



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13 October 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

We are continuing to work on the theme of thankfulness as we say thank you to God this week for our harvest. The children presented a wonderful harvest celebration on Thursday and contributed to the foodbank. We are so proud of them for thinking of others and making a difference to those in need.

It is hard to believe that we are reaching the end of this half term next week – it has gone so quickly!

Best wishes

Frances Brady
Headteacher

Katie Isherwood
Deputy Head

CLASSES	★ ★ English Award and Learner of the Week Award. ★	★ ★ This week's Value's Award - EMPATHY ★	<u>The School's Attendance Target is 96%</u>
EAGLETS	Elliot & Ezra	Jack H	97.6%
AVOCET	Koby & Libby	Millie O	97.04%
GOLDCREST	Sophia & Oliver	Isaac	96.96%
LAPWING	Ffion & Alice	Klay	96%
EAGLE	Zac & Max	Aaila	92%
This week's winners are ...EAGLETS Class			



Team Points Winner this week	MAPLE
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NON-UNIFORM DAY NEXT FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER!

We are having a non-uniform day to raise funds for Christmas Art Activities – please send you child in with £1 – thank you for your support.

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 - UPDATE

We now have the ability to **report illegal parking and parking which impacts on the safety of others.** We will begin this process from next week – **this includes parking on the staff carpark (the area just outside school)** – too many parents are now using the staff carpark every morning which impacts not only on the safety of other road users as you have to reverse out on to a busy road which has a dangerous blind bend but also this prevents staff from parking who then have to park where parents should. This also impacts on their ability to start their day on time and be in school for our children. **We ask now that all parents adhere to our request in this regard.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ATTENDANCE - PLEASE READ

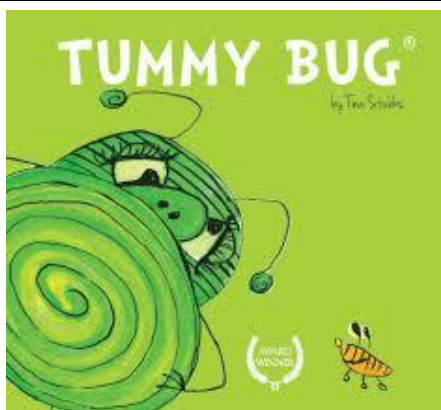
Attendance Matters



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 confirmation 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.



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.



FOSS Autumn Disco!!!

Come along to our Autumn Disco on Thursday 19th October.

EYFS/KS1 disco 6pm-7pm

KS2 disco 7.15pm-8.15pm

Cost - £2.50. This is for entry and includes a goody bag with crisps, sweets, a drink and a glow stick.

Please send your money in a named envelope to either the school office or Miss Isherwood so that you can be given your ticket nearer the time.

Please do not worry if you lose a ticket, all children who buy one will have their name on a list for entry and goody bag purposes.

PARENT APP TIPS:

You may have noticed on the **CONTENT** part of the APP that you are able to submit absences and appointment dates and times. The **CONTENT** section also links you directly to our website, shows our school menu, term dates, events and your child's class pages etc. It is also a good idea to 'refresh' your APP from time to time – to do this please go to **CONTENT** and use the 'refresh' symbol in the top right corner. If you need to add another parent or grandparent to the APP – please go to **PROFILE** (along the bottom) and add them here.

As always if you have any difficulties – please let the school office know and we will help you!

