

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.



Newsletter— 6th October 2023

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 LOVE

★ Time to Shine ★	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Ella Larbi Y1	Ella is kind & helpful, she is good at drawing, phonics & is a fast runner
Alfie Martin Y2	Alfie has a kind heart & helps people when they are sad & he works hard
Victoria Halacheva Y3	Victoria has a good sense of humour, she is independent & works hard
Eliza Pugh Y4	Eliza is kind & thoughtful, she is a great friend and is <u>so</u> funny.
Luke Jones Y6	Luke has a positive attitude to everything, he is reliable & is good at rugby

Worship in School
<p>This week in Worship, Mrs Walsh talked about her friend Sally. Sally painted pictures that were used on postcards and Christmas cards and she sold more paintings than Van Gogh. Some of her paintings were bought by a former prime minister and they hung in 10 Downing Street. When Sally was born with Downs Syndrome, some people said that she would never be able to do anything, but she did amazing things because she was loved and encouraged. This reminded us all that with love and encouragement we can all do great things and that we should always be kind to everyone.</p> <p>On Thursday, Rev Rebecca reminded us of the story of the Good Samaritan, which links nicely to the song we are learning in Wednesday's Prayer and Praise Worship about loving your neighbour.</p>

Parents' Consultations Day
<p>Next Wednesday is our first Parents' Consultation day of the school year and we look forward to meeting everyone to discuss how well the children have settled in. This meeting will focus on a general overview of the first few weeks and it is an opportunity for parents to share any concerns they may have. Consultations take place in the hall and we ask that you arrive just before your allotted time so that we can try to keep on track. Once you have completed your meetings, you may take your child home, if you wish. The Year 6 helpers will assist with the organisation of this.</p>

Future Dates (all children)		
11 Oct	9.15am	Flu spray YN-Y6
11 Oct	1.15-6.30pm	Parents' Consultations (no children)
17 Oct	8.30am	Individual & sibling school photographs— please additional information box
18 Oct	All day	Visit by Guy Hewitt, Racial Justice Director for the C of E
18 Oct	after-noon	Well –Being Wednesday
20 Oct	3.10pm	School closes for half term
31 Oct	8.45am	School re-opens

Healthy Eating
<p>As a school we promote healthy eating and we would remind parents that children should not bring chocolate, sweets or crisps for their playtime snack. Free fruit is provided for all EYFS and KS1 children and toast is available to all children at break time for 20p.</p> <p>We would also remind parents that children should only be drinking water in class and not juice. Children can have juice in the hall at lunchtime if they want a change from water. Thank you.</p>

Special Visitor
<p>We have a very special visitor in school on Wednesday 18th October. We have been chosen to host Guy Hewitt, the Racial Justice Director for the Church of England as he visits the county. He, along with a small team of people from the Diocese and local schools, will find out what we do to teach the children about diversity, equality and justice. It is a privilege and an honour to be chosen.</p>

WANTED!
<p>Does anyone have any spare wool they can donate to Mrs Redmayne to make bracelets on Well Being Wednesday? It doesn't have to be full balls, just off cuts but as much and as many colours as possible. Many thanks.</p>

Photographs (17th Oct)

There will be the opportunity for siblings in school to have their photographs taken together during the day. If, however, anyone has a sibling **NOT** in school or a nursery child who does not come on a Wednesday and you would like to have their photo taken, the photographer will be here from 8.30-9.00am to take family photos.

Super Speedy Maths

Super Speedy Maths will be starting after half term because this is a bespoke programme designed for each class and we need time for the Maths lead to redesign it for this year. More information to follow.

Online Safety

Once again we are providing online safety advice for parents and children. Please take the time to read through and discuss with your children the attached information leaflet on internet search engines.

School Admissions 2024

Please ensure you apply in time for admission to either primary or secondary school for September 2024. Leaflets are attached giving full details. Closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October (3 weeks) and 15th January for primary school applications.

Celebrating School Life

As always there has been a diverse range of activities taking place throughout school this week. Y4 have been looking at sieving and sifting whilst Y1 have been testing their sense of smell, and not always getting it right! Y6 have been testing their mental maths abilities and Y5 have been finding out all about Nigeria. To see what else has been happening, go to the school website and view the class blogs [Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

Football

Well done to the Y5/6 football team who played really well in the first match of the term at Moorside, reaching the semi-final stage.

Poetry

The week was finished off with the visit by Tony Peek, an ex-teacher turned poet. There was a joint assembly in the morning followed by him visiting each class during the day to talk about his poems and encouraged the children to write their own and interact with his poems. To find out more about him, simply Google Tony Peek Poet.

Free School Meals

If you feel you have been struggling due to rising costs and your circumstances have changed, it may be that you are entitled to free school meals. We have attached an application form to the newsletter so please, have a look and see if you fit any of the criteria. All applications are treated in confidence.