. They discussed sexual equality, thinking particularly about gender stereotypes, job roles and derogatory language. It was a really interesting day and the children are going to think about how they can share this information in an age appropriate way across school.

Dance Competition
We wish "all the best" to our Dance group who are travelling to Blackpool Winter Gardens to compete in the regional dance competition. It will be a fantastic experience for all the children involved.

House Team Rewards
The Yellow House team are welcome to wear their own clothes (or pyjamas!) on Friday 3rd May (next week) as their treat for getting the most house points during the first half of the spring term. The Green House Captains have chosen an extra playtime as their reward for having the most points in the half term just before Easter, which will be organised during the next two weeks.

Coats
Although the weather is supposed to be improving and warming up, please ensure your child still brings a coat to school—they still go out to play when it is raining.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 29 Apr	11.00am dep school	Dance Group taking part in Dance Show at Blackpool (those involved informed)	Y3-5
Thur 2 May	6.15-815pm	Swimming Gala Salt Ayre (Selected children)	Y5&6
Mon 6 May	All Day	School Closed—May Day Bank Holiday	YN-Y6
Fri 10 May	12pm	Singing at the Mayor Making Ceremony	Y4
Mon 13 -Thurs 16 May	AM	SATS Tests	Y6
Mon 20 -Thur 22 May	Through-out the day	Pedal and Scoot	YR, Y1 & Y2
Fri 24 May	3.10 pm	School closed for half-term holiday	YN-Y6
Mon 3 June	All day	Inset day (closed to children)	All
Tues 4 June	8.45am	School re-opens	YN-Y6
Fri 14 June	PM	Peter and The Wolf Concert (details to follow)	Y5 & 6
Tues 25 June	All day	Transition Day (Ripley & Central)	Y6
Tues 25 June	AM	Move up Morning in school & New Reception Starters	YN-Y5
Thurs 18 July	1.30pm	End of Year Church Service	All
Fri 19 July	3.10pm	Break up for summer	YN-Y6
Tues 3 Sep	8.45 am	School re-opens	YN-Y6

Celebrating Life in School

This week has been a little quieter—time to take a breath! Y6 are currently studying the history of Lancaster and to understand how it has developed from Roman times to modern day, they visited the field and set out a time line (not enough space in the classroom!). They noticed when Lancaster expanded as a city and thought about the reasons for this.

Y2 have been busy making axles in preparation for their model making over the next few weeks.

Children who are in Scout packs were invited to wear their scout uniforms to celebrate St George's Day—very smart they all looked too!

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

School Crossing

You may remember seeing in a previous newsletter that there would be a school crossing patrol person starting after the Easter Holidays. Unfortunately, there has been a slight delay in the starting date but hopefully they will be with us soon.

Swimming Gala—Thursday 2nd May

If you haven't yet returned the permission form for your child to take part in the swimming gala (11 children from Y5 & 6) please do so on Monday.

Mrs Atkinson will be outside Salt Ayre from 6.15pm. The children need to be in the water by 6.45pm to warm up. If you are not staying to watch (spectators £1 admission), please ensure you are there to collect your child at 8.15pm.

The power of turning on the subtitles—helping with reading

Numerous studies worldwide have demonstrated the remarkable effectiveness of turning on subtitles when children are watching TV and digital content.

The simple act of incorporating subtitles can **double the likelihood** of a child becoming proficient in reading. This compelling evidence underscores the potential of a quick and free tip that can seamlessly turn TV time into reading time.

Warning: Spending time with your child reading books is far more beneficial than sitting them in front of the television, for many different reasons. Please only use this as an extra to the reading you already do at home. Too much time looking at screen can be harmful to your child's social, emotional, communication and physical development.

Pedal and Scoot

Please could parents return their form as soon as possible.

If any parent is free to come and help on any of the sessions and didn't indicate this on the form, please let either Mrs Boyle or the office know as soon as possible. We are grateful for any help.

Online Safety

As life becomes more and more digital at a younger age, take time to have a look at this week's information giving tips and advice regarding Pre-school Children and the internet.