



# Newsletter— 4th October 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     |  |
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| Name              | Teacher's & Children's Comments  |
| Lucas Burrows Y1  | Lucas is good at phonics & knows all the tricky words. He is kind & funny.   |
| Travis Manning Y4 | Travis is the best goalie ever. He is funny, a best brother & a best friend. |
| Luke Waine Y5     | Luke is helpful, kind hearted & a sensational friend.                        |
| Maha Attir Y3     | Maha is compassionate & has justice in her heart. She shines like the sun.   |
| Sophie Lloyd Y6   | Sophie always listens & is ready in lessons. She is always smiling.          |
| Juana Manoj Y2    | Juana is a good runner & good at catching ladybugs. She is a good friend.    |

| Worship in School   |
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| On Monday we continued our theme of linking our Christian Value of Justice to the British Values. This week we talked about choices we all have because in this country we have Individual Liberty. We discovered that this means that at long as we do not hurt or upset anyone else, we have the freedom to have our own opinions, religious beliefs and choices about jobs and votes (once we're old enough). On Wednesday, the Worship Team talked about how the Olive Branch help those in our community who are finding things tough. They had been brilliant helpers at the charity that morning sorting produce and checking sell by dates. Rev Catherine joined us on Thursday and talked about another Beatitude from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. She used a length of string and cut it to represent that sometimes friends fall out but it can be mended by knotting it together and explained that friendships can also be mended. |

| Writers of the Week |   |
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| Name                | Reason  |
| Vienna Noon Y4      | For beautiful handwriting and including lots of interesting facts in your letter. |
| Isobel Miller Y6    | For a well-structured letter offering advice to a friend.                         |
| Esha Seacy Y1       | For writing super independent sentences about Harry the happy mouse.              |
| Harrison Fagan Y3   | For really good use of prepositional phrases in his writing.                      |
| Emily OtuLarbi Y2   | For a super diary in the past tense.  |

| Celebrating Life in School  |
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| In preparation for their information page on the Lock Ness Monster, Y4 have been looking at how magazines present information, in particular the use of headings, photos and vocabulary. To link in with our British Value of Individual Liberty, Y6 have been finding out about how tough it can be for Christians in other parts of the world and how a charity called Open Doors can help. Well done to our girls' football team! They took part in a tournament with 14 other teams and, considering some had not played football against other teams before, put in a superb performance of teamwork and came 4th! |

| Spare Clothes  |
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| We would greatly appreciate any spare black/dark grey jogging bottoms for KS2 children (Y3-Y6). If your child has come home in the past in 'borrowed clothes' please could you return them to school washed and ready to be used again. Many thanks. |

| Class Assemblies   |
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| This year each class will take it in turn to lead a class assembly or worship, with Y1 starting us off on Friday 18th October. Parents of the class leading the assembly are very welcome to come along and watch.<br><b>Please note:</b> <u>do not</u> send children with any trophies/certificates to be given out in assembly for the week beginning 14th October. There will be no Time to Shines on Friday 18th either. |

## 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        |
| Mon 14 Oct | 1.15 – 3pm  | Mindful Monday   | All        |
| Tue 15 Oct | AM          | Individual & sibling school photos                                   | All        |
| Fri 18 Oct | 2.45pm      | Year 1 Assembly  | Y1 parents |
| 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        |

## Mindful Monday—Volunteers needed!

We hope to arrange a Wellbeing session for the children on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 1.15 to 3.00 pm and **we need your help!**

In order to provide as many opportunities as possible, we need adults to lead or help with small group activities. If you sew, paint, draw, do yoga, take photos, like walks, make things, sing or anything else that might bring joy to a child, we would love to hear from you. You do not need to be an expert, anyone who wants to help develop wellbeing with our children and has time to help is welcome - the more the merrier! (Obviously Safeguarding procedures will be in place).

I would like as many parents involved as possible as this shows the children how important wellbeing is for all of us, so please volunteer.

The Wellbeing sessions take a lot of organisation, but the children's (and adults who have helped) feedback about them is so positive, it is worth it.

In order to have enough time to organise the groupings, I will need to know who is willing and able to help by **9am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please email me directly on:

head@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk and let me know how you can help.

## House Leadership

A huge thank you and congratulations go to all of our Year 6s who applied for the roles of House, Vice and Sports Captains. They should all be very proud of themselves. The effort that went into their application letters was clear. Following particularly gruelling interviews with Mrs Walsh and Miss Goddard (one of our governors) the positions were filled as follows:

|        | HOUSE  | VICE    | SPORTS   |
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| Ashton | Ayesha | Zsofia  | Iris     |
| Priory | Archie | Finn    | Isabel J |
| Castle | Hannah | Charlie | Danny    |
| Lune   | Mason  | Joseph  | James    |

There are a few more roles that are being created following the process and they will be announced next week.

I look forward to seeing how the Y6s rise to the occasion with their new responsibilities. I am sure they will all be fantastic role models.

## Communication Survey

So far, we have had 16 responses to the survey about home/school communication - thank you to those who have completed the very short questionnaire. It only takes a couple of minutes to fill in and will be a really good starting point for school and the parent group to discuss. If you missed it last week, this is the link - <https://forms.office.com/e/786UM6Q8qA>

The survey will close on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm, after which parents who said they would be willing to become part of a working group will be contacted.

## Parents' Consultations

Thank you to everyone who returned their slips promptly. Your appointment times have now been sent out and we look forward to meeting with you next week. If you have an appointment during school time and **would like** to take your child home after your appointment, please let one of the Year 6 children on the door know so that they can be collected. Children can remain in school until 3.10pm as normal, if you prefer.

## Nursery Applications

Anyone wanting a nursery place starting in January, please ensure your application is submitted as soon as possible.

## Online Safety

Everyone has a digital device of some kind at home—but how safe are they? This week's tips look at how to make them more secure.