



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 and any news. Mrs Browne is the class teacher assisted by Mrs Whiteside. Each week all teachers in every school have sessions out of class to prepare lessons and assess work, so on a Monday afternoon Mrs Whiteside will teach the class music and a PE coach will join her to teach fundamental skills.

This half term the topic is "Ourselves". We will particularly focus on keeping physically healthy, well-being and hygiene.

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. Team points are awarded for super effort, great work, acts of kindness and generally as motivation for doing the right thing! The House/team colour should be the same as their siblings - please let me know if it's not!

We have hall sessions on a Monday and Thursday. P.E. kits will need to be in school at all times. If you haven't already sent a kit in, our first PE session will be on Thursday 10th September. Please name all clothing including P.E. pumps.

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. At the moment assemblies are via video-links and we will start to join in with them once I feel the class has settled into the other school routines.

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 will be available free for children to have throughout the course of the morning starting from Monday 7th September. If you want your child to have another snack please send in something healthy that they can eat during break-time which we have on the big yard.

Due to the current situation, we are trying to minimise the amount of things that cross between home and school so please do not send in book bags for the time being.

As the first term progresses, your child will bring home a sounds book with the letter we have been learning in school that day. More details will follow but 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. We 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. 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.





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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.

Monday and Tuesday next week, the finish time is 1:15pm from the Reception classroom door. From Wednesday 9th September pick up time will be 3:15pm. Morning drop off remains the same - 9am.

To aid communication at this time and keep you updated on what we are doing in school you will soon be receiving an invitation to join 'Evidence Me'. This should work as follows:

1. Parents receive an emailed invitation to activate their account.
2. Parents access their child's account by downloading the Evidence Me App or logging in to the Web Suite.
3. Parents receive an email notification every time you select an observation for Parent Share prompting them to log in and view the observation.
4. Parents can take an active role in contributing to their child's observation portfolio by uploading observations directly on to the App or Web Suite.
5. Parent Observations appear in the Parent Postcard area of your Web Suite allowing you to approve or reject them.

We are confident this sharing of information will help make your child's education a true partnership particularly in the current situation where face to face contact is so limited.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Browne and Mrs Whiteside.

