



# Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

"Let faith be your shield"

Newsletter 15 December 15th 2017

## MISSION STATEMENT

We seek to follow the example and teaching of Jesus by:

- ensuring every member of the school is valued and cared for as a member of God's family;
- providing the best education possible so that all pupils are enabled to reach their full potential in every aspect of life.

### Christmas Fair

We raised a fantastic total of £1659.18. A big thank you to all those who helped make the fair such a success.

There are still 2 raffle prizes to be claimed: Pink 951 and 998. Please call into the office to collect before the end of term.

### KS1 Production—"The Landlord's Cat"

All the tickets for this year's production have been allocated. If anyone has any spare tickets for the Monday or Tuesday performance please bring them into the office as we do have a reserve list. Many thanks.

### Friday Celebration Assemblies

From January, we are revamping our approach to Friday Celebration Assemblies. Some weeks we will have a specific focus for certificates and awards. On the alternate weeks some classes will share what they have been doing in class during the week. This will be on an ad hoc basis, rather than being planned ahead. Look out on our new website for your child's class blog, which will be updated regularly, with examples of the exciting activities they are doing in school.

5<sup>th</sup> January – Sports eg. swimming, martial arts, gymnastics

12<sup>th</sup> January – Classes sharing

19<sup>th</sup> January – The arts eg. Music, dance, drama

26<sup>th</sup> January – Classes sharing

2<sup>nd</sup> February – Uniformed organisation awards/badges and certificates not included in other categories, such as library awards, Blue Peter badges etc.

9<sup>th</sup> February – Classes sharing

### HALF TERM

23<sup>rd</sup> February – Sports eg. swimming, martial arts, gymnastics

2<sup>nd</sup> March – The arts eg. Music, dance, drama

9<sup>th</sup> March – Classes sharing

16<sup>th</sup> March – Uniformed organisation awards/badges and certificates not included in other categories, such as library awards, Blue Peter badges etc.

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Easter end of year service in Church



Name	Nominated by	Nominated for
Tanith Evans	Mrs Cross	Fabulous information texts about their monsters
Elize Babic		
George English		

**Awards will be presented during our celebration assembly on**

**Friday, 5th January at 2.45 pm. All welcome.**

### Kitchen Trophy Winner

"For Good Manners at Lunchtime"

Congratulations to Edward Hammond Year1

### School Trophies

Urgent—Please return all school trophies presented in the Summer term to school as soon as possible in order that they may be presented at the end of this term to the new recipients. Many thanks.

### Christmas Lunch

Order forms for the school Christmas Lunch have now been sent out. This is being served on Wednesday 20th December, the last day of term.

**Please note:** due to Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20th, there will be no toast available during the morning break.

### Reception, Years 1 & 2

Our topic after Christmas is 'Dangerous jobs'. If any parents have a dangerous job and would be willing to come in and talk to us please let us know.

Please look out on the website for our new blog on the class pages to see what we have been doing.

### Animation Club

This will be going ahead with Mr Willmott starting on Monday 18th January from 3.15—4.15pm. The club will run for 6 weeks at £5 per week. Please make cheques payable to 'Mr Willmott'.

### Thank You

Mrs Cross and Year 3 would like to say a huge thank you to Sianna's mum for her fabulous presentation about her work at the power station. We would also like to thank Theo's dad for his presentation about Audi and particularly for bringing his fab car, we were all very jealous and wish he could have left it!

### Year 4 Swimming

Advanced notice: Year 4 will be starting swimming lessons on Thursday 18th January. Please ensure your child has all the correct swimwear.

### Clubs

Tag Rugby Club: this will be starting on Tuesday 9th January for years 5 and 6 from 3.15-4.15pm.

More clubs to start in the New Year. Watch this space!

### Uniform

No doubt at some point in school life your child has lost a piece of uniform. In order that it can be returned please, please ensure you **name everything**. This includes hats, gloves, shoes etc.

### Knitting Club

Are you in Year 4, 5 or 6? Can you knit or would you like to learn? Our knitting club will be starting Thursday 11th January from 3.15 –4pm. If you would like to come along please complete the slip opposite and return as soon as possible as places will be allocated on a 'first come basis'

### Knitting Club Return Slip

\_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

would like to come to knitting club. They can/cannot knit.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent

### Diary Dates

KS1 Nativity: Monday 18th December (evening).

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School Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 20th December

followed by School Carol Service in Church at 1.45 pm.

School Closes: Wednesday 20th December after Church.

School Re-opens: Thursday 4th January 2018 at 8.55am.

### Class Christmas Parties

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday 19th December am.

In order for us to provide party food please send in £1 donation per child. Children can come to school in their party clothes on their party day.

### Christmas Cards

The Scotforth Post Box, situated outside Mrs Aylott's room, is still open for business (manned by our enthusiastic Year 5 posties). The last posting date will be Monday.

### After School Club

Please note that After School Club is taking priority bookings now from Scotforth families for the February half term holiday. If you require a place please book early before places are rolled out to other local primary-schools.

### Dinner Money

Please can all parents ensure dinner money is paid up to date by the end of term. If you would like a statement please ask at the school office or check your Scopay account. Dinner money for next term is £59.40. Thank you.

### Money

It would be very much appreciated if either yourself or your child is bringing money to school for trips, dinners, etc if it could be put in an envelope and sealed with your child's name and class year written on the front. Many thanks.

### Local Charities/Appeals

Mighty House Estate Agents have contacted to ask if we could inform families that they are offering to act as a local drop-off point for donations to the Morecambe Bay Food Bank Christmas Appeal and for the Galgate flood victims. Items can be left at their office on Bowerham Road. For more information please see their Facebook page at [facebook.com/mightyhouseuk/](https://www.facebook.com/mightyhouseuk/).

### For Sale

Tomy train set in very good condition. Ideal for a Christmas present. For more information please contact: Lucia 07747 868 185



# St John's Hospice Christmas Tree Collections

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018



**RECYCLE YOUR  
CHRISTMAS TREE  
FOR CHARITY**

-  **No** mess in the car
-  **No** queues at the tip
-  **No** need to chop up
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[www.sjhospice.org.uk/recycletrees](http://www.sjhospice.org.uk/recycletrees)

**\*All trees must be booked for recycling  
before 5pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 18.**

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## Staying Safe Online over the festive season - useful tips for Parents and Carers

As the festive season gets underway, many children and young people may receive gifts they can use to go online so it is a good opportunity to give some thought to how we can support them to stay safe whilst having fun.



**1** Gifts such as **Tablets, Gaming Consoles or Smartphones** can all be used to go online so it is important to think ahead about what safety features are available and set them up in advance. Our colleagues at the UK Safer Internet Centre have some very useful checklists with



things to consider when choosing different devices: **Tablets** - [http://bit.ly/uksic\\_tablets](http://bit.ly/uksic_tablets)  
**Gaming Consoles** - [http://bit.ly/uksic\\_gaming](http://bit.ly/uksic_gaming) **Smartphones** - [http://bit.ly/uksic\\_phones](http://bit.ly/uksic_phones)

**Tip:** The Safer Internet Centre also has some excellent advice in their **Parents' Guide to Technology** and includes device-specific settings for different models:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology)



**2** Setting up **Parental Controls** on the home internet connection may seem a little daunting but the highly-regarded Internet Matters website has some really useful guidance from major broadband providers about setting up online filters.



**Tip:** Use the Interactive guide on the website at: [www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide](http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide)



**3** Agreeing some **Behaviours and Expectations** before children receive devices can help to prevent some difficult conversations later. Additionally, our colleagues at Childnet have a handy **Family Agreement** which can be useful, especially for younger children – see: [www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement](http://www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement)



**Tip:** Good agreements work both ways so if family-time involves no tech, this applies to adults too!



**4** Not sure about *Snaps, Streaks or Insta*? The variety of **Apps and Social Media** tools can seem bewildering at first but the very-highly recommended NetAware resource from O2 and the NSPCC is an excellent way to find out more about the different apps and games your child may use – see: [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)



**Tip:** NetAware also has an app for your smartphone to stay in touch with the latest updates.



**5** **Games** can be over-looked but remember most modern consoles connect online and often have in-built web browsers. Ensuring **appropriate gaming content** is also important so make sure to check what PEGI-rating different games have, including the descriptions such as Sex, Violence or Bad Language – see: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)

**Tip:** Some games also offer in-game purchases for additional content – if so, **use vouchers** rather than credit cards to help save you from unexpected bills later.



**6** **Don't forget the Positives!** Being aware of the potential risks the online world poses is very important but don't forget it also offers us immense opportunities and benefits. If you still aren't too sure, get involved and ask your child to teach you about their online world and what they do (and don't) like.

**Top Tip:** The LSCB's 'Useful Tips for Parents and Carers' can be found at the top of the Parents and Carers section of the **LSCB Online Safety website** and also contains a variety of really useful information: [www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk/online-safeguarding/parents-and-carers](http://www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk/online-safeguarding/parents-and-carers)





# Nativity From Scratch

Sunday 17th December



 Moorlands Church

**Join us on Sunday 17th December for our Family Carols with Nativity From Scratch!**

During the carol service the primary-age children will prepare, rehearse and then perform a nativity play. Every child will have a part!

**Ripley Sixth Form Academy from 10am**  
Includes craft activities, Christmas nibbles and a Toddler Christmas Party