

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.



Newsletter— 28th June 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 ENDURANCE

Time to Shine	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Jasper North YR	Jasper is a super helper. He is kind, happy & always tries his best.
Grace Mary Jose Y6	Grace Mary takes pride in her appearance & is a good role model.

Writers of the Week	
Name	Reason
Jack Withers Y5	For great ideas for describing his island.
Karen Talbot Y4	For always using adventurous vocabulary & improvement in handwriting.
Lilly Aspinall Y3	For a super rainforest poster.
Fergus Laird Y2	For fantastic punctuation & handwriting.
Mmedara Harrison Y1	For using the suffix -ing & using lots of punctuation.

Celebrating Life in School	
<p>On Monday Y5 & 6 girls and boys took part in the Inter Schools Cross Country tournament. There were some great individual performances but, by working as a team, they came first. Well done!</p> <p>On Tuesday we welcomed our new reception children for the morning whilst most of Y6 visited their new schools. Nursery to Y5 children moved up to their new classes and met their new classroom staff which everyone seemed to enjoy.</p> <p>Y6 had a break yesterday from learning their lines for the play — they had a great day out at County Hall in Preston. They found out how the council is run, had a good look around County Hall and then visited the Archives Department where they learnt how important it is to look after old documents.</p> <p>Y1 went to the play park as part of their DT lessons to learn about structures and balance. As always, to see the life of the school in pictures visit the school blog: Blog Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)</p>	

Worship in School
<p>This week, in Worship, the Year 5 and 6 children taught the younger classes about Ernest Shackleton and his endurance and determination when exploring Antarctica. He even named his ship Endurance. The children sang some songs about endurance on Wednesday, including learning a new one using sign language. Rev Catherine joined us on Thursday and took us on a "Jerusalem hunt" (a bit like a bear hunt, but no bears!). The children found out about all the trials and tribulations Paul had to go through to get to Jerusalem. Children who have music lessons in school played for us at the start of Friday Family Worship this week. Well done all those who took part and have shown endurance to become the great musicians they are.</p>

KS2 Sports Day
<p>As it stands, there is no rain forecast on Sunday or Monday morning, meaning that Sports' Day for Years 3 to 6 will go ahead. If the weather changes over the weekend, we will need to make a final decision on Monday morning. If you hear nothing, please presume that it is happening. As we do not have access to the computerised email/text system from home, Mrs Walsh will post on the SCOT4ALL and Facebook page</p> <p>IF it is decided on Sunday that the event cannot take place for safety/ weather reasons. Hopefully the message can then be spread via Whatsapp or other means of communication between parents.</p>



Fundraising
<p>It was short notice, but thank you for supporting the Y6 cake sale—a fantastic £200 was raised towards their Lake District Trip.</p> <p>Thank you to the Y3 parents for holding last week's SCOT4ALL Fun Friday—a total of £104 was raised. Keep a look out for what's happening for next weeks' Fun Friday!</p>

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Mon 1 July	9.30 am	KS2 Sports Day on the school field	Y3-6
Wed 3 July	6pm	Lockerbie Meeting in the school hall	Y5 Parents
Wed 10 July	6 pm	Y6 A Midsummer Night's Dream on the school field & in Dorrington Woods	Y6
Thurs 11 July	2pm	Nursery Sports Day on the top playground	YN
Fri 12 July	All day	Wheelchair Basketball	Y1-6
Wed 17 July	3.30—6pm	Parent's Afternoon— discuss reports & meet the new class teacher	YR-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
Fri 6 Sep	All day	Rock Kidz (see opposite)	YN-Y6

School Trips

Please see teachers' emails and letters about events for specific classes—there are numerous events and sporting activities for individual classes this term.

Y6—A Midsummer Night's Dream

As the Y6 play is taking place on the school field and in Dorrington Woods, we are restricted for space compared to previous years. As such tickets will initially be given to Y6 families and staff members. Please be mindful that the paths are not suitable for anyone with mobility issues. Y6 parents should contact the school office for tickets before Friday 5th July. After this date they will be offered to other families. Tickets are free, but we need to know how many are planning to attend.

NEEDED! Does anyone have a lion's mask or a lion onesie (to fit a small Y6) we could borrow for the play? Please let either the school office or Miss Huddleston know as soon as possible. We are also looking for flat caps & waistcoats. Many thanks if you can help.

Online Safety

This week's topic is cyberbullying - have a look for some tips and ideas on how to help children stay safe.

SOS—Scotforth Outdoor Space

SOS is a small gardening group run by parents/grandparents of children at our school. We meet every Friday morning, in the summer term, to do an hour's gardening in school. We try to keep on top of the weeds, look after the flower beds, and chop back branches in the woodland. We would love more volunteers to join us, no experience needed! We meet outside the school office at 9am on Friday mornings (weather permitting). Please come and join us. If you would like to help out but can't come on a Friday, don't worry, have a word with the office staff and we can arrange an alternative day and time. Any help would be very much appreciated.

Parents' Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended the Learning to be a Good Learner and School Improvement Planning meeting on Wednesday evening. Although not many came, those who did gave very positive feedback about the information shared and were able to make suggestions for how we can further improve Scotforth School. Once the School Improvement Plan for this year has been evaluated (through discussions with children, staff and the parents at the meeting), I will share the review. In September, I will share our improvement targets for the next academic year.

Rock Kidz

Once again we are welcoming Rock Kidz in September. This is part of the PHSE fortnight which takes place in the first two weeks of term. Rock Kidz will be with us on the first Friday back in order for Y6 to take part as they are away in Lockerbie the following week. It's a chance for the children to dress up as a rock star and take part in lots of singing and dancing. More details will follow before the end of term.

Pedal & Scoot 2 July

It is the turn of all Y4 and those in Ys 5 & 6 who are a bit unsure. We are still waiting for some replies—make sure they are in for Monday. Also, PLEASE BRING A HELMET. If any parent can help, please let us know on Monday—it would be very much appreciated!

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Dinner Money

As the end of term approaches, we will be contacting parents if there is any outstanding balance on their child's account, even if it is only a few pence. We are aiming to have a zero balance by the end of term, please ensure your child's account is paid up. Many thanks.