



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

"Let faith be your shield"

Newsletter No 9 Friday 6th November 2020

Thank you!

The last few weeks have been far from normal for us, all but we managed get to half-term without having to close any of our bubbles, and we would like to say a big 'Thank You' to the children and parents for all their help in achieving this. Thank you to parents for wearing masks and social distancing when bringing and collecting children, for not hanging around once you have dropped them off, for your understanding when we have asked you to collect your child if they have developed symptoms and your co-operation in following all the guidelines regarding testing and isolating. Thank you to the children who have adapted to the new systems and carried on so well with school life. We know that we cannot predict what will happen, and we know that many other schools haven't been as fortunate as us, but with your help and support, we hope to be able to stay open for this half-term as fully as possible if we carry on doing what we have been doing. Once again, many thanks for your support in these challenging times.

Children in Need—Friday 13th November

As we are sure you are aware, next Friday is Children in Need Day. To join in the day, children can come to school in their own clothes if they wish for a donation (it doesn't matter if it's only 10p).

We are joining in the fundraising by taking part in a virtual Duck Race which is at 1p.m. Each class will have 2 ducks and the class that wins will get a prize (provided by school).

Reception & KS1

A reminder that reading books and completed reading records for children in these classes should be brought back to school every Friday in order for them to 'quarantine' over the weekend and can be given out again on Monday. Stocks of books are limited and books must be returned on time. Thank you.

Birthdays

We know that during these strange times it is harder to celebrate birthdays, but we are still celebrating children's birthdays in school. The class celebrates a child's birthday on the day by humming 'Happy Birthday' indoors (or singing it outdoors!) and generally making a fuss of them. We encourage pupils to wear a birthday badge (or they can make one in school) and can bring in sweets to distribute to their classmates if you so wish (individual bags only please). Children who have hot meals are also given a card from the catering service.

School Lunches

A copy of the new Autumn/Winter menu has been sent with the newsletter to enable you to see in advance what the choices are and perhaps can then persuade your child to try something new!

Reception Class Photo

We have been informed that the Class Photo will be in the local press the week beginning 16th December, so keep a look out!

Term Times & Holidays 2021/2022

Details of these dates have been attached to the newsletter for your information.

Uniform

Under normal circumstances we would accept second hand/used uniform, however for the moment, please do not send any into school. However, FOSSY Facebook is a great place to swap pre-loved uniform amongst yourselves.

Also, in view of cold weather and increased ventilation, extra layers are definitely useful! Please can we remind parents that usual rules of no jewellery or unusual hairstyles/colours still apply. Thank you.

MISSION STATEMENT

Learning, growing and caring as part of
God's family

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain in me and I remain in them, they produce much fruit." (John 15:5)



Scotforth Superstars



Name	Nominated by	Nominated for
Joseph Bain	Ms Robison	Being kind and thoughtful
Lucy Rowbotham Dawn Sowah Demi Crane	Mrs Ventress	Excellent effort in composing and decorating their own Psalms
Isabella-Rose Parker	Mrs Ventress & Mrs Belshire	Fantastic work in Maths this week
Emily Waine Holly Allan Robin Charlton-Green	Mr Manning	Fantastic map skills when locating volcanoes
Sophie Bush Miya Peters	Mrs Browne	Quick and accurate answers in Maths
Gian Marco Lulli Rosie Britton Marcus Hammond	Mrs Browne	Great suggestions for People Who Help Us
Sophie Kitching Edward Elliott	Miss Huddleston	Working really well as a maths partners
Whole of Year 6	Miss Flynn	A fantastic Christmas Truce diary entry for WW1
Savannah Bowers	Mrs Boyle	An improved attitude
Hojwal Eevuri	Miss Parlane	An excellent attitude to learning

Covid-19 Testing

If you have informed school that anyone in your family is having a Covid test, it would be much appreciated if you would inform school of the outcome before sending your child back to school. Many thanks.

Transforming Lancaster Travel

Some of you may have already received information from Lancashire County Council about the new M6 Junction 33 link road. If not, please visit www.lancaster.gov.uk/Transforming-Lancaster-Travel as it gives details of proposals for new transport links around the city.

Uniform Shop

Please see the attached notice giving details of how they are working during the lockdown period.

Struggling With Living Costs?

Lancaster District Community Hub has information and help available to anyone who is struggling during this time. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

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TERM AND HOLIDAY PATTERN 2021/22

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Open after Summer	Thursday 2nd September 2021
Closure after school	Wednesday 20th October 2021
Open after half-term	Monday 1st November 2021
Closure after school	Friday 17th December 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

Open after Christmas	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Close after school	Friday 11th February 2022
Open after half-term	Monday 21 st February 2022
Close after school	Friday 1 st April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

Open after Easter	Tuesday 19th April 2022
May Day holiday	Monday 2nd May 2022
Close after school	Friday 27th May 2022
Open after half term	Wednesday 8th June 2022
Close after school	Friday 22nd July 2022

The scheduled Teachers' Training Days are as follows:

Inset Day	Wednesday 1st September 2021
Inset Day	Thursday 21 st October 2021
Inset Day	Friday 22 nd October 2021
Inset Day	Monday 6th June 2022
Inset Day	Tuesday 7th June 2022

Absence during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. If you do have to take your child out of school in term time, you should complete a Leave of Absence Form (available from the School office or our website) for the Headteacher's consideration at least 2 weeks beforehand. No leave may be taken for Year 6 and Year 2 pupils during SAT's week which will be in May 2022 (dates to be confirmed).

Struggling to afford food and other essential items due to financial hardship caused by Covid-19?



Support available for short-term living costs such as food, gas and electric, school uniforms and essential household appliances.

To be eligible for the scheme you must be:

- a resident of the Lancaster City Council district and aged 16 years or over
- on a low income or in receipt of one of the following benefits: Universal Credit, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Income Support or Pension Credit

Call (01524) 582000 Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm

Find out more: <http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/emergency-assistance-grant>

We will need the following information:

- Where you live
- Full household details
- Your circumstances
- Your income and the affect Covid-19 has had on this
- What support you need

They aim to make a decision within 24 hours of receiving all the required information, other than for household goods, where we aim to decide within five working days. Depending on the level of demand for the scheme, this may not always be possible.

The scheme will also signpost you to other sources of advice and support to ensure that you get all the assistance you are entitled to. You may be offered a referral for advice and assistance with finance, debt and/or welfare benefits, to help address your long-term needs.