



Newsletter No 23 Friday 4th March 2022

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)

Friday Celebration Assemblies

All parents and guardians are warmly invited to our Celebration Assembly each Friday afternoon. We aim to start at 1.10pm, however you can join the waiting room earlier. If you are late, I will try to let you in as soon as possible, however once we have started, my attention will be on the children, not the waiting room. Please change the name on your screen to you child/children's name, so that you are identifiable as a parent or guardian. Please keep your video on at all times – we need to ensure only parents/guardians have access to a live stream of the children in school. You need to mute as soon as you join and remain muted until the final "goodbye".

Do not share the link or password with anyone which will be sent out to via email to parents either Thursday or Friday

Castle Red House Reward

Last half term's house points were added up and CASTLE REDS were the winners. As their reward, all of the Red castle team can come to school in their own clothes next Friday (11th March). Well done reds!!

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday, 23rd March for whole class photos and for individual children/family groups who for various reasons, missed at the beginning of the year.

Found

A pair of Marvel spectacles and plain round gold rim spectacles have been handed into the office. Please ask if you think you have lost them.

Easter Lunch

There will be a special Easter Lunch on Wednesday, 30th March (menu/order form attached). If your child usually has a school dinner on a Wednesday you do not need to order. If your child doesn't usually have a meal on a Wednesday but would like to, please complete the attached form and return to school by Monday, 21st March. The cost is £2.35.

Please note: there will also a baked potato option available.

World Book Day—Vegetable Character Winners

All the entries were brilliant and it was a very difficult decision to choose a winner from each class!

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| YR - Adam Sowerby | Evil Pea |
| Y1 - Amali Jeremiah | Ariel & Prince Eric |
| Y2 - Teddy Ducklin | Red Robot |
| Y3 - Sianna Beswick | Cheshire Cat |
| Y4 - Emilia Mooney | Sponge Bob's Pineapple |
| Y5 - Henry Bowers | Gandalf |
| Y6 - Max Brown | The BFG |

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There is important information on page 2 of this week's newsletter, please ensure you read it.



Scotforth Superstars



Name	Nominated by	Nominated for
Joe Kornas Adelina Nemeth	Mrs Browne & Mrs Whiteside	Fantastic independent writing when designing a "missing" poster
Heath Patchett	Mrs Browne & Mrs Whiteside	Always being kind to his friends
Henry Bowers	Mrs Redmayne	Reading <u>every</u> book on Y5 reading list (in time for World Book Day!)
Max Brown	Miss Huddleston	Enthusiasm & knowledge in our geography work
Dillon Mellor	Miss Huddleston	His care for the outdoor reading area
Elijah Long	Mrs Belshire & Mrs Mayor	His excellent knowledge of books in our World Book Day activities
Emilia Mooney	Mrs Mayor	Trying really hard in swimming lessons
Uchechukwu Ogwo	Mr Manning	Making good progress with his handwriting
Zsofia Babic	Mr Manning	Good understanding of different past tense verbs
Jasper Hettrick	Mrs Boyle	Super effort in maths
George Edmondson	Mrs Boyle	Writing a fantastic animal story at home
Emily Hesketh	Mrs Cross	All round fabulous effort in everything
Louis Fagan	Mrs Cross	Fabulous drawing of 2D shapes
Victoria Halcheva	Mrs Atkinson	Being helpful at the end of lunchtime
Ellen Quayle Reuben Mason	Mrs Dowson	An excellent set of instructions for a board game
Jasper Young	Mrs Cross	Fabulous work and understanding of 2D shapes

Lego Club

A reminder that there is no club on Tuesday, 8th March but will resume on 15th.

Karate Challenge—Purple Bands

Children who were in school today and have reached the Purple band had a treat today of either an ice lolly or sweets and a story about a reading book dog.

Links with Parents

I am very keen to try and create new links between home and school. If you are a Facebook user, you may have noticed that we are trying to use the school Facebook Page ([Scotforth St. Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School | Facebook](#)) a bit more. By creating links to our blog on the school website, you can see what has been going on in school easily. If you are not a Facebook user, all the pictures are available on the school website as normal - [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](#)

As part of the aim to work more closely with parents and guardians, I would love to hear your opinions on school life. Please click on the following link to complete a short online questionnaire. You can complete one per child, or just one per family. You do not need to include your name, if you do not want to, however if there is something specific you feel you should mention, please do include your name in the box as part of the last question and I can follow it up, if necessary. I aim to hold a Parents' Meeting on Tuesday 15th March (more details to follow) to discuss the responses to the questionnaire and share my vision for the school moving forward. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LGBDBQS>

As we are able to open our doors a little more, we would love to welcome back those who used to volunteer in school and new volunteers. If you are willing to come and listen to readers, help out in class or lead an extra-curricular club, please get in touch. You will need to complete a DBS (police check) prior to starting and meet with a member of the senior leadership team to receive some information around Safeguarding and expectations. You would also need to read and sign to say that you have understood relevant policies and procedures. But, please don't let that put you off!!! It would not take long to prepare you and then you can get involved, working with and helping the children.

Rosie the Reading Dog

The children who have received their purple bands in the Karate Reading challenge, have met Rosie the reading dog today. Rosie is a Border/Lakeland Terrier, is very well behaved with children and adults and has "worked" in another school, helping children develop their confidence when reading. Rosie will be based in Mrs Walsh's office and no-one will be forced to read to her if they do not want to. If your child has allergies, we will also keep them away from Rosie when she is in school – please contact the office if we do not already have this information. Rosie will visit school weekly and will snuggle up and listen to children read, without correcting them, interrupting them or asking them questions. I have found that this approach enables children to read without the fear of getting it wrong. They build up confidence and in turn, their fluency and ability improves. The children we feel will benefit most will be identified by the class teachers and they will take priority for reading to Rosie. A risk assessment has been completed and will be adhered to. If you would prefer your child not to take part in this initiative, please contact the office.

In order to access the links you need to press Control and click the left mouse button.