



# St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



## Friday 22 September 2023

At St John's Stonefold Primary School, we reflect many Christian Values. We also focus on our 'Core Values' of **Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance.**

Our School Motto is based on Ephesians 3: 17-19,  
'Rooted and Established in God's Love: Nurture, Grow, Fly'

Dear Parents/Carers

Another week has flown by here at St John's! The school year is now settling down and the children are getting used to the routine once again. We are looking forward to our Macmillan Coffee event next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – please do attend if you can – or donate!

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again next week when Y5 and 6 will go to Clitheroe Castle on Monday and Y3 will go to Accrington Stanley on Wednesday – a busy week once again.

Best wishes

**Frances Brady**  
Headteacher

**Katie Isherwood**  
Deputy Head

CLASSES	★ ★ English Award and Learner of the Week Award. ★	★ ★ This week's Value's Award - GENEROSITY ★	<u>The School's Attendance Target is 96%</u>
<b>EAGLETS</b>	Oscar & Romilly	Alban	94.4%
<b>AVOCET</b>	Rico & Lillie	Harriet	98.52%
<b>GOLDCREST</b>	Ellis & Daisy	Haniya	95.65%
<b>LAPWING</b>	Jazmine & Alfie	Jessica	95.2%
<b>EAGLE</b>	Noah & Scarlet	Lilly W	97.5%

This week's winners are .... Avocet Class

Team Points Winner  
this week

OAK



## PLEASE MEET OUR HEAD STUDENTS AT ST JOHN'S STONEFOLD

- Noah – Head Boy
- Elsie – Head Girl
- Evie – Deputy
- Gabrielle - Deputy



## OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION 2024 PARENTS



ST JOHN'S STONEFOLD are holding an **OPEN EVENING** next **TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER** between **4-5 pm** – if you have a child who is due to start in September 2024 please come with them to have a look in our Reception Class and meet Miss Brady our Headteacher, Miss Isherwood our Deputy and Mrs Burrow our Reception Class Teacher and her team.



### **FOSS (Friends of Stonefold School – PTFA) MEETING – THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER at 3.30 pm**

The first meeting of this school year will be held after school on Thursday 28 September – we invite everyone, old and new parents and carers to please come - you are very welcome to attend and bring your children along too!!



### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER IS COMING ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

- Our school photographer is in school from 8.30 am on Tuesday taking pictures of any preschool siblings of children in school. You are very welcome to come in early and take advantage of this. Children without preschool siblings but who have siblings in school will be photographed on their own and with their sibling during the morning.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 2.30 PM**



We are hosting a coffee afternoon in the school hall at 2.30 pm, you and your family and friends are very welcome to attend – you will be able to take home your children early on this day if you come to the coffee afternoon.

**PLEASE CAN YOU SEND INTO SCHOOL ANY DONATIONS OF CAKE/BISCUITS FROM WEDNESDAY ONWARDS – PLEASE GIVE TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER**

# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

School and Academy places September 2023

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport  
Need transport to school?  
Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport.  
Search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk)

**CLOSING DATE**  
**15 JANUARY 2023**

**Lancashire**  
County Council

[lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

School admissions are now open for children due to start primary or secondary school in **September 2024** at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Please note the online system went live on **Friday 1 September 2023**.

Closing dates are:

Primary School – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

High School – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

School and Academy places September 2023

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2022.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

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**CLOSING DATE**  
**31 OCTOBER 2022**

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## Parking – Please Park Safely so that our children are safe.

Once again we politely request that parents park carefully, legally and safely around school at busy times. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STAFF CAR PARK – THIS IS THE AREA AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL.** So that we are good neighbours, please make sure that you ***do not park in the lane next to school***, the houses at the back of school need access to their properties at all times.



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AROUND THE ENTRANCE TO LANXESS due to large lorries turning and the entrance/lane being used at all times by the company!**

This is really important as this week there was a near miss where a delivery vehicle came around the corner where a car was parked with the doors open and a lady helping her children from the car. By chance, there was no traffic coming the other way and so the driver was able to swerve to avoid the car/pedestrians, but this could equally have resulted in a serious injury, especially if it had been one of the delivery lorries which would not have been able to avoid the car!

Working together, we can keep our children safe and ensure that everyone is keeping the welfare of all pedestrians at the forefront of their minds. Thank you.

## Attendance Matters

Don't forget school now opens at 8.45 am – **registration is at 8.50 am** – **DON'T BE LATE!!** Please note the new start of day time – this is 5 minutes earlier than previously expected.



Every Day Counts....




