



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

"Let faith be your shield"

Newsletter No 19 Friday 31st January 2020

## Timeliness

A reminder that school is open for pupils from 8.45am ready for a prompt start at 8.55am. When children are late for registration it disrupts the whole class, even if only for a few minutes but these 'few minutes' add up to a considerable amount of teaching time lost over the whole school year. It also often causes the child to feel awkward as they are obviously late. Please ensure you allow enough time in a morning to get ready and be at school promptly. If you would like support with this/particular issues, please come and speak to us. Our Learning Mentor Miss Flynn is often available.

There have also been issues with lateness at the end of the day with some parents not collecting children until long after the end of the day. (End of day is 3.10pm.)

We do understand that sometimes emergencies crop up, and of course are happy to help. However, where some parents regularly just turn up late, a charge may be incurred for looking after them. It is especially frustrating when parents do not let us know they will be late, and it causes distress to children— which is obviously something we all want to avoid. Thank you to the many parents who do ensure their child/ren arrive/leave on time.

## Parent App

In order to make it easier for parents to update their contact details and to cut down on the endless printing of data collection sheets twice a year, school has invested in this App. So far out of 357 invites sent, only 134 parents have downloaded the App! It will not be viable to continue paying for the APP unless we get more support from parents and we will have no alternative but to go back to the time consuming paper option!

Please accept the invite sent to your inbox and download the App.

Thank you.

P.S.— we know that some parents have had a few problems with the App, please come and see us in the office and we will try and sort out the glitches.

## Allergies

Just a gentle reminder that we do have some children and staff with certain food allergies and would ask that parents check the ingredients of food items for nuts and kiwi and not bring them for either snacks or lunch. Many thanks.

## The Mark Drama

Please see the attached information regarding a play taking place at Blackburn Cathedral.

## SEND

Please see the attached leaflet giving details of help available to parents/careers .

## MISSION STATEMENT

We learn, grow and care in  
God's family



## Scotforth Superstars



| Name   | Nominated by | Nominated for   |
|--|--------------|---|
| Lucy Rowbotham<br>Dawn Sowah<br>Ruby Way<br>William Latham | Mr Manning   | Excellent work investigating friction                                   |
| Sophie Lloyd<br>Jack Priddey                               | Mrs Boyle    | Great effort in writing their Obb fantasy story                         |
| Edward Elliott   | Mrs Dowson   | Excellent improvement in his handwriting and presentation               |
| Katie Priddey  | Mrs Dowson   | Fantastic work on area in maths   |
| Eliza Pugh<br>Henry Fossett-Key                            | Mrs Browne   | Fantastic work during handwriting practice                              |
| Karen Talbot   | Mrs Browne   | Great concentration when independently completing her 'supertate' model |
| Harrison McKenna   | Mrs Browne   | Excellent participation during phonics lessons                          |
| Sienna Mayor   | Mrs Browne   | Super enthusiastic participation during phonics                         |
| Jasper Young   | Mrs Browne   | Excellent progress in his independent writing                           |
| James Betts  | Mrs Browne   | Excellent sounding out during independent handwriting                   |
| Ella Jackson<br>Emilia Mooney<br>Corban Crane              | Mrs Cross    | Fabulous division using sharing and grouping                            |

## Kitchen Trophy

"For good manners at lunchtime."

Congratulations to Harry Kornas, Y5. Well Done!

Awards will be presented during our celebration assembly on Friday, 7th February at 2.45p.m.

All welcome.

## Celebration Topics for this term:

|          |       |          |              |
|----------|-------|----------|--------------|
| 7th Feb  | Class | 6th Mar  | Uniform/Arts |
| 14th Feb | Sport | 13th Mar | Class        |
| 28th Feb | Class | 20th Mar | Sport        |

### Helping the Homeless

Thank you to everyone who has contributed this week to the appeal. There is a box in the office reception area where items can be left and will be there for several weeks.

