



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

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Welcome to Scotforth St Paul's school!

Each term we will send a letter telling you what we are learning about, and any news. Mrs Browne is the class teacher, aided by Mrs Joel and Mrs Cocker in the mornings and Mrs Todd -Bryce and Mrs Whiteside in the afternoons. Each week all teachers in every school have sessions out of class to prepare lessons and assess work, so on a Monday afternoon Mrs Joel will teach the class RE and music.

This half term the topic is "All about me". Please see the attached curriculum overview to see what we will be covering.

Each child will be given a school House/team colour that they can represent, especially at times such as sports day and in our Intra-school sports activities. These should be the the same as their siblings - please let me know if it's not!

We have hall sessions on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. P.E. kits will need to be in school at all times. Please name all clothing including P.E. pumps. On a Friday morning we will be working in the I.C.T. suite.

In the autumn term we like children to settle in, find out where everything is and get used to the new routines and school rules. In the first half term, children that we feel are ready to sit through assembly will join worship. After half term everyone will join in with assemblies.

During the first few weeks I will be spending time assessing the level your child has started school at. This, combined with the information from nurseries, will be used to give us a basis to progress their learning on. I will discuss this with you at parent's evening.

Fruit and water/milk will be available free for children to have throughout the course of the morning. If children wish to buy toast at playtime they will need to bring in money to do so. A slice of buttered toast costs 20p.

Over the first term your child will bring home a sounds books with the letter we have been learning in school that day. Please go over these sounds at home with your child. Repetition and practice is key. The sounds will be taught in groups and as each group is taught, this set of sounds will be sent home as flashcards with suggestions for games to help the learning process. I will also start to send home decodable words that use the sounds we have learned so far. Again practice is vital. As we learn the sounds we'll also learn how to write the letters, forming them correctly. This will be an exciting time and these steps will be explained at each stage. I will also put a reading record book in the children's bags when we start to send home the sound book. Please sign this when you practise the sounds with your child. You are also welcome to make comments on how your child is managing. In addition to learning the sounds, we would ask you to read to your child every night please, as this really helps their skills develop. The





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home/school book can also be used to pass information e.g. If a child has had a bad night or I have a question for you.

As a school we are focusing on handwriting, so when the children are ready we will send home some handwriting practice for you to do with them at home as and when they need it.

We are often asked about behaviour. If a child does not do as they are told after being asked politely, then more firmly asked, we sit them out. Children are always told why and then asked to apologise. In the case of more serious incidents or if this happens frequently we will ask you to come and speak to us. Reception children are very rarely sent to see the head teacher for bad behaviour (although they often see her with good work). Remember that some children will not be used to being in a room with so many others and so it can cause friction at the beginning.

Children often bring toys from home which as you can imagine causes lots of issues if they get lost or broken; so I would ask that you do not send your child in with toys from home in order to prevent this upset.

We have a class blog page on our website where you can see what your child has been doing; this is located under the Reception section on the school website.

From next week your child will be full time so they will start at 8:45am and now come through the Year 1 classroom door, I will be there to help with getting them into school. They will need to be picked up at 3:10pm from the Reception classroom door.

Please come in and see us after school if you have any questions, or write a note in the reading record book and we will arrange a meeting or ring you.

We look forward to getting to know your child and you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Browne and the Reception team.

