



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

"Let faith be your shield"

Newsletter No 13 Friday 6th December 2019

MISSION STATEMENT

We learn, grow and care in
God's family

Scotforth Christmas Post

Our Christmas Post Box is now available for children to post their cards. Please ensure that as well as the name of who it is going to, you also add the class year.

KS1—Christmas Nativity

Tickets have now been given out to the children—**please check bags and trays if not received yours yet!**

Performances - Friday 13th at 9.30am, Monday 16th at 2pm and Tuesday 17th at 6.15pm.

If you have any spare tickets for any performance, particularly Monday or Tuesday, please could you return them to the office as soon as possible as we have a waiting list for these performances. Many thanks.

Christmas Lunch

Don't forget our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, 11th December (and not to bring a packed lunch if you have ordered one!) Children can wear a Christmas jumper/Christmas top and hat, but still school uniform for the rest of clothing please.

Parent Consultation Afternoon/Evening

Appointment times have been given to the children, if you haven't received yours, please check with your child or ask the class teacher.

Christmas Parties

Class Christmas parties will be: Y3/4 Thursday 12th, Y1/2 Friday 13th, Y5/6 Wednesday 18th and YN/R Thursday 19th. We would be grateful for a donation of £1 per child to be given to the class teacher by Thursday 12th so that we can purchase party food and drink for the children. Again, many thanks.

Christmas X-Factor

This will be taking place on Friday 19th December and is for the children to watch. If your child wishes to take part, please let the class teacher know and start practising!

FOSSY Events

Santa Disco Party—Thursday 12th December

KS1 5.45-7pm—if your child attends After School Club a member of staff will take them to the KS1 disco; parents need not come and collect them.

KS2 disco 7.15-8.45pm

Elfridges Secret Shopping Event—Friday 13th December (during the afternoon and straight after school)

'Pocket Money Monday'

Items left from the Christmas Market will be sold on Monday 9th (10p—20p) for the children to buy with their pocket money.

Flu Spray Vaccinations

The Vaccination Team are coming on Thursday 12th December to vaccinate those who were missed last month. If you haven't completed a consent form but would like your child to have the vaccination, please ask at the office for a form.

Poppy Appeal

The grand total for this year's appeal is £235.90. The Royal British Legion extend their appreciation for helping raise vital funds for their vital welfare and benevolent work.

Please note:

there will be NO assembly on Friday, 13th December

Assembly on Friday, 20th December will be in Church at 1.45pm.

Everyone welcome.

Book Fair—Monday 10th December

A scholastic book fair will be open on Monday after school and during both parent consultation sessions next week (Tuesday and Wednesday). This is an ideal opportunity to buy good value books (maybe for Christmas presents) and support the school. Thank you!

Music Assembly—Tuesday 17th December 9.10 am

There will be a performance lasting approx. 45mins arranged by the various music teachers from Lancashire Music Service. The children taking part will be informed and their parents will be invited to come and watch.

Trophies

Could all the children who received an award at the end of the summer term please return them to school by Monday, 9th December in order that they can be presented to new recipients during the Church Service on Friday, 20th December. Many thanks.

Please note: unfortunately school no longer engraves the child's name on the trophy, however please feel free to have this done yourself if you wish.

Diary Dates

Mon	9 Dec	Book Fair
Tues	10 Dec	Book Fair (& Wed 11 Dec)
Tues	10 Dec	Parent Consultations 2-4.30pm
Weds	11 Dec	Parent Consultations 5.30-8pm School Christmas Lunch
Thurs	12 Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Party
Fri	13 Dec	School Nativity 9.30am Y1/2 Christmas Party
Mon	16 Dec	School Nativity 2.00pm
Tues	17 Dec	School Nativity 6.15pm
Weds	18 Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Party
Thurs	19 Dec	YN/R Christmas Party
Fri	20 Dec	Church Service 1.45pm— ALL WELCOME! School closes for Christmas at 3.10pm

Mon 6 Jan 2020 School re-opens at 8.45am

Sickness

As you are probably aware, there has been a multitude of children off sick in the last few weeks for a number of reasons. However, please remember that if your child has been physically sick or suffered from diarrhoea, **they must not return until at least 48 hours after the last bout.** Should this not happen, school will contact parents to come and collect their child. Many thanks for your cooperation in helping us prevent the spread of infection.

Online Safety

Please see the attached information leaflet in the series about online safety. Please take time to look through these with your child.

Church Funds—Recycling used inkjet cartridges

The Church has joined Recycle4Charity to raise funds by recycling used inkjet cartridges and for each one the Church will receive £1. They will accept only certain types:

Inkjet cartridges, including HP, Dell, Lexmark, Canon, Samsung, Neopost .

Cartridges that have not previously been refilled.

Cartridges that are undamaged and still have their label attached.

They will not accept:

Epson and Kodak—these are ink tanks and do not have a circuit board and therefore have no recycling value.

Laser or toner cartridges.

Own brand products, eg Tesco, PC World.

The cartridges can be dropped off either at the back of Church or in the Parish Office, as every contribution really does help.

