

'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly' John 10:10

THRIVE IN THE GIFT OF LIFE

FARINGTON MOSS ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER January 2023



Headteacher



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back after the Christmas break—I do hope you have all had a happy and peaceful time. It has been lovely to hear everything the children have enjoyed getting up to and the gifts they have received. Teachers have commented on how quickly the children have settled back into class and school routines so well done to all our pupils. Please take the time to read through the first newsletter of the new year. Thank you.

Ofsted Inspection

The report is due to be published towards the middle of January and will inform you of the grading for the school. I will update you as soon as I have any more information.

Worship Value—Courage and celebrating Candlemas

This half term our worship value is courage. Children will learn what it means to be courageous and look at associated bible stories. We will continue to celebrate acts of courage during whole-school worship every Monday. Candlemas takes place on the first Sunday in February and we will learn about this Christian celebration together. It is when Christians remember the time that the infant Jesus was taken by Mary and Joseph to the Temple 40 days after the birth to be presented to God. Children will also continue to learn about our British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Each class will have two special class worship each half term about these values. Father Matthew will continue to lead worship to the whole school every Thursday morning.



Sports Clubs

These will all start up again next week:

Cheerleading Club—Year 4 (started this week and run by South Ribble)

Choir—Years 3, 4, 5, 6 (also started this week and is run by Mrs Oaten, Mrs Hayward & Mrs Quinton)

Book Club—Year 4 (run by Mrs Hayward)

Eco-Club—Year 3 (Run by Mrs Sprakes and Year 5 pupils Lucy, Matthew, Fynn and Harry)

Wellbeing Wonders—Year R, 1, 2 on a rota basis (Run by Mrs Hoare and Year 5)

CALENDAR

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Diary Dates

Monday 9th January

Paralympic Festival—All school

Friday 13th January

2:30 Celebration Assembly

Friday 20th January

9:10 Reading breakfast Y1

Wednesday 25th January

Tempest Individual & Family Photographs

Thursday 2nd February

Word Guerilla—David Bowden

Friday 3rd February

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Tuesday 7th February

Safer internet day

Friday 10th February

SCHOOL CLOSING FOR HALF TERM at 3.20pm

Tuesday 21st February

SCHOOL REOPENS

Friday 24th March

Tempest—Class photographs at 9am

Wednesday 5th April

SCHOOL CLOSING FOR HALF TERM at 1.10pm

2023 ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

•Primary School Applications

Closing Date: 15th January 2023

Headteacher



Mindfulness— To be confirmed

Year 5 and 6 pupils are trained as sports leaders and run activities for infant pupils during Monday lunchtimes.

Sports competitions will continue throughout the term and parents will be informed if their child is taking part.

Outdoor Prayer Space

The front garden is also used as our outdoor prayer space which has been developed by myself with the help of the school council. Our 12 worship values are attached to trees, the willow dome and benches with prayers and poems on the reverse. During lunch times, children have the opportunity to visit the prayer space to enjoy a quiet period of reflection rather than be on the busy yard—they can find all of the values cards and read the prayers. Older members of the school council lead these sessions and always finish with a bible story and prayer. We have also added bird feeders to attract wildlife to our garden for the children to observe.



Paralympic Festival

This takes place on Monday 9th January and each class will experience taking part in Paralympic events and further develop their knowledge and understanding of disability in sport.

Poetry Workshop

We are really looking forward to welcoming Mr David Bowden (aka The Word Guerrilla) back to St. Paul's for 2 days of creative performance poetry at the start of February. Children will learn new writing techniques and have an opportunity to perform their work. You can take a look at some of David's work here.

<https://wordguerrilla.com/>

Celebration assemblies

These continue to take place on Friday's at 2:30pm and parents of children chosen for good work or star of the week will be informed by text and invited to attend.

Forest Schools Project update

During the spring and summer term we hope to develop some of the grounds with a shelter and forest area and look at embedding Forest Schools into our curriculum. Mrs Parker and Mrs Almond will be complete their outdoor first aid course later this month as part of their training to lead the sessions. Thank you to the FOSPS team, Mrs Benson and Mr Wilding for their support with this project.

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns do please get in touch with the office, your class teacher or myself.

On behalf of the St. Paul's team I wish you a happy new year.

Best wishes,

Mr J Eccleston

Head Teacher