

'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 5th September 2022



Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely summer making lots of wonderful memories the children have been telling us what exciting things they've been up to. As always, we are very thrilled to welcome all children back and meet our new reception class as they join us at St Paul's.



Worship Values

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



Let us Pray

Lord teach me to be generous

Teach me to serve as you deserve

To give and not count the cost

To fight and not heed the wounds

To toil and not seek for rest

To labor and not as for reward

Save that of knowing that I do your will.

Amen.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 30th September at 11am in St. Paul's Church with everyone welcome to join us.



Diary Dates

•Thursday 8th September

Y6 Parents Robinwood meeting— 3:30pm

•Wednesday 14th September

Year 1 Active Sports Club—3.20-4.10pm

•Wednesday 14th –16th September

Y6 Robinwood Trip

•Wednesday 28th—29th September

Multi faith days on Hinduism and Sikhism

•Friday 30th September

Harvest Festival in St Paul's Church —11am

•Tuesday 4th October

Intrahealth Flu Vac—9:15am

•Thursday 6th October

National Poetry day

KS1 + KS2 Parent Meeting Read Write Inc— 3:30pm

•Friday 7th October

YR Reading Breakfast— 9-9:30am

•Friday 21st October

End of half term Awards Assembly—9.10am

Headteacher



Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome back all our pupils to St. Paul's after our summer holiday break. This is a special time of year as pupils (and staff!) are filled with nervous excitement anticipating the coming term. The children have all enjoyed meeting their new teachers and getting set-up in class. We are also delighted to welcome our new reception class into school for the start of their learning journey with us. They have enjoyed a tour of the school and already Mrs Hoare has commented on how smartly they have been sitting on the carpet! Apart from our new reception children, we also welcome pupils who have joined St. Paul's from other schools, either at the end of the summer term or the start of this term—I know our pupils will make them feel very welcome and help them settle in quickly.

This summer I have been very active, climbing Ben Nevis with my son and walking part of Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland—I love the outdoors and appreciate the positive physical and mental benefits you gain from it. This year, I wish to develop our own Forest Schools initiative so we can offer more of the outdoors to all our pupils.

Today, we have gathered together in the hall to kick-off our first full week with our whole-school worship around the theme of generosity.

Worship— Generosity

This term we will be focusing in school on the value of GENEROSITY, and the home-school values information sheet has helpful ideas to explore the value together. Father Matthew will

continue to lead worship every Thursday and we will gather fortnightly for Hymn singing (led by Mrs Oaten) and Key stage worship (led by class teachers). Every Wednesday worship happens in individual classes led by the class teacher with some pupil participation. Year 6 pupils lead the whole worship themselves in their classroom—they deliver the welcome, the learning, reflecting and responding elements.



Reading Breakfast

The popular Reading Breakfast mornings will continue after the successful launch last year. Parents and guardians have the opportunity to come into school and listen to their child read whilst enjoying a drink and a breakfast snack.

The dates for the autumn term are:

Reception—7th October 9-9:30am

Year 3—25th November 9-9:30am

Forest Schools

Having held Forest school days over the last few years and seen the benefits the children have experienced taking risks in the outdoors, I have taken the initial steps in becoming an accredited Forest school organisation ourselves. This is a process which involves training staff as Level 3 leaders in both forest schools and outdoor first aid. Once qualified and with the correct facilities in place, I hope to offer Forest schools as part of our curriculum offer. This is an exciting opportunity for St. Paul's to further utilise the beautiful outdoor space we have here.

Active Sports After School Clubs

Active sports clubs will run every Wednesday throughout the year starting with Year 1 from September 14th, 3:20-4:10pm. Katie Johnson, from the South Ribble Sports partnership, will be leading the sessions. More details to follow.

Multi-faith days

On 28th and 29th September, we are welcoming Prags Birk from Cultural Educ-Asian into school to deliver a variety of sessions on the religions of Hinduism and Sikhism. Prags has visited school a few times in the past and this time we hope to enjoy food tasting, artwork, dance and henna as part of the learning.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 30th September at 11am in St. Paul's Church with everyone welcome to join us. This will coincide with the Church's festival on Sunday 2nd October.

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