School Admission for September 2020

The deadline for applications for a primary place is **15th January 2020**. Applications should be made online by visiting—

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Clubs

Football: Mon 4 Nov – 9 Dec (6 weeks) 3.15-4.15pm
Yrs 3,4,5 & 6

Fashion Mondays 3.15-4.15pm

Club: Yrs 5 & 6—places still available.

Art Club: Tues 3.10-4.10pm

Sportz 4 All: Weds 18 Sept 3.10-4.10pm

Karate: Thur 3.30-5.30 pm

Please note: There will be no Art Club on Tuesday 10th due to parents' afternoon, but it will take place on Tuesday 17th when children can finish off their work.

Lost Uniform

We are still accumulating a lot of un-named (or un-readably named) uniform, particularly sweatshirts, which have been put on the FOSSY rail for sale. All other lost items are in the box in the main reception area. In order that we can return lost items please **NAME THEM CLEARLY!** Thank you for

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Buying a smart toy

Planning to buy a smart toy that connects via bluetooth, Wi-Fi or mobile app? Here are 4 things to consider



1. How does the toy interact with your child and other devices?

Make sure you understand what key things your child can do with the toy and if it can connect to any other devices, for example **can it send messages to a phone** or connect to a smart TV?

Questions to ask

- Is there a **chat function** that allows children to communicate with others?
- Are there apps that can be used with the toy which **may contain ads or allow in-app purchases**?
- Does the toy require information about **your child's location**?
- **Where is the interactive data stored** and processed?
- Are there **any add-ons to purchase** to get the best experience?
- Is there a digital version of the toy that does the same thing which **would save on cost**?

2. Does the toy require your child's personal information?

Some toys ask for your child's name, their age and a parent email address to work. **To ensure your child privacy and data are kept safe make sure the toy company is reputable** and check out their data privacy policy so you are aware of what their procedure is, in the event of a hack on their systems.



Things to do

- **Read reviews** about the toy and see if there have been any other concerns raised
- Put the **minimal amount of information** about your child required
- **Read the terms and condition** and privacy policies



3. Are there any features such as a camera that might put a child at risk?

Carry out a series of checks before buying a toy with such features as they may be vulnerable to hackers such as a camera or built-in microphone that connects to the internet. Be clear on how the toy can be played with to **ensure it doesn't encourage them to put themselves at risk**, for example Pokemon GO and road safety.

Weigh up whether these features are worthwhile having to help your child have the best experience. If you do decide to buy it, make sure to switch these off when not in use and **only enter minimal personal information if required** to reduce risk to your child's privacy and security.



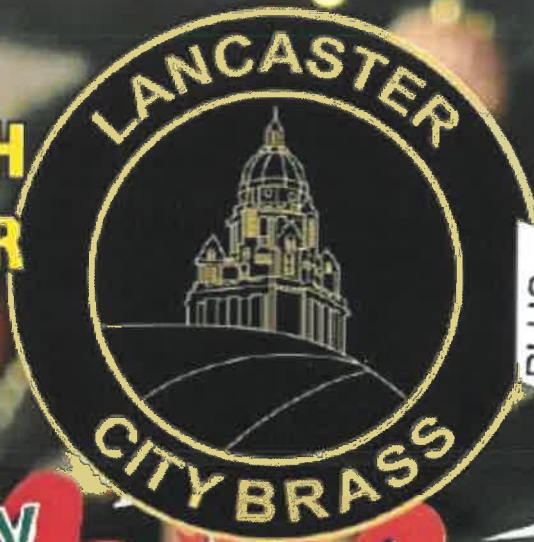
4. Is there a monthly subscription to access new content with the toy?

Some smart toys may feature an **additional subscription service** to access new content to help children get the most out of the toy.

If you choose to opt-in **make sure to read the terms and conditions** on cancelling the subscription as you do not want to be paying monthly charges when your child is no longer playing with the toy. Also assess other costs like requirement to buy batteries.



**WED 11TH
DECEMBER
7:30PM**



PLUS

**HARPIST MIRANDA
BARTY-TAYLOR
AND
LCB LEARNER BAND**

Charity

Christmas

CONCERT

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FAMILY OF 4 £22
REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED**

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TEL: 01524 582803**



**IN AID OF
ST THOMAS
CHURCH LANCASTER**

READING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

HEART OF THE CITY PROJECT



Christmas Special

Saturday 14th December

3.30pm-5.30pm



Join us for an afternoon of Christmas crafts
and games, listen to the Christmas story
and enjoy a party tea.

for children and their families
suggested donation £2 per family

St Thomas Church,
Marton Street, LA1 1XX



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SHARING GOD'S LOVE FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY

Nativity From Scratch

Sunday 15th December



Family Carols with craft activities and Christmas nibbles.

All the children will put on a Nativity Play from scratch during the morning.

10am at Ripley Sixth Form Centre,
Ashton Road, Lancaster, LA1 4RS

To register your child go to
www.moorlands.org.uk/nfs



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