



# St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 8 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

Welcome back to a new school year! The sun has been shining, children playing on the field with our wonderful new resources and our classes settling in beautifully into their new routines.

We have started incredibly well with happy children who look wonderful in their new uniforms! Please do look on our website for information about your child's class as well as communicating with your child's teacher via class dojo.

We have welcomed our new teacher, Miss Lamb and our new support staff in EYFS, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Dalal. Mrs Bridgewater will start in Lapwing class next week – a big thanks to Mrs Morton for covering this week.

Mrs Jamil continues to be our SENCO – usually at St John's on a Thursday but can be reached via phone at St Johns or St James (01706 214134), and Miss Isherwood is available all week for any concerns. I am here at the start of each week up to half term.

Thank you to everyone for their support this week – please continue to provide water for your children and use sunscreen prior to the school day to ensure they are comfortable in this hot weather (if it continues!).

With very best wishes for a wonderful school year to everyone,

Best wishes

**Frances Brady**

Headteacher

**Katie Isherwood**

Deputy Head

<b>CLASSES</b>	★ ★ <b>English Award and Learner of the Week Award.</b> ★	★ ★ <b>This week's Value's Award - EMPATHY</b> ★	<b><u>The School's Attendance Target is 96%</u></b>
<b>EAGLETS</b>	Jack R & Willow-Esmae	Lily	97.47%
<b>AVOCET</b>	Ren & Frankie	Arya	97.22%
<b>GOLDCREST</b>	Muhammad-Yusuf & Minnie	Elijah	94.57%
<b>LAPWING</b>	Ethan & Klay	Alessandro	98%
<b>EAGLE</b>	Caleb & Oliver H	Hira	87.5%
<b>This week's winners are... Lapwing Class</b>			

## OPEN EVENING FOR RECEPTION 2024 PARENTS



ST JOHN'S STONEFOLD are holding an **OPEN EVENING** on **WEDNESDAY 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.

## 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.

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**CLOSING DATE**  
**31 OCTOBER 2023**

**Lancashire County Council**

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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. **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.***

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.

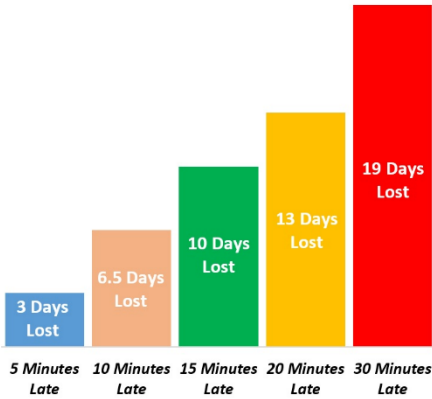


## Attendance Matters

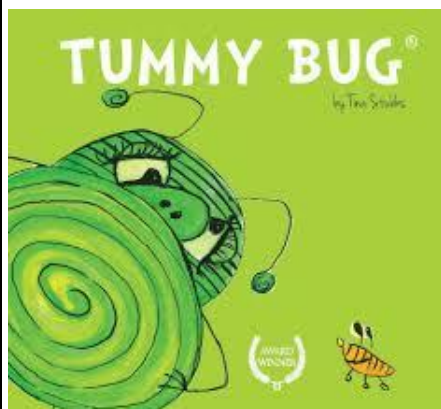
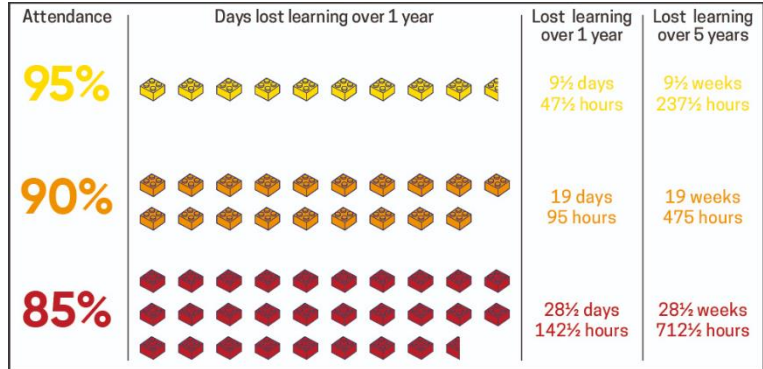
Don't forget school now opens at 8.45 am – **registration is at 8.50 am** – **DON'T BE LATE!!** Please note the new start of day time – this is 5 minutes earlier than previously expected.



Over one academic year



## DID YOU KNOW??? LOST LEARNING WHEN CHILDREN ARE LATE TO 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.



### 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 11 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Monday	Movie Night
Tuesday	Wiggly Worms
Wednesday	Draw with Rob
Thursday	Basketball Slam
Friday	Making Flapjacks

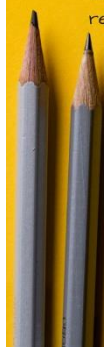


**REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR NEWS ITEMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS!!**

## Time for Reflection

### A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.



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## INTERNET SAFETY

**S** **Stay Safe**  
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.

**M** **Don't Meet Up**  
Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.

**A** **Accepting Files**  
Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

**R** **Reliable?**  
Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?

**T** **Tell Someone**  
Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

There is information on our school website which is useful for parents to access regarding Online Safety. It is vitally important that children only access Apps when they are of age to do so and that social media interaction is limited and supervised.

Please take a look:

<https://www.stonefold.lancs.sch.uk/online-safety/>

The NSPCC has a variety of information which can also help:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/app-age-rating/>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Monday 11 September	3.20-4.00 pm	FOOTBALL CLUB AFTER SCHOOL WITH COACHES FOR YEAR 1 AND 2
Wednesday 13 September	pm	SWIMMING LESSONS START FOR YEAR 5/6 CHILDREN
Thursday 14 September	3.20-4.00 pm	FOOTBALL CLUB AFTER SCHOOL WITH COACHES FOR ALL KS2 CHILDREN
Monday 25 September		CASTLE CRUSHERS – YEAR 5/6 TRIP
Tuesday 26 September	AM	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Tuesday 26 September	4.00-5.00 PM	OPEN EVENING FOR ANY NEW RECEPTION 2024 PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO VISIT SCHOOL
Friday 29 September	PM	MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON – time to be arranged
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.*