

Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School.



Newsletter— 15th November 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 PEACE

★ Time to Shine ★	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Euan Strachan YR	Euan is a super listener. He is very kind, caring, helpful & funny.
Ola Siddig Y1	Ola is good at everything. She is cheerful, funny, kind & a best friend.
Harrison Fagan Y2	Harrison is kind, funny & respectful. He is independent & resilient. He's a Superstar.
Sophie Bush Y3	Sophie is chatty & outgoing & likes to make people laugh.
Momo Zhou Y4	Momo is thoughtful, kind, independent, resilient & amazing.
Chloe Knowles Y5	Chloe is a hard worker, polite & kind. She is an animal lover & an amazing girl.
Alfie Brighthouse Y6	Alfie is cheerful, he always helps others & tries his best. He is a 'minecraft' pro.

Christmas Fair
Many thanks to everyone who helped at the fair and to everyone who came to support it. It was an extremely busy night and raised a fantastic total of £1000 or thereabouts as there is still some money to come in.

Last Minute Gifts!
If you missed picking a surprise gift at the Christmas Fair, we still have some female gifts available. If your child would like to pick a gift during MONDAY lunchtime, please send in £3 in a named envelope and they will be able to choose a gift and wrap it.

OFSTED
As you are aware, I had hoped to be able to share our OFSTED report with you before the Christmas holidays. The report recognises some of the amazing things we do at Scotforth St Paul's and I will be delighted to share it with you as soon as I possibly can. While we are pleased with the overall judgement, there are a couple of queries I have about the report, which means that until they are answered, I cannot share any information about it with you. As soon as I have permission to publish it, I will.

Fish, Pizza & Chips Thursday
As the term ends on Thursday next week, Fish, Pizza & Chips Friday will be on THURSDAY!

Worship in School
On Monday, Debbie and Abbie (from NISCU) led Worship. They talked about what a party for the most important person would be like and compared it with the birth of Jesus. On Wednesday, we sang lots of Christmas carols altogether and on Thursday, Rev Catherine talked about Jesus giving us presents instead of the other way round on his birthday. She also reminded us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Celebrating Life in School
How the teachers and children have fitted everything in this week has been amazing! Y6 have been particularly busy—designing and making shelters, designing and printing their own Christmas cards, going to Chirnside House to sing carols for the residents and finally yesterday, showing prospective new parents around school at the Open Afternoon - many thanks to Y6 for their help. All this as well as the usual school work! Some of the children have had their Christmas party (the rest next Tuesday) and great fun was had looking at the pictures on the blog. Designing and making has been the main theme around school this week based on Christmas—Y2 have been sewing their decorations and Reception children made 'seasonal calendars' based on their topic. On Wednesday, the Blue team received their reward for winning the most house points last half term. They enjoyed hot chocolate (with cream and marshmallows if they wanted), popcorn and a short Christmas film. On Thursday morning, Helen Bowden from the Music Centre led an assembly where two of our children, who have singing lessons with her, sang a duet. We then learnt a new song and some of us had the opportunity to play some instruments. Have a look at all the classes by visiting the blog at: Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)

School Improvement Plan
We are always looking to fine tune and improve our provision for children and this drives our school improvement targets each year. Attached in this email, you will see what actions we have taken, the impact of these and some next steps linked to all five targets this year.

Future Dates

Date	Time	What	Who
17 Dec	Am/pm	Removal of the temporary classroom—the A6 will be closed whilst this takes place	Users of A6
19 Dec	6.15pm	Don't Be Afraid performance	Early Years & KS1
20 Dec	2pm	Don't Be Afraid performance	As above
20 Dec	After-noon	Carol Singing at Ashton Manor	Y6
21 Dec	1.30pm	Church Service	All
	3.10pm	School Closes for Christmas	All
8 Jan 2024	8.45am	School re-opens	All
	1.30pm	Grand Opening of EYFS Unit	All
9 Feb 2024	3.10pm	School closes for half-term	YN-Y6

Family Support

Please use this QR code to take you straight to the Lancashire Family Hub page, where you can find information about different groups and support for a variety of needs. This is particularly helpful for families where behaviour at home is different to what we see in school as you can self-refer to services.



Portacabin

If you are in the Scotforth area on Sunday, you may want to watch the portacabin being removed from the school's car park. It was an amazing sight when it was installed and fascinating for anyone who is interested in mechanics, machinery or the technical side of moving such a large object over the treetops. Please stand at a safe distance if you do chose to come and watch.

Grand Opening Invitation



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Scotforth St Paul's Primary & Nursery School

You are invited to the Grand Opening of
Our new EYFS Unit and Reception Area

at
Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary & Nursery School
On Monday 8th January 2024

On the playground at Scotforth St Paul's
Scotforth Road
Lancaster
LA1 4SE

By ex pupil and local Artist, Chas Jacobs
1.30pm

Followed by refreshments in the school hall.

RSVP by Friday 15th December 01524 65379, admin@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk or bursar@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk

All members of our school community are welcome. We would really appreciate cakes (labelled and without nuts or kiwi) for the refreshments—shop bought or home-made. We would also appreciate any help in serving the refreshments to our guests. If anyone can help, please let the school office know. Many thanks.

Parking/Road Safety

Despite previous requests to be aware of where parking when dropping off and picking up, it has been noted that certain parents continue to park on the double yellow lines at the corner of the launderette/Addle Street. This is a particularly dangerous area as many of the children and parents use this route to cross at the pelican crossing. It has been noted that one car in particular persistently parks in this area and further action may be taken should it continue to do so.

Continuing the theme of road safety, a parent has contacted school to say that their journey to school involves crossing Ashford Road. They feel that this is a particularly busy junction and raised their concerns with the council highways department and local counsellors to try to find a safe solution. If any other parents feel that action is required you can support the application by calling 0300 123 6780 and quoting reference 513154 and adding your name.

Nursery

Places are available in our Nursery for anyone looking to start in the New Year. We are also taking applications for children who would need a place after Easter. To apply, please go the school website and have a look at our Nursery section, complete the application form and return it to school.

Online Safety

As lives become more and more hectic electronic devices now play a major part—have a look at the attached leaflet giving advice on how to deal with and reduce device stress and anxiety.

Crafty Christmas Nativity

Saturday December 16th 2023
14.00 -16.00
St Paul's Parish Hall



Come and join us for a time of crafty Christmas activities, refreshments and a short time of worship.



ALL AGES welcome - children to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Any queries contact Katherine Froggatt
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