

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

NEWSLETTER May 2023



Headteacher Update

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The month of May brings many wonderful events to St. Paul's including the King's Coronation celebrations and our school sports day.

We began this week with a special worship from a recording by Bishop Philip, soon to be installed as the new Bishop of Blackburn. He talked about the importance of the coronation and how it is a rare event having previously happened 70 years ago.

Children remembered the five items he shared to mark the Coronation: Westminster Abbey, Oil of Chrism used to anoint the King, an Oath, a Crown, a Paten and a Chalice (a cup & saucer) used for Holy Communion. He also posed some questions for us to think about in our lives: What things are you really committed to? How can we be a servant to others?

This Friday we will celebrate King Charles III Coronation together in school with themed lessons and a special picnic lunch outside. Children can come dressed in red, white and blue for the occasion, including any regalia, head-dress and face painting if they wish. We are also hosting our sports day with a coronation theme. You are most welcome to attend—see the post on the Class Dojo.

Forest School

Year 2 and Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying their Forest School lessons so far this half term. They have been involved in camp fire cooking, making flags using palm drills and peelers, building shelters using willow, camouflage games, mini-beast hunting and mud cakes. The site has been transformed and will continue to develop over the coming months and years.



Book Wagon Pop-up shop

We have welcomed the Book Wagon into school to promote our love of reading and give children the opportunity to sample some new texts. We use them regularly to source our stock and they have provided discounted books to purchase. Thank you for supporting this venture and to Mrs Hayward, our English and curriculum Lead, for organising this visit.

<https://bookwagon.co.uk/>

Sports update

Some members of Year 2 are taking part in the after-school club run by our partnership with South Ribble council every Wednesday. We have a Year 5/6 girls football league starting up later next week and our link with St. Paul's Bowling Club will resume following the half term when Year 3 will attend for 6 sessions. KS2 will watch a fencing demonstration by a local club leader and have the opportunity to take part in the after-school club (there will be a charge for this). Thank you to Mrs Almond, our PE Lead, for organising all these events.

Lego Robotics

On the 19th May we welcome a team from Adult Education into school to teach Lego Robotics to a group of our Year 4's. This is an exciting opportunity to learn about coding using Lego. Thank you to Mrs Quinton for arranging this—further information has been sent out to Year 4 pupils.

Reading Breakfast

Parents, guardians and grandparents of Year 4 pupils are invited to our reading breakfast on Friday 19th May. They can enjoy a drink and a pastry whilst listening their child read. I look forward to seeing you there.

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