



MISSION STATEMENT

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

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain in me and I remain in them, they produce much fruit." (John 15:5)

Chocolate Donations

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Chocolate gifts. Don't forget next week we are asking for donations of bottles of any drink suitable for hampers in return for non-uniform day.

The money raised from these donations is going towards buying new instruments for the children to use in class music lessons.

Raffle Tickets

Hopefully every family now has raffle tickets (one book per family– please ask your child if you haven't received a book yet!). You don't have to buy every ticket and any unsold ones should be returned to school. If however you do want more, we have extra tickets in the office. The draw will take place on Tuesday, 14th December.

Surprise Present Room

Letters have gone out today to the oldest child in each family giving details of our 'Surprise Present Room' - please check bags if you aren't given it—time is short for replies!

KS1 Christmas Production

Following the item in last week's newsletter, we have today taken the difficult decision that we will be filming this year's KS1 nativity play, rather than increasing the Covid risk to our families and staff by inviting parents into school to watch it live. We appreciate some may be disappointed by this decision, but we have to be mindful of the health and safety of all our children, staff and families as we approach the Christmas period.

We will be posting the play on the school website, within a password protected area. Parents will be issued with the password via text and will be able to view the video for the duration of the Christmas holidays. We would ask you to respect our usual safeguarding request by not sharing the video on social media. If anyone has any skills in filming/video editing and would be able to help us with this, please let the office know.

In consultation with Rev. Rebecca, we are planning to hold a carol service for the children in church at the end of term. This will be the first time that the whole school will have gathered together indoors since the start of the pandemic, so a very significant moment. However, to allow distancing between classes and again, avoid overcrowding and the increased risk of Covid transmission, we will not be inviting parents to join us on this occasion.

Peace Proms 2022

Due to the developing COVID situation, the organisers of next year's Peace Prom have decided to delay the sale of tickets until January. We will keep parents updated as soon as we receive any information.

 **Scotforth Superstars** 

Name	Nominated by	Nominated for
All of Year 1	Mrs Todd-Bryce	An excellent music lesson, rapping & singing whilst playing an instrument to the pulse
Isabella Hama	Mrs Mayor	Trying really hard in our handwriting lessons
Charlie Denney Joseph Edmunds - Parrington	Mr Manning	Great work on contractions
Ryu Lea-Smith	Mrs Redmayne & Mrs Dowson	Making a huge effort with his handwriting
Aidan Inglis	Mrs Redmayne & Mrs Dowson	A great improvement with his handwriting
Carla Nitu	Mrs Browne & Mrs Whiteside	Super blending during phonics
Jana Abubaker	Mrs Browne & Mrs Whiteside	Always being kind to her friends
George Davey	Mrs Browne & Mrs Whiteside	Super effort in phonics
Mateo Ponce Suarez	Mrs Browne & Mrs Whiteside	Fantastic use of sign language
Peter Georgiev	Miss Parlane	Showing great levels of resilience in P.E.
Jadon Gyamerah	Miss Parlane	Excellent use of language when independently writing a biography
Chimezirim Ogwo	Miss Parlane	Great effort in arithmetic

COVID 19

Just to remind parents that the same rules are still in place regarding Covid 19 symptoms and should any of your family develop a continuous new cough, changes to your sense of taste or smell or a high temperature, it is recommended that you arrange for a PCR test.

Flu Vaccinations

The children who missed their flu vaccination on Tuesday can have it done at Queen Victoria Hospital. Please call 01524 519430 to arrange an appointment.

Sickness Bugs

Please remember that should your child suffer from sickness/diarrhoea **there must be a clear 48 hour period following the last episode before they can return to school.**

Scholastic Book Order

Please see the message below from Mrs Walker who has kindly arranged for a Scholastic Book Order.

Hello

I have set up a Scholastic Book Club order.

If you use the link below to browse the latest books and order online.

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/scotforth-st-pauls-cep/digital-book-club>
(The hyperlink can also be found on the school's FOSSY Facebook page)

For every £1 you spend, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards which allows us to buy books for the school.

Please place your order online by **4th December 2021** as this will allow time for the books to arrive at school and be distributed to the children.

If the books you would like to buy are Christmas presents for your child just send me a message on Facebook and we can work something out.

Best wishes

Aimee Walker

Dinner Money

As you are aware school dinners **MUST** be paid for in advance. Unfortunately we seem to have to continually 'nag' for this to happen and remind parents to settle outstanding debts. We are currently in the process of trying to be 'Net Zero' for dinner debt by the end of term. In order to achieve this you may receive reminders for what might seem trivial amounts but when these are added up, there is a considerable amount outstanding which school has to cover. Please help by being at least up-to-date but better still, in credit. Many thanks.

Christmas Lunch

There is still time to order the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, 15th December if your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Wednesday. Please see attached flyer for further information.

Lost Property

In the lost property box we have a sparkly watch, a pink 'Poppet' lunch bag, pink nylon coat hood, pink metal water bottle and a green plastic water bottle, white long 'Blitz' shorts and NY base ball cap— none of which are named! If you think any of these belong to you, please come and collect otherwise they will be disposed of or given to charity at the end of term.

Trophies

Could all children who received an award at the end of the summer term please return them to school by Monday, 6th December in order that they can be presented to new recipients during the Carol Service on Friday, 17th December. This does not include any awards presented to Y6 children at the leavers' service or the Y5 Friendship awards—these are kept for the full year.

Please note: school no longer engraves the child's name on the awards, however please feel free to have this done yourself if you wish, before returning yours.

Scotforth St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road, Lancaster

Parish Office Clerical Assistant – maternity cover to commence on Tuesday 11th January 2022

We are seeking to employ a Clerical Assistant for 5 hours per week to cover a seven-month period of maternity leave in the first instance. There may be an extension to this time period. The hours will be worked from 9.30am-12 noon on Tuesday and Thursday's – hourly rate is £9.50 (Real Living Wage).

The position involves a number of administrative tasks for which you would need an excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Office packages.

For further information or an application pack please contact Mrs Jayne Weatherill, Churchwarden OR Miss Sarah Green, Parish Business Manager, tel: 01524 843135 or email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org

Closing Date: Wednesday 15th December 2021 at mid-day.
Interview Date: Monday 20th December 2021

Online Safety

This week's topic is keeping children safe while online gaming, specifically "Among Us". Please see the attached flyer for more information.