



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



Friday 29 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

What a busy week again! Year 5 and 6 visited Clitheroe Castle on Monday and Year 3 collected their new Accrington Stanley kits on Wednesday while spending time with players and visiting the ground. We are working hard to continue to settle into school life – which includes focusing on behaviour choices. Please help us to ensure our school is a happy, safe and secure place to be by reinforcing our expectations at home regarding behaviour in school. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Frances Brady
Headteacher

Katie Isherwood
Deputy Head

CLASSES	★ ★ English Award and Learner of the Week Award. ★	★ ★ This week's Value's Award - LOVE ★	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Charlie & Darcie	Skylar	98.4%
AVOCET	Jack & Maya	Ernest	97.04%
GOLDCREST	Jack & Reece	Luca	97.39%
LAPWING	Isobelle & Zoya	Arlo	94.4%
EAGLE	Roxie & Evie A	Lily F	95%

This week's winners are **EAGLETS Class**

Team Points Winner this week	CONKER
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PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY:

If you would like to be a part of the governing body team at St John's Stonefold as one of our two Parent Governors, please make sure you complete the nomination form coming home with your child tonight and submit your application by email to

office@sjstonefold.com by 12 noon on Monday 9 October 2023.

PE KITS

Please can children keep a PE kit in school all half term and take it home at intervals for washing as appropriate. Due to regular issues with PE kits, we will



have a stock in school and children will borrow these if they do not have their own kit to ensure they are taking part in the PE lessons (which are part of the national curriculum). These kits will be washed after

use by school. Please support us in our endeavours by ensuring your child's PE kit is in school at all times. Thank you.



PICNIC BENCHES ON THE PLAYGROUND



Children must
be supervised
at all times

Please can parents closely supervise their children when on the playground in a morning, as we have seen many children climbing on the picnic benches. Children have been standing on the seats as well as climbing onto the top of the table. This is dangerous, and we also want the children to respect school property.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

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 – 15th January 2024

High School – 31st October 2023

A message has been sent out this week to our Y6 parents who have yet to complete an application – to ensure your choices are fully considered, please do apply on time for a High School place.

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

We have this item on our newsletter every week – however, we continue to have grave concerns regarding the safety of our children – both when walking as pedestrians and as passengers in cars. We messaged out this week to this effect. **PLEASE PARK LEGALLY, SAFELY AND WITH CONSIDERATION FOR ALL ROAD USERS. WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE ANYONE HURT AS A RESULT OF POOR CHOICES BY ROAD USERS.**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ATTENDANCE - PLEASE READ

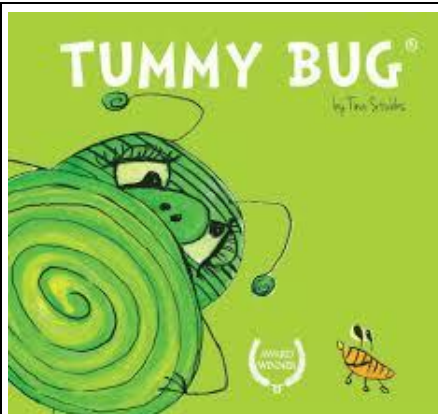
Attendance Matters



Due to the latest government initiative, school is tracking absences rigorously. We always appreciate it when parents are honest with school when reporting their child's absence from school.

We will now therefore require medical evidence as part of our duty in this regard when medical absences are reported to school and we have information that families are actually on holiday.

We look forward to working in partnership with parents to build an honest relationship to ensure good attendance at school.



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.

NHS

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.

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.



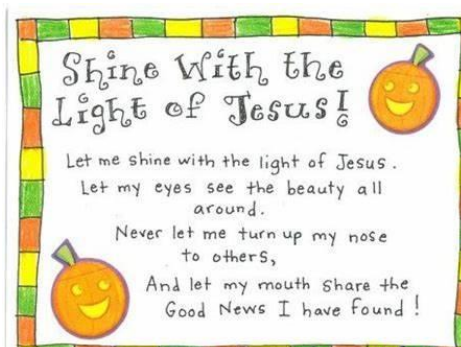
**ACTIVITIES AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
W.C 2 OCTOBER 2023**

Monday	What's in the box?
Tuesday	Paper Crafts
Wednesday	Draw with Rob
Thursday	Favourites
Friday	Making Pizza



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

Time for Reflection



Rooted and Established in God's Love – Nurture, Grow, Fly

INTERNET SAFETY



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. It's end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients:

not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill propose to end such encryption on private messaging.

ROSSENDALE HOSPICE APPEAL

Children will come home tonight with boxes for the Rossendale Hospice Penny Appeal. Penny's Appeal will run over a six week period. Monies will be collected w.c 6 November, so please could you send them back to school by Friday 3 November – Many thanks for your support.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
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
Wednesday 8 November		PARENTS EVENING – Time to be arranged
Wednesday 15-17 November		ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL – YEAR 6 TRIP
Friday 1 December		WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW DATES MAY BE ADDED TO THIS LIST

School Vision:

Our Theologically Rooted School Vision in Action

Mission:

Rooted and Established in God's Love: Nurture, Grow, Fly
(Ephesians 3:17)

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 excellent 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.

The three main areas which guide our vision are:

Nurture

In all aspects of school life we are role models for the love of God. We seek to live out our values of love and generosity

Grow

Through our values of empathy and endurance we encourage our children to flourish in God's love and to plant firm foundations on which to grow

Fly

We aspire in all we do – socially, personally, spiritually, educationally and religiously – strong in faith with strong and healthy roots planted in dedication and a kindness for others and ourselves