#### Items for the care package

|  |                         |
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| Tooth paste/ Brush                         | Deodorant (roll on)     |
| Socks/Gloves/Hat/Scarf                     | Face flannel            |
| Hairbrush/comb                             | Hand gel                |
| Soap                                       | Face wipes (baby wipes) |
| Sanitary products                          | Plasters                |
| Lip balm/Vaseline                          | Packets of tissues      |
| Tinned food/biscuits/crackers/Granola bars |                         |

### Clubs

Football: Mon 6th Jan - 10th Feb 3.15-4.15pm  
Yrs 3,4,5 & 6  
Athletics: Tues 7th Jan—11th Feb 3.15-4.15pm Yrs 5 & 6  
Art Club: Tues 3.10-4.10pm  
Scratch Club: Tues 3.10-4.10pm Yrs 4-6  
Sportz 4 All: Weds 3.10-4.10pm  
Karate: Thur 3.30-5.30 pm

**Karate**—those who take part in karate will be aware that this will NOT take place over the next two weeks but will resume again after half-term.

### **KS1 Football Club**

We are considering running a football club for KS1 children.

Please complete and return if your child is interested in taking part.

Once we have numbers we will have a better idea of what day the club will take place.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### After School Club

#### **Message from Marie Smith**

If you use this service please ensure your child is registered on the new system. If your child has regular sessions I will set up the bookings with monthly payments. If you intend to make any changes to these bookings, you must do this either yourself on-line or by asking me to do it for you at least 2 weeks in advance of the change, otherwise refunds may not be given for missed sessions. Many thanks.

### Online Safety

Please see the latest attached information leaflet in the series about online safety. Please take time to look through these with your child and discuss how to stay safe generally.



## Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) local offer

### The SEND local offer is:

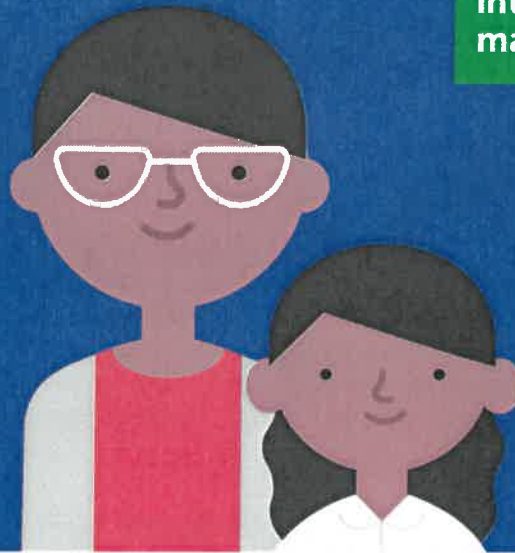
- information, advice, support and services
- provided by education, health, Lancashire County Council (the local authority) and voluntary organisations
- local to Lancashire
- for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0-25
- available in one place at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/send](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/send)

If you don't have access to the internet, you can get help to access the information online at schools, plus some libraries.

**If you'd like updates on SEND support and activities in Lancashire, you can subscribe to our free FIND newsletter. You can also find lots of information on our local offer Facebook page.**

We have reviewed the local offer to help us improve the information and make the site easier to use. We would welcome your feedback, as we'd love to hear what's working well and what still needs to be done. Fill in our survey at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/send](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/send)

# Talking to 6-10 year olds



## Before you start the conversation



Think about when and where is the best is to talk to them - in the car or a neutral place where they feel safe



Jot down what you want to say to focus your mind and make the conversation relevant to them



Be open and encouraging to make them feel supported



Have a few bite sized conversations to give them time to process

## What you need to know

# 13

Think carefully about allowing your child on social media as the minimum age on most networks is 13 years old



Cyberbullying can take place 24/7 and happens repeatedly on a range of apps, games and devices



Younger children can confuse any nasty comment or opinion as 'bullying' so their understanding of bullying can be different to that of adults



Bullying is a learnt behaviour - so it's important to set a good example and regularly reinforce how being a good digital citizen

## Tips to prevent cyberbullying



### Be engaged

Talk to your child about what they like to do online and what they know about staying safe  
- [see tips from Childnet](#)



### Be kind online

Being positive and respectful online is key to using the internet safely. Share '[Top Internet Manners](#)' with them



