

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.

Newsletter— 27th September 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 JUSTICE

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Isabelle Quinn Y1	Isabelle works hard & is good at drawing. She is brave & a great best friend.
Alfie Weiner Y1	Alfie loves learning. He is a good friend & is always kind, funny & so brave.
Leo Monk Y2	Leo is a good listener & is friends with everyone. He always tries his best.
Adam Sowerby Y3	Adam has a great sense of humour. He is 'getter-oner' with friends and work.
Michelle Huang Y4	Michelle is determined & always tries her best. She is stylish, polite & helpful.
Louis Fagan Y5	Louis is resilient, smart & works hard. He has a great personality.
Chloe Knowles Y6	Chloe has great attention to detail. She is resilient, clever & a good friend.

Writers of the Week	
Name	Reason
Locryn Mellor Y4	For trying really hard with his handwriting.
James Butcher Y6	For effort in consistently & neatly joining his handwriting.
George Davey Y3	For an excellent story map linked to our class reader & working really hard at his handwriting.
Karen Talbot Y5	For great ideas for the ending of our story using clues we had read.
Annie Discu-Pyne Y1	For using excellent rhyming words in our traditional rhyme.
Reuben Porter Y2	For great retelling of a story.

Online Safety
Every week will be highlighting different aspects of online safety. Please see the attached poster all about Roblox which gives information of how to avoid spending too much on in-game purchases, dealing with strangers and how to set parental controls.

Worship in School
On Monday, we visited church for our Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see some parents there and fantastic to accept so many donations of food for the Olive Branch. Hopefully the Worship Team can take the gifts to their offices next week. Rev Catherine and the Worship Team led the service and we found out about Fairtrade and why it is important to ensure justice. We were lucky to have Rev Catherine back in school on Thursday to lead Worship. This time she talked about another Beatitude - Blessed are those who hunger for justice. She reminded us that it is important to treat people fairly.

Celebrating Life in School
To help Y1 count backwards they have been making rockets and launching them. They then went on to learn about the Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot. This is when shelters are made and people spend as much time as possible in them to represent the time when Moses led the Jews through the wilderness. The children had a great time decorating their shelter. Y3 dodged the rain and discovered playground games from the past to help with their ball skills. Y2 have been estimating numbers and timelines and made their own timeline of the Great Fire of London. Y4 have been discovering the differences between solid substances by using Easi-scopes to see how particles differ between them. Go to our blog Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk) where you'll find lots more information and pictures on what has been happening in school this week.

School Uniform
We have an active uniform and this is to ensure all children are ready to start PE and have their dedicated time. Please ensure your child is wearing jogging bottoms, leggings, skort or shorts and black trainers. Skirts, tights and shoes/boots are not part of our active uniform.

Parking
There are still people parking on the yellow lines opposite school on the corner. This causes congestion at that junction and pedestrians cannot see clearly what is on the road. IT MAKES CROSSING THE ROAD DANGEROUS

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Wed 9 Oct	1.15-6.30pm	Parents' Consultation Afternoon (no children)	All
Fri 11 Oct	6-7.30pm	Scotforth Hoedown— School Hall	All
Tue 15 Oct	AM	Individual & sibling school photos	All
Fri 18 Oct	3.10pm	Break up for half term	All
Mon 28 Oct	8.45am	School opens	All
Tue 12 Nov	AM	Flu vaccinations—Nursery children will have to arrange with their GP	YR-Y6
Thu 14 Nov	1.30-3pm	Open Afternoon for September 2025 admissions	All

Health Education (PHSE & RSE)

It was good to see so many parents attending the meeting in school at the beginning of term to hear about the SCARF scheme which is taught in school. To find out more and how to help your child be their best at home and in school, click on the link :

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf>

Contacting Parents

As well as contacting parents in an emergency we sometimes have to contact them ad hoc to ask if a child can have Calpol. We understand that parents cannot monitor their phone all the time, but please check them from time to time. We have had instances of trying to contact parents and leaving messages but unfortunately parents have not been ringing back. Thank you.

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Every year we focus on different areas of school life to try and make improvements. This year we are concentrating on Writing, Basic Computing skills and Making links with parents, the local community and the wider world. Please see the attached SIP for more details about the actions we intend to take throughout the year. Every term we will assess the impact of our actions and provide feedback to parents. The SIP is a working document and extra actions may be added at any stage.

eVisas

UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) are developing a digital immigration system. This means they are replacing physical documents with an online record of your immigration status. This is known as an eVisa. The documents being replaced are:

- Biometric residence permits (BRP)
- Biometric residence cards (BRC)
- Passport endorsements, such as indefinite leave to enter wet ink stamps
- Vignette stickers in passports, such as entry clearance or visa vignettes

This will particularly impact asylum seeker or refugee families or families that have migrated recently to the UK. They must change to an e-visa by 31st December 2024. If any families use a physical or legacy paper document to prove your immigration rights, please click on this link:

[eVisas - Lancashire County Council.](#)

Self-service is encouraged for any families who are able to do this, but if any family is unable to access this themselves or do not have the digital devices, please contact school and we can direct you to additional support .

Scotforth Hoedown 11th October

Don't forget to order your tickets—last day is Monday 7th October. Order forms are available from the School Office. All the money raised will go towards the 'kitchen fund' .

Athletics Tournament 11th October

The first tournament for this year will be on Friday 11th October 4-5.15pm at Lancaster & Morecambe College. Mrs Boyle will inform the relevant children next week.

Toast

Just a reminder that toast is available as a snack for all children at morning break at a cost of 20p

Communication Survey

As you may be aware, one of our actions in the School Improvement Plan is to try to create the best communication between home and school we can. Please complete this very short survey to let us know what you think of our current communication systems and to say if you would be willing to become part of a working party. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/786UM6Q8qA>

Music Festival—Deadline to reply Monday 30thSeptember

If your child has a musical talent that they would like to share as part of Lancaster Music Festival this year, please get in touch. You must be able to get your child to Dallas Road School on Saturday 12th October sometime between 12 and 5pm (timeslot to be confirmed) and bring everything they need with them. For further information and to confirm your child's interest, please email Mrs Walsh - head@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk