



Newsletter—3rd February 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 FORGIVENESS

★ Time to Shine ★	
Name	Teacher's & Children's Comments
Milo Bernardis YR	He is very helpful, always smiling, tries his best, good at maths
George Withers Y1	He is hardworking, a best friend, good at football
Marcus Hammond Y2	He is a bestest friend, honest, plays good games, smart
Arin Hama Y3	He is super mega kind, good at football, loves dinosaurs and is a compy
Charlie Denney Y4	He is smart, caring, good at football and maths
Finn Brown Y4	He is polite, helpful, funny, really good at maths
Elijah Long Y5	He is a great friend, good at science, a bookworm
Greyson Dickinson Y6	He is a good listener, good at maths, polite, has a good mindset

Cinema Night and Fundraising

Thank you to SCOT4ALL for organising the cinema night on Tuesday. Despite some technical hitches, it was a very successful event. Thank you to Amy, Sarah and the rest of the SCOT4ALL team.

The total raised so far this academic year towards a new kitchen for the children is just over **£2000**

Funky Hair

Miss Kierzek, one of our TAs, is going to have her hair cut in school on Tuesday, 7th February—and it's not just a trim!!

She is doing this to raise funds for 'The Little Princess Trust' which provides real hair wigs for children who have lost their own hair due to cancer or alopecia. We would like the children to come and support her and, if possible, a donation to try and raise as close to £150 as we can (the cost to make and fit a wig) by coming with 'funky hair'. This can be any style but please, nothing that is permanent and can't be washed out for the following day.

We look forward to seeing bows, ribbons, extensions or even wigs!!

Red House Team Reward

The Red team gathered together on Tuesday afternoon for a hot chocolate, biscuit, sweets and a Wallace and Gromit video as a reward for receiving the most house points last half term—well done Castle reds!

Worship in School

This week's whole school worship on Monday wowed the children as the demonstration included changing "dirty" water into clean water again. This was likened to how Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins. The children were also reminded of how we can ask others (including God) for forgiveness, but we should also forgive others.

Celebrating Life in School

Please take a look on the school blog for information and photographs showing excellent learning in school—[Blog | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School \(scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://Blog | Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School (scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk)). This week, Year 4 made buildings with security lights and Year 5 have designed and made bread—yum, yum!

Next Week's dates

Monday 6th— Dodgeball in Y3
- Debbie from NISCU leading Worship

Tuesday 7th - Funky Hair Day
- Dodgeball in Y4

Wednesday 8th—EYFS First Aid training

Friday 10th— Break up for half term

Future dates

20.02 Back in school after February half term
Nursery in the temporary Classroom

03.03 SCOT4ALL meeting in school 3.15pm - childcare will be provided

17.03 Non-uniform day

24.03 Family Easter Bingo 6-7 pm
Feel Good Friday

31.03 Break up for Easter holidays

12.05 Coronation Disco

Building Work

The New Temporary Classroom will be ready after half term for Nursery to move into. Parents should drop off and pick up at the bottom of the ramp. Please pop in and have a look round on the first morning—20th February. If anyone can help us move furniture and resources into the classroom on Friday 10th February, we would appreciate it.

Feel Good Friday!

We are introducing a new initiative focusing on mental health and wellbeing.

One Friday afternoon every half term we plan to provide a range of different activities for the children to try/take part in. The aim is that they find what helps them to feel calm and can use this during times of worry.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

In order to provide the children with a wide range of activities, we are asking for volunteers to help with activities for small groups of children. This could be as simple as sitting with a group while they do some mindfulness colouring, supervising a group who are reading, accompany some children on a walk around the local area or it could be a particular skill or talent you would be willing to share e.g. painting, photography, mindfulness exercises, pottery or something similar.

Our first Feel Good Friday will be on Friday 24th March.

If you can help in any way, please contact Mrs Walsh.

Prayer & Reflection

Parents and children are welcome in school on the first Monday of each month for prayers & quiet reflection.

Parents, children and staff: 8.30—8.45am

Parents only: 9.00-9.15am

Spare Clothes

If your child has had to have a change of clothes at school due to accidents, etc, please could you return the items (washed) to their class teacher as soon as possible. Any spare underwear, leggings, jogging bottoms or pumps for KS1 children would also be gratefully receive. Many thanks

School Kitchen Vacancy

There is a position available working Monday to Friday term time only in our school kitchens Duties to include, food preparation and serving, cleaning, setting up dining rooms and other general day to day duties.

Uniform & Safety shoes are provided and you will also need to undergo a DBS check.

Hours are usually between 11:30 – 13:30 paying £10.50 per hour pro rata.

For more information and how to apply, ring Caroline Roberts on 07854 184215 Monday – Friday between 10am-4pm

Feedback

We are always trying to find ways to improve our communication with parents and we are very aware that not all parents read the newsletter, so do not always know about important events e.g. cinema night. Whilst we do try to send reminders, the newsletter is the main form of communication and we would encourage you to read it. Otherwise your child may miss out on upcoming activities.

We wanted to try to make the newsletter more reader friendly, which is why it looks a bit different this week. If you would like to let us know what you think of this new layout, please contact Mrs Walsh. We may try different formats over the coming weeks—watch this space!

SCOT4ALL Events

Friday 3rd March **SCOT4ALL meeting in school 3.15pm** - childcare will be provided

Friday 17th March **Non-uniform day** - in return would appreciate donations of chocolate for prizes for our Bingo Night

Friday 24th March **Family Easter Bingo 6-7 pm**

£5 per adult (children free) All children **MUST** be accompanied

5 bingo games & 1 children's game

If you have any raffle prizes you could donate please send into school after half term. If you know of any companies who may donate prizes, please feel free to ask them. If you can help in any way, please see Mrs Atkinson

Friday 12th May Coronation Disco

£3 inc drink & crisps EY/KS1 6-6.45pm KS2 7-8pm

We will need volunteers to ensure this can take place (further information will follow)