

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.

Newsletter— 6th September 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

Celebrating Life in School

Welcome back!

It was an absolute joy on Tuesday seeing the children coming back into school smiling and happy to see everyone again. It has been fantastic walking around school and visiting classes. There is a warm and friendly buzz all around school. It has been lovely to welcome all our parents back too, thank you for your greetings every morning and your well wishes for the new year.

We start our new school year with a PSHE fortnight focusing on developing relationships, team building, celebrating uniqueness and reminders about previous learning and expectations. From past experiences, we know that these two weeks are invaluable and really help the children in the long term once the "hard work" starts!

We have managed to fit such a lot in this week. Every class has enjoyed a Life Education visit learning about a variety of different age appropriate PSHE themes and today, we have been reminded that we are all amazing and being kind to all is essential with the workshops with Rock Kidz.

Communicating with Parents

Please remember that our main form of communication is via email. Please make sure that the details we have for you are correct and check your email regularly. The newsletter is sent via email and we try to include all essential information on it - please read it carefully and make a note of any important dates. Texts will be sent to the main contact for reminders and if things change and you need to know with short notice. Please pass on any such message to other contacts if necessary. We also have a SCOT4ALL Facebook group, where some information is shared. If you would like to join, please search SCOT4ALL and ask to join.

The Blog (on our school website) is a fantastic place to see photos and find out information about what has been happening in school. The teacher try to update this as often as possible. If you are unsure of anything, please ask. We are a friendly staff and want to work with you in order to provide the best for all the children

Worship in School

This week we have started our new Christian Value - Justice. In class we have been thinking about rules and the importance of these in keeping everyone safe and happy. In Worship we focused on the link between our Christian value of Justice and the British Value, Rule of Law. On Thursday Rev Catherine joined us and explained that we need rules to keep things in order. She reminded us that the Ten Commandments were given to Moses so that God's people had rules to follow.

WE WILL START FRIDAY FAMILY WORSHIP ON Friday 20th September at 2.45pm. All are welcome to join us.

Flu Vaccinations

These will take place in school on Tuesday 12th November. Information has already been sent out to parents of Reception to Y6 parents. Any parent whose child is in Nursery need to make arrangements with their GP. Details are again attached but parents can only give permission via the online forms.

World Wide Community

We would like to update our world map showing all the different countries our school family have ties to. To do this the class teachers are asking if parents would email them with any direct link they have to another country, eg the children were born there or the family visit close relatives there regularly. Thank you for your help.

Primary/Secondary Admission 2025

If you have a child ready to start Primary school in September 2025 you must apply by 15th January 2025. For children starting Secondary school, you must apply by 31st October 2024. For further details please see attached flyers.

Ripley Faith Forms

The Church Office are now taking bookings for Ripley St Thomas Church School Supplementary Forms to be signed. There will be two evenings – Tuesday 8th October and Thursday 10th October between 6.00pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Please contact the office by telephone to make an appointment (9.30-12 noon Mon - Fri) or email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org. For full details of what you need to take along, please see the copy of the attached Parish Newsletter.

Reminders

One Way System: Please remember that there is a one-way system in the morning— Y1 have their own waiting area at the front of school, everyone else should come in via the main gate by the office and leave via the car park.

Water Bottles: These should be clear with water, not juice, and clearly named.

Earrings: There should be no child wearing earrings due to safety reasons. Please ensure they are removed before coming to school otherwise they will have to sit out of PE.

Hair: Any child with long hair should have it tied back whilst in school.

Nuts & Kiwi: Please remember we are a nut and kiwi free school—this includes any spreads that contain nuts.

Dinner Money: £2.60 per day and should be paid in advance.

Absence: You must let school know before 9.30am if your child will not be attending school. The office is open from 8am or you can leave a voice mail on the telephone. You can also email school, preferably the office rather than the class teacher.

NAME BELONGINGS: Possibly the most important thing to do if you want your child's belongings returned.

Contact Information

It is important to keep school informed of any changes in your contact details. If you have changed phone number, email address or made any other changes to your details, please let school know immediately. If we are not updated, you may miss out on important information or we may not be able to contact you in an emergency.

Photographs (15th 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 Tuesday and you would like to have their photo taken, the photographer will be here from 8.30-9.00am to take family photos.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
Wed 18 Sep	All day	Aim High in Writing Invited children	Y5/6
Mon 23 Sep	TBC	Harvest Festival Details to follow	All
Wed 9 Oct	PM	Parents' Consultation Afternoon (no children) Details to follow	All
Fri 11 Oct	TBC	Scotforth Hoedown	All
Tue 15 Oct	AM	Individual & sibling school photos See additional information box	All
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 Details emailed and attached to the newsletter	YR-Y6
Thu 14 Nov	1.30- 3pm	Open Afternoon for September 2025 admissions	All

Secondary School Open Evenings

There are several schools in the area inviting parents to their open evening in the next few weeks. Check out the individual school's website to see when these are taking place.

After School & Lunchtime Clubs

Clubs taking place this term are:

Tuesday Athletics Ys 5 & 6 lunchtime

Wednesday Girls' Football KS1 12—12.30pm KS2 12.30—1.00pm

Basketball Ys 3 & 4 3.15-4.15pm (11th Sept—16th Oct)

Thursday Football with Coach Dan KS2 3.15-4.15pm (12th Sept—17th Oct)

Information and permission slips have been given to children this week, however if you haven't received one copies are in the school office, or you can simply write a note on a piece of paper.