

'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 1st November 2022



Congratulations to our pupils who received the Christian value, Punctuality and Courtesy Awards at the end of last half term.

| Class  |                 | Christian Value Award         |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Year R | Theo Stables    | Friendship                    |
| Year 1 | Elouise Chapman | Respect                       |
| Year 2 | Nell Dixon      | Kindness                      |
| Year 2 | Esme Kennedy    | Perseverance                  |
| Year 3 | Ria Fishwick    | Kindness                      |
| Year 4 | Ruby Hardman    | Generosity                    |
| Year 5 | Kayla Kennett   | Generosity                    |
| Class  |                 | Punctuality or Courtesy Award |
| Year 1 | Arthur Hughes   | Punctuality                   |
| Year 2 | Harvey Brown    | Courtesy                      |
| Year 3 | Arya Brierley   | Punctuality                   |
| Year 5 | Eva Barnes      | Courtesy                      |



## Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 1st November**  
Lancashire Fire Brigade Visit Y2 & Y6
- **Friday 4th November**  
NHS Mental Health Day
- **W/C 14th November**  
Anti Bullying Week
- **Tuesday 15th November**  
Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 16th November**  
Parents Evening
- **Saturday 19th November**  
Church Xmas Fair
- **Friday 25th November**  
Y3 Reading Breakfast—9.05am
- **Thursday 1st December**  
KS2 Advent Service—6pm
- **Friday 2nd December**  
FOSPS Sponsored Event
- **Tuesday 6th December**  
KS1 Nativity Performance—2pm
- **Wednesday 7th December**  
KS1 Nativity Performance—6pm
- **Tuesday 13th December**  
KS2 Disco 1:30—3pm
- **Wednesday 14th December**  
KS1 Disco 1:30—2:30pm
- **Friday 16th December**  
Finish for Christmas Break— 1:10pm

## Worship Values

Our worship value this half term is **Compassion**



### Attendance – W/E 21st October

Reception – 99%

Year 1 – 96.9%

Year 2 – 96%

Year 3 – 97%

Year 4 – 96.9%

Year 5 – 97.7%

Year 6 – 95%

**Whole School Overall – 96.93%**

**Well done to Year 2 for the highest overall attendance last half term**

## House Points

The winning team at the end of last half term was.....

**Longridge—829points**



### 2023 ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

- **Primary School Applications**  
Closing Date: Sunday 15th January 2023

# Headteacher



## Welcome back

Good afternoon, and welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I do hope all the children have had a lovely break. This term we will be preparing for the season of Advent and our Christmas schedule including our KS1 Nativity and KS2 Advent Service at St. Paul's Church. I also notice there is the small matter of the winter Football World Cup—Come on England!

## Amazing School drone footage

We have recently had some excellent drone footage produced by Frank at Vision photos of our extensive school grounds. I have often received comments from prospective parents that they were unaware of how much space we have outside. The footage can be seen on the homepage of our website - just scroll down a little. It looks amazing. Thank you to Mrs Parker for arranging this.

<https://www.stpaulsprimaryschoolfarington.co.uk/>

## Worship Theme—Compassion

Our worship value is compassion and pupils will understand what it means to be compassionate. Whole-school and class worship will focus on this theme alongside Advent in December. Each month teachers also deliver a current topical worship using the excellent Primary Picture News resource we subscribe to.



## Attendance

Well done to Year 2 for having the highest attendance last half term. They enjoyed an extended play during the final afternoon. Lets see which class can have the highest attendance this term.

## Staffing update

Miss Morrison, who has been teaching PPA cover across some classes in school, has obtained a permanent teaching position. We wish her all the best in her new position. Thank you. From this week, Mrs Quinton will be covering the PPA in Year 4. Mrs Parker will be teaching every Friday in Year 2 with Mrs Carmon covering the PPA on a Thursday afternoon. In Year 1, Mrs Finnegan, a supply teacher well-known to the school, will be covering all day every Thursday. We also welcome Mrs Bruty to our team of Teaching Assistants. She is very experienced in the role and will be supporting pupils in Year 5.

## Indoor Athletics Festival

Throughout yesterday, Years 1-6 have enjoyed taking part in our half-termly sports festivals—this one being indoor athletics. Pupils have practiced and learnt new skills including chest push, hurdles, target throw and speed bounce.

## NHS Mental Health Day

This Friday 4th November we welcome the Yogi Group into school to deliver Yoga sessions to the school. Each class will have a 30-minute slot and will learn: guided meditation, resilience and mindfulness activities, breathing techniques and healthy habits.

## Mindfulness Club

This half-term, Years 1 & 2 will have the opportunity to attend our mindfulness club run by Tanya Ridgeway from South Ribble Borough Council Active Sports Partnership. This will take place in the Year 2 classroom every Wednesday lunchtime from 12.20-12.50 pm. This is a lovely club, giving the children time to be still, calm and relaxed using breathing techniques and some yoga poses. The sessions start next week and class teachers will be in touch via Class Dojo on how to sign-up.

## Active Sports Club—Year 5 Dance

It is Year 5's turn to take part in our after-school sports club provided by the sports partnership. Katie will be leading dance classes from 3.30-4.15pm. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn some challenging dance moves.

All our clubs are free of charge and always well run and attended. All we ask is that if your child would like to join a club then they attend every week or let the member of staff know if they can't attend for any reason. Many thanks.

## Remembrance

Friday 11th November is Armistice Day and as a school we will come together in the school hall to mark the occasion with a two-minute silence. A service of Remembrance will take place in Lostock Hall on Sunday 13th November and school will lay a wreath as a mark of respect for those who have lost their lives in war. Any Year 6's who will be at the service are welcome to lay the wreath at the cenotaph. Please inform the office if you would like to be part of this.

# Headteacher



## Parents Evening

This will take place in school classrooms on the evenings of Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th November from 3.40pm until 6.30pm. A separate letter will provide more information regarding booking your time slot.

## KS1 Nativity & KS2 Advent Service

This will be held at St. Paul's Church on Thursday 1st December at St. Paul's Church from 6-7pm. This is an amazing evening of music and performance and is a wonderful way to start the season of Advent. Our Nativity performance will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 6th December at 2pm and Wednesday 7th December 6pm. I always look forward to this and it will be exciting for our Reception class to take part for the first time. More details for both of these events to follow.

## FOSPS Christmas sponsored event

This will be held in school on Friday 2nd December—more details to follow.

## Earrings and jewellery

For reasons of safety, ear rings are not allowed, but if necessary the wearing of plain studs (not pictured or diamonds), is permitted. Children can remove their studs themselves before taking part in P.E lessons. It would be appreciated if children intending to have their ears pierced, would do so in the summer holidays so that the wearing of studs, is reduced to a minimum.

The wearing of other jewellery is not permitted including wristbands, bracelets, rings and necklaces.

LEA policy states that **no** jewellery can be worn during PE, games or swimming lessons including studs.

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

Best wishes,

Mr J Eccleston

Head Teacher