## HELPFUL TIPS: To ensure you child arrives at school on time:

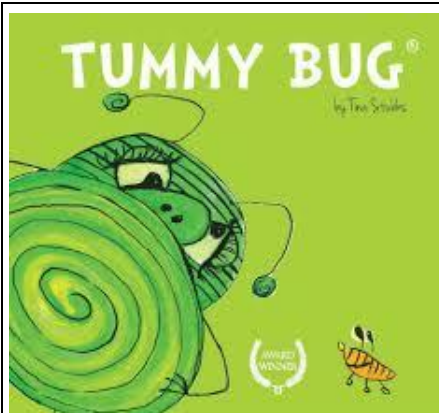
- Make sure he/she gets enough sleep.
- Makes sure he/she has an alarm clock.
- Make sure he/she has clothes ready the night before.
- Ensure he/she packs bags the night before, including swimming and PE kits.
- Try and arrange all dental and medical appointments outside school hours wherever possible



**Attendance Tips for Parents:**



-  Set a regular bed time
-  Lay out clothes the night before
-  Develop backup plans
-  Schedule medical appointments for non-school days



## SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA & SCHOOL:

If your child has a sickness and/or diarrhoea bug please make sure that you do not bring them to school. Children with these types of illness need to stay away from school until 48 hours after the last episode.



### Vomiting and diarrhoea?



Stay hydrated



Take paracetamol if needed



Prevent spread



Stay at home until 2 days after symptoms stop

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs like norovirus. Treat yourself at home while the virus runs its course.

## FOODBANK

We now have a foodbank collection point in the front entrance, please do make donations as you are able – Father David will be able to collect these as St James' Church is a hub for this purpose. If you are struggling at all with the cost of living and providing food at home, please get in touch – we are able to refer our parents to the foodbank or to Father David who can help.



St Thomas' & St James' Churches  
invite your family to a



Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
2-4pm  
St Thomas' Church Hall,  
Helmshore

Songs, Bible stories, craft activities,  
worship time & food  
with children & families in mind  
All are welcome! Come & see!

More information Fr David 07539 264279

# **ECO CLUB NEWS –FINAL PUSH FOR TESCO BLUE TOKENS!**



Following on from our ECO Team's successful application to be a part of the Tesco Tokens Scheme, please make sure you put any blue tokens in our section of the stand in either Haslingden or Rawtenstall Tescos before the end of September 2023. **If you are struggling to get to either Haslingden or Rawtenstall Tesco please hand your tokens into the school office and we will make sure that they get there!**

Our school project is entitled: GREEN, GREEN, GREEN, and focuses on improving our outdoor environment with the children hopefully growing some fruit and vegetables for the school and local community. The first prize is £1500, second prize is £1000 and third prize is £500.

We would love it if you could help us to win the top prize – thank you in anticipation of your support!!

## **Breakfast and After School Club**

We have wonderful wrap-around provision in school - breakfast club starts from 7.45am and is only £5 including breakfast. After school club is from the end of the school day until 5.45pm and costs £8 including a snack for the children. Please do consider this as your 'go-to' for care for your child - it can be booked in advance on our school money app or phone school if it is a short notice booking. For this provision to continue, we need parents to utilise the clubs so that they are viable for the future. Thank you.



## **ACTIVITIES AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB W.C 25 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Monday	What Flavour?
Tuesday	More Clowns
Wednesday	Draw with Rob
Thursday	Hibernating Animals
Friday	Making Cupcakes



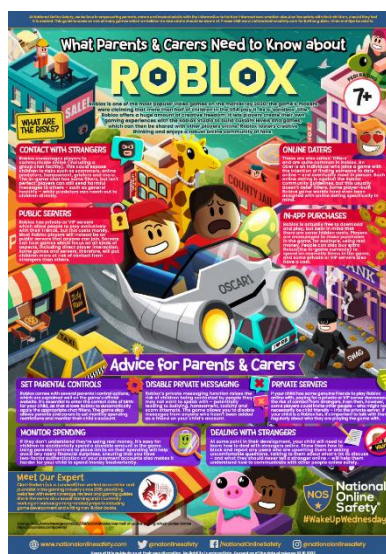
**REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR NEWS ITEMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!!**

## Time for Reflection



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Fly*

## INTERNET SAFETY



Roblox is one of the most popular games on the market. It offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own player experiences with the Roblox Studio to build

custom levels and games which can be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 25 September		CASTLE CRUSHERS – YEAR 5/6 TRIP
Tuesday 26 September	am	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS (INDIVIDUAL)
Tuesday 26 September	4.00-5.00 am	OPEN EVENING FOR ANY NEW RECEPTION 2024 PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO VISIT SCHOOL
Wednesday 27 September		YEAR 3 TO VISIT ACCRINGTON STANLEY
Thursday 28 September	3.30 pm	FOSS MEETING (PTFA) All welcome!
Friday 29 September	2.30 pm	MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON
Tuesday 3 October		FIREMEN TO VISIT YEAR 2 & YEAR 6 CHILDREN
Friday 20 October	3.20 pm	School closes for half term
Tuesday 31 October	8.50 am	School re-opens
Wednesday 1 November		FLU IMMUNISATION
Friday 1 December		WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW DATES MAY BE ADDED TO THIS LIST**

**School Vision:** *Our vision is to live and grow together as a loving church school family, who celebrate one another's individuality. Built upon our shared Christian values, St John's provides our children with teaching of a bespoke and innovative curriculum, empowering them to flourish with the knowledge and skills for life. From our vision, we inspire our children to have uncompromising aspirations and to thrive and succeed.*