### Know how to report

Make sure your child knows how to report cyberbullying if it happens to them or someone else

## Tips to deal with cyberbullying



Make sure your child knows they can share anything that upsets them online with a trusted adult. Watch Childnet's Captain Kara video '[T for Tell](#)'



**Never retaliate** – remind your child that saying mean things back to a bully makes the situation worse



**Save the evidence** – encourage your child to save messages, photos and screenshots of online bullying as proof to show to a trusted adult



**Explore the games and apps** your child uses together and find report and block buttons to understand what they do

## Actions you can take to support them



### Listen and help

Allow your child to explain what has happened and talk about it before making judgements



### Don't deny access

It can be tempting to ban devices or using the internet to prevent the bullying but this isn't a solution and can make a child feel worse



### Know how to get help

Your child's school can help you deal with cyberbullying and provide support and advice. If you feel the law has been broken then online bullying can also be [reported to your local police force](#)

### WANT MORE HELP?

For more information visit: [internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying](https://internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying)

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The Diocese will be bringing two very special performances of 'The Mark Drama' to life in February/March 2020 ... with the help of our Bishops who will be part of the cast.

The Mark Drama is a fast-paced, action-packed event about the most influential and controversial figure in human history: Jesus Christ.

It is an innovative way of experiencing the Gospel of Mark and communicating it to others, performed as theatre-in-the-round.

Dates for the events are February 29 and March 1 at 7.30pm each evening. Tickets, priced just £5 (plus a small booking fee to cover costs) are available to purchase via these links:

- [Saturday performance](#) Eventbrite page
- [Sunday performance](#) Eventbrite page.

Staged at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday February 29 and Sunday March 1, the cast will be led by the Bishop of Blackburn, Rt Rev. Julian Henderson, the Bishop of Burnley, Rt Rev. Philip North and the Bishop of Lancaster, Rt Rev. Dr Jill Duff, along with some other members of the Bishop's Leadership Team including the Dean of Blackburn, The Very Rev. Peter Howell-Jones.

Collectively they will be creating an amazing and impactful dramatisation of Mark's Gospel in an event which is being produced in partnership with Buckshaw Village Church near Chorley.

Since its inception [The Mark Drama](#), created by Andrew Page, has been performed right across Europe and throughout the world.

Last year Buckshaw Village Church became the latest venue to perform The Mark Drama successfully – which led to the Vicar, Rev. James Gwyn Thomas, making the invitation to the Bishop's Leadership Team to join them in a special new version in 2020.

This 90-minute groundbreaking drama is the perfect way to begin Lent in 2020 and focus our heads and hearts towards the cross at Easter.

It is also a fantastic mission opportunity and those attending are encouraged to buy a ticket for themselves and another to give a friend an opportunity to hear the Gospel message in a unique way. But please note the production is not suitable for children aged 8 and under.

Speaking today Bishop Julian said: "It's always good to be able to impart the Gospel in new and different ways and this is an exciting and innovative production.

"As amateur actors we will be trusting wholly in God to shine the light of His message through us!

"I hope as many people as possible will take the opportunity to attend and – importantly – to bring a friend with them who may not have heard the Gospel message before."

Bishop Philip commented: "It's hard to think of a better way of entering into the scriptures than acting it out.

“I’m looking forward to being part of this team who will working together to lift this wonderful gospel off the page and, I pray, show something of the grace and power of Jesus.”

And Bishop Jill added: “I came to faith by reading the Bible and I am excited to be involved in this drama that brings the life of Jesus literally to life. My hope is that by being involved in the Mark Drama it will be Jesus who is in the spotlight.”

In The Mark Drama, the journey of Jesus and his followers will be mirrored in the setting of Blackburn Cathedral.

Starting at the west door under the ‘Christ the Worker’ sculpture by John Hayward and finishing under another stunning Hayward artwork - ‘Crown of Thorns’ which hangs above the high altar, a compelling production will unfold.

There will be two performances of the Mark Drama; on Saturday, February 29, 2020 and Sunday March 1, 2020 with both starting at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

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