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

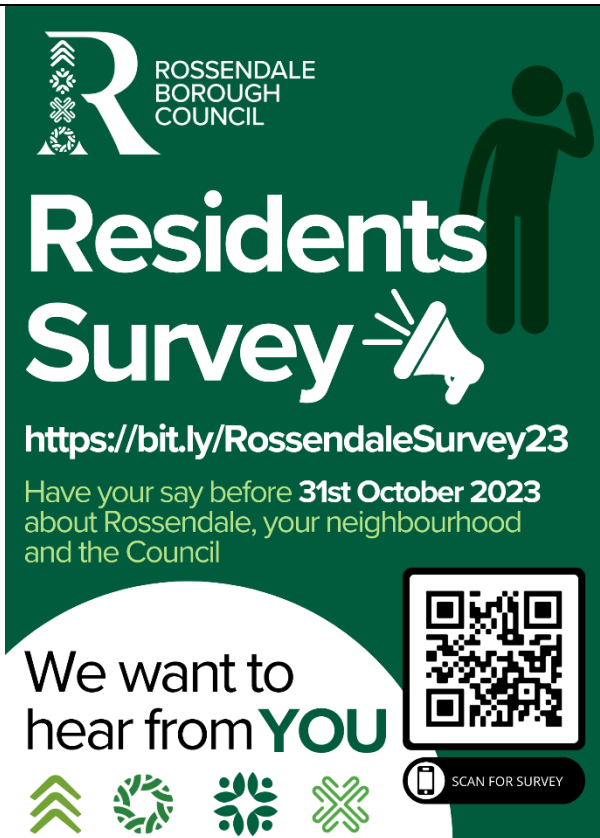
so that they are viable for the future. Thank you.

ACTIVITIES AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB W.C 16 OCTOBER 2023

Monday	More Clowns
Tuesday	Autumn Activities
Wednesday	Draw with Rob
Thursday	Pumpkin Paper Plates
Friday	Chocolate Rice Crispy Buns



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



The poster is for a Residents Survey by Rossendale Borough Council. It features a green background with a white silhouette of a person on the right. The council's logo, a stylized 'R' with a tree inside, is in the top left. The text 'ROSSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL' is next to it. The main title 'Residents Survey' is in large white letters, with a megaphone icon. Below it is the URL 'https://bit.ly/RossendaleSurvey23'. A green text block says 'Have your say before 31st October 2023 about Rossendale, your neighbourhood and the Council'. At the bottom left, it says 'We want to hear from YOU' with four green icons: a tree, a leaf, a flower, and a cross. A QR code is on the right, and a button below it says 'SCAN FOR SURVEY'.

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SCAN FOR SURVEY

Time for Reflection

Dear Lord

We thank you for our harvest, for the food we eat and its availability to us every day through the hard work of others. Sorry for the times when we waste food or do not always appreciate what we have. Help us to always think of others and to give when we can to help them.

Amen

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INTERNET SAFETY



Among Us maintains a dedicated fanbase thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

ROSSENDALE HOSPICE APPEAL

Don't forget the Rossendale Hospice Penny Appeal, boxes were sent home with children last week. 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
Monday 16 October	3.30-5.30 pm	YEAR 3 & 4 FOOTBALL COMPETITION
Thursday 19 October	6-7 pm 7.15-8.15 pm	EYFS/KS1 DISCO (EAGLETS & AVOCET) KS2 DISCO (GOLDCREST, LAPWING & EAGLE)
Friday 20 October		NON UNIFORM DAY – All children can come in non-uniform £1 donation towards art supplies for Christmas Activities
Friday 20 October		EAGLE ASSEMBLY – more information to follow
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
Thursday 2 November		BONFIRE NIGHT LUNCH
Wednesday 8 November		PARENTS EVENING – Time to be arranged
Friday 10 November	11.30-12 midday	SARA BRITCLIFFE TO SEE EAGLE CLASS
Wednesday 15-17 November		ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL – YEAR 6 TRIP
Friday 24 November		LAPWING ASSEMBLY – more information to follow
Wednesday 29 November		PARENTS EVENING – more information to follow
Friday 1 December		WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO
Thursday 7 December		WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
Friday 8 December	3.00-5.00 pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Tuesday 12 December		'The Stars come out for Christmas' EVENING PERFORMANCE – CHRISTMAS SHOW
PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW DATES MAY BE ADDED TO THIS LIST		