



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

Learning, growing and  
caring as part of God's family

"I am the vine, and you are the branches.  
If any remain in me and I remain in them,  
they produce much fruit." (John 15:5)

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## Welcome to Scotforth St Paul's school!

Each term we will send a letter telling you our topics, and any news. Mrs Browne is the class teacher and Mrs Whiteside is the teaching assistant. Each week all teachers in every school have sessions out of class to prepare lessons and assess work, so on a Friday afternoon Mrs Whiteside will teach the class PHSE and music. She will be supported by Miss Elliott.

This half term the topic is "All about me". Please see the attached half-termly learning programme to see what we will be covering.

We use an app called 'Evidence Me' to take photos and make observations about the children's learning. You will be able to see what the children have been learning each day and you can let us know what your child has been doing at home as well. We find that the children love it when we share their photos/videos from home with the rest of the class. You will receive information about this in a separate letter.

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 same as their siblings - please let me know if it's not!

We have hall sessions on a Tuesday and Friday. P.E. kits will need to be in school at all times. 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. As soon as full school assemblies recommence, children that we feel are ready to sit through assembly will join worship. After the October half term, everyone will join in with assemblies. In the meantime, worship will be held in class.

During the first few weeks Mrs Whiteside and I will be spending time assessing the level at which your child has started school. This, combined with the information from nurseries, will be used to give us a basis from which to progress their learning. I will discuss this with you at parents' evening. We have a new EYFS curriculum this year. Please see the attached guide which explains these changes.

Fruit and water/milk will be available free for children to have throughout the course of the morning. Please send a water bottle into school (only water please, no juice). Please do not send any snacks.

Over the first term your child will bring home a sounds book 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





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skills develop. The 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 Thursday next week your child will be full time so they will start at 8:45am. They will need to be picked up at 3:10pm from the Reception classroom door.

If you have any concerns, please see either myself or Mrs Whiteside after school. Alternatively, you can write a note in the reading record book or email me on at: [p.browne@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:p.browne@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk) 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 Mrs Whiteside.

