



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

"Let faith be your shield"

Newsletter 11: November 24th 2017

You might notice a change in the layout of this newsletter, and an update of our school badge. We need to say a huge thank you to Mr Couchman (one of our reception class parents) for the time he has put into working with us on updating the badge. You will also have seen it on our new school website, which has now gone live (using our existing domain name).

Social media and internet safety

In previous communications, we have advised you that whilst we understand that it is at your discretion whether or not to let your child have an account on apps such as Snapchat, Whatsapp, Facebook etc, they are actually not designed for primary school children (as terms and conditions state that you must be at least 13 years of age to have an account). Despite this, when children's communications impact on the well-being of other children in school, we do have a legal duty of care to bring our concerns to your attention. We would strongly advise you to check your child's social media and consider deleting any accounts for which they are too young to register. Thank you for your co-operation.

Online Safety Event

On 12th December year 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in an online safety day. They will take part in sessions that will teach them how to respond to unsafe or disrespectful situations, how to keep personal information safe online, how to deal with face to face and online bullying. There will be a parents/carers session as 8.45am for parents that would like more information about online safety.

Book Fair

We are hosting a Book People book fair every day before and after school from 4th-8th December and during parent's evening sessions. The book people sell a range of fiction and non-fiction texts at greatly discounted prices. Any funds raised will be spent on class sets of readers. Come and pick up a bargain for Christmas!

Advent Calendars

REMINDER: These have proved very popular and there are only 2 available of the 'Real Advent Calendars' for sale at £3.60 and December 1st is only next week! The calendar comes with a free activity book and Christmas Story behind each window as well as a Fairtrade chocolate. These can be purchased from the School Office.

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 return your order by **Monday 11th December** at the latest.

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.



Name	Nominated by	Nominated for
Theo Stephens	Mrs Cross	Fabulous use of models in maths
Jacob Lafferty		Fabulous use of models in maths
Ben Weston	Mrs Cross	An excellent information text
Nina Marshall Amy Bain Ellen Metcalfe	Mrs Redmayne	Taking real care when making some beautiful prints
Isaac Quayle	Miss Huddleston & Mrs Redmayne	His consistently positive attitude and contribution to class life
Catherine Price	Miss Huddleston & Mrs Redmayne	Kindness and consideration to others

Awards will be presented during our celebration assembly on

Friday, 1st December at 2.45 pm. All welcome.

Team Awards

Blue Team were winners week ending Friday, 24th November. Well done!

Kitchen Trophy Winner

"For Good Manners at Lunchtime"
Congratulations to Emily Waine in Reception.

Allergies

Would parents please note that we are a nut-free school. There has been an incident recently of food containing nuts being brought into school. It is important to be aware of this as there are several children and adults who suffer from nut allergies.

Christmas Fair

Please note that children can bring in donations of gift suitable for ladies and gentlemen on Friday 1st December, again in return for coming to school in non-uniform. Many thanks.

Reception

Next week our focus is India and Divali. We will be trying a variety of Indian foods so if your child has an allergy please let me know before Wednesday what alternatives I will need to get.

In Literacy and maths it is assessment week; targets based on those assessments will be discussed at Parent's Evening.

Does your child turn 3 before Christmas? Mrs Atkinson is starting to plan 'settling in' sessions for January starters. Please remember if you are going to claim the 30 free hours you need to get your code as soon as possible by going online and registering at gov.uk.

Animation Club

Thank you to the 6 who have shown interest in an all year round club. However, to make this a viable club more people are needed. If your child would like to take part please let the School Office know by the end of next week.

YEAR 6

WANTED—White, Green, Red or other Christmas themed material or plastic bags. Y6 are holding their Enterprise Week beginning 4th December and would be grateful of any donations of these items before then. Thank you.

WANTED—Volunteer

Do you have an exciting job? Can you spare an hour? Would you like to come and share your knowledge with Year 3? If so, please see Mrs Cross.

Diary Dates

Flu Vaccinations: Monday 4th December.

Year 6 Enterprise Week: Monday 4th December.

Parent Consultation Meetings: Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December.

Peace Prom Rehearsal Echo Arena: Y5 and Y6 Thursday 7th December.

School Fair: Friday 8th December (run by school but always needing help!).

Online Safety Session (parents/carers session 8.45am): Tuesday 12th December.

EYFS & KS1 Dress Rehearsal: Friday 15th December.

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.



St Paul's Parish Hall
Scotforth Road, Lancaster, LA1 4TS

We need your help!

We are in the process of applying for lottery grant funding to fully replace the Parish Hall roof. We are experiencing more frequent leaks following bad weather and 'patch' repairs are getting increasingly expensive.

In order to receive a successful outcome we need input from our local community as part of the process. Please could you spare 5 minutes to complete the following questions and return this to us before Friday 1st December. Responses can be made on this sheet and returned to the office (in the hall), to church or submitted by email to office@stpauls-scotforth.org with the subject title of "Roof" or complete on Survey Monkey using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RXYKPZG>

1. Do you attend (or have attended) groups/parties that are held in the hall or lead one of these groups?

Yes

No

2. How important do you think it is that a building like this is situated in your community?

Very important

Important

Don't know

Not important

3. How important do you think the hall is to the people who access it?

Very important

Important

Don't know

Not important

4. The parish hall is used by many wide and diverse groups – e.g. uniformed groups, external educational providers, nurture groups, lifestyle groups, exercise groups, wedding, christening and children's parties, use at election time, meeting place for local community groups, charity and social events etc. Please could you write a short statement as to why you feel it is important to have a venue in your community which allows access to these

services and why you feel it is a valuable asset to your local area and you.

If you would like further information, have any additional questions or would like to give feedback to the Parish Hall Management Group (PHMG) then please do contact us – office@stpauls-scotforth.org

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire – Jayne Weatherill, Chair, PHMG

**WHERE
ADVENTURE
BEGINS**
faith in the family

FRIDAY 12th JANUARY: 7.30pm
ST THOMAS CHURCH. LANCASTER
Marton Street, Lancaster, LA1 1XX
Doors open: 7.00pm. Contact: 01904 613000

Tickets: £10
new-wine.org/adventurebegins

RIDING LIGHTS
NewWine

On Friday January 12th at 7.30pm, Riding Lights are bringing their touring production of "Where Adventure Begins" to St Thomas Church Lancaster. This is an entertaining and touching show aiming to deepen our understanding of family.

This will be a fun and thought provoking evening out with a useful message, particularly for parents/carers/grandparents/godparents and many others who have children and young people who they are sharing their faith with.

Tickets are £10 each and more details of the event can be found on the new wine website:
<https://www.new-wine.org/adventurebegins>

If you have any questions about the event do contact me.

Many Thanks

Mrs Emma Dixon

Children's and Families' Pastor (part time)

Office hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 9am-5pm and Wednesdays 9am-12pm

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