

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.



Newsletter— 2nd February 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 COURAGE & COMPASSION

★ Time to Shine ★	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Emily McKiernan YR	Emily is always polite. She is good at arts & crafts & tries her best in everything.
Omra Hashimi Y1	Omra is helpful, kind & a good friend. She is good at running, reading & singing.
Gaston Lopez Palma Y2	Gaston is a best friend, helpful, funny & kind. He is a fast runner.
George Edmondson Y3	George is amazing at graffiti art, maths & problem solving. He is kind & funny.
Sofia Parr Y4	Sofia is a chatterbox & helps her classmates. She is kind & courageous.
Sonni Wood Y6	Sonni loves history & science. He is polite & cares about what others think.

Future Dates			
Date	Time	What	Who
Tues 6 Feb	All Day	Damian Harvey—Author Writing workshop	Invited Y4s
Fri 9 Feb	3.10pm	School closes for half-term	YN-Y6
Mon 19 Feb	8.45am	School re-opens	YN-Y6
Wed 21 Feb	All Day	Mathematician Workshop	Y5/6
Mon 26 Feb	3.10pm	FILM NIGHT Details to follow	YN-Y6
Wed 6 Mar		Parent Consultations (details to follow)	YN-Y6
Wed 20 Mar	Evening	Lancaster Children's Music Festival (details to follow)	Y4
Wed 27 Mar	1.30pm	Easter Service in Church	YN-Y6
Thurs 28 Mar	3.10pm	School closes for Easter	YN-Y6
Mon 15 Apr	8.45am	School re-opens	YN-Y6

Worship in School
On Monday, the Worship Team helped Mrs Walsh tell the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They were courageous and stood up for what is right and God looked after them. On Thursday, Rev Rebecca talked to everyone about how God's light can shine through all of us, if we are brave enough to share it. We have also enjoyed singing songs about being brave and bold.

Celebrating Life in School
Watch out Great British Bake Off—Y5 have been developing their bread baking talents! Meanwhile, if you wondered what had happened in Y4 they were learning all about static electricity which produced some 'bad hair days'. Y6 tried some new food and drink (liked by some but not all) whilst learning and celebrating the Jewish festival of Pass-over. Nature has been the theme for the EYFS children by taking part in the Great British Bird Count and learning how to look after Guinea pigs. To see more of what has been happening in school, visit the school blog: Blog Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Alison Lofthouse
After over 26 years of loyal service in the Scotforth St Paul's School's kitchen, Mrs Lofthouse has retired today. She has been a fantastic member of the kitchen team, preparing and serving the children food as well as cleaning & tidying the hall and she will be missed. Mrs Lofthouse's links with the school started when she was a child here and her children and grandchildren also attended. She is part of the fabric of the school. We are sure that she will fill her free time up and not have a chance to miss us, but she is welcome back any time. In a special assembly, the children and staff presented cards and flowers to show their gratitude for all her hard work over the years. We wish her well and hope she enjoys a long and happy retirement.

SCOT4ALL—Film Night
Unfortunately, due to a lack of interest from parents (only 2 came along to the meeting last night—many thanks to them), the film night which we had hoped to take place on Monday 5th Feb has had to be postponed. It is only with parents' help that events can take place which are vital in raising funds for events/activities/equipment for the children. If you are able to help on Monday 26th Feb with the re-arranged Film Night, please contact Mrs Atkinson.

OFSTED Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the OFSTED meeting on Wednesday evening, either in person or via Zoom. During the meeting I explained that the reason for the delay in publishing the report was because I submitted a complaint.

The complaint was focused on four different areas;

- The British Values comments and how the judgement was made
- The judgement about Personal Development
- The flaws in the process
- The conduct of the inspectors

I also shared the timetable that was followed throughout the two day inspection so that parents could see how much time was spent focusing on different areas. If you would like a copy of the timetable, please collect one from the office.

The final report has now been published and as I have said previously, I am proud that we are a “good” school with behaviour and attitudes judged as “outstanding”. And, there are some amazing comments in the report that describe some of the wonderful things we do for the children.

Following the complaint, I have received an apology for a lack of ongoing information, which should happen as part of the process and I have been informed that my complaint about the inspector’s conduct has been passed on to their line manager.

I have submitted a further complaint because I am still not satisfied with the outcome and as such, I have been advised not to share further details in written form. I understand that this may cause frustration if you could not attend the meeting, but I do need to follow the advice I have been given.

As always, I really value your support and hope that we can continue to work together to ensure that the children get the very best deal possible.

Design an England Shirt

Have you every dreamed of designing your own England Shirt? Here’s your opportunity! Please see the attached information sheet and use the template to let your imagination run wild!! Copies of the template are available from the school office if you are unable to print them off at home. Good luck.

Lost Property

A reminder that if any unclaimed lost property is still in the box in the school office next Friday (9th Feb) it will be disposed of.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD’S BELOINGINGS ARE NAMED.