



# St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



## Friday 20 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 come to the end of our first half term – time has flown as we have settled in to the new school year. We have again been working hard this week on behaviour choices. Children are keen to stay on green and advance to silver or gold! When considering the wrong choice, children will go on to amber with an aim to return to green. If children reach red, they will miss their golden time on a Friday and remain with a member of SLT to consider necessary changes they need to make to their behaviour choices in school. We would be grateful if you could support us in these endeavours as we wish to promote our school values each day and live together with kindness and friendship.

Have a wonderful half term break. We reopen on TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October at the usual time ready for our very busy (and long) half term leading to Christmas. Please look at the dates for your diary at the end of this letter to ensure you have parent's evening and Christmas dates on your calendars at home.

Best wishes

**Frances Brady**  
Headteacher

**Katie Isherwood**  
Deputy Head

| CLASSES   | Half Term English Award and Learner of the Week Award. | ★ Half Term Headteacher Awards for Presentation | Half Termly Award for Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance | The School's Attendance Target is 96% |
|-----------|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| EAGLETS   | Albert & Jaxon   | Oscar   | Lola  | 94.4%                                 |
| AVOCET    | Ayrton & Pearl   | Frankie   | Millie D  | 96.67%                                |
| GOLDCREST | Minnie & Summer  | Owen  | Jayden  | 97.39%                                |
| LAPWING   | Alessandro & Ethan                                     | Aubrey  | Logan   | 92.8%                                 |
| EAGLE     | Hussain & Evie   | Elsie   | Lily F  | 93.5%                                 |

This week's winners are ... GOLDCREST Class

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Half Termly Team Points Winner | CONKER |
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## Wedding Bells...

...and they lived happily ever after.



## MISS JENKINSON IS GETTING MARRIED

Miss Jenkinson is getting married over half term. We know you will join with us in wishing her and her new husband, Lee, all the very best for a long and happy future together. When she returns after the half term break she will be called Mrs Kearsley. Congratulations to them both.



## HOUSE BADGES

Children have all been provided with a house badge which should be worn each day. Please can parents ensure they have their badges on so that they are proud representatives of their houses. If they lose a badge, new ones are available from the office at a cost of 50p.

## INTERRUPTIONS TO THE OFFICE

We would be grateful if children could come to school with all their belongings for the day first thing each morning. We are concerned that so many additional items are dropped off at the office and need to be delivered to children each day.

Mrs Wilkinson is on her own in our school office which means she needs to leave the office unattended to deliver items to classes. This would help enormously not only with Mrs Wilkinson's time but also less interruptions to lessons when items are delivered. Thank you for your understanding.

DON'T FORGET TO  
REMEMBER

## 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 have a stock in school and children can 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. **To avoid extra work for staff, we would be grateful if children could keep their kits in school clearly labelled ready to wear for their PE Lessons each week.**

Thank you.



# 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:**

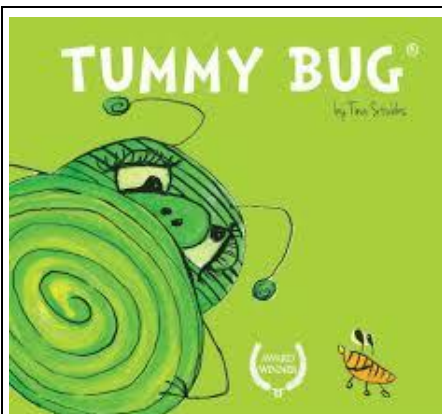
**Primary School – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**High School – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 THIS IS NOW URGENT WITH THE DEADLINE EXPIRING ON THE FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM.**

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 now be reporting dangerous and illegal parking to the local authority – **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.**



## **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.



## **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 £9 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 31 OCTOBER 2023**

|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Monday    | School Closed - INSET |
| Tuesday   | Autumn Crafts         |
| Wednesday | Draw with Rob         |
| Thursday  | Bonfire Pictures      |
| Friday    | Bonfire Toffee        |

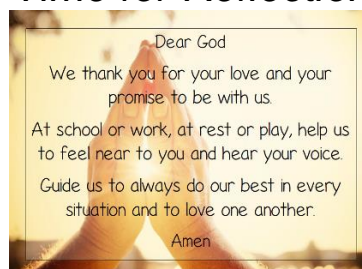


### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PRICE INCREASE – PLEASE READ**

We have endeavoured to continue for as long as possible at the current price of £8.00. I am sure you are aware of the cost of increase for food and also staffing of late and we as a school will therefore, unfortunately, need to increase the cost of after school club by £1.00 to £9.00 per session. This will take effect after half term.

We apologise for the need to take this step - as reluctant as we are to do so - but can only continue with the after school club for as long as it pays for itself and does not create a cost to our school budget. We do not aim to make a profit - simply to break even. We know lots of parents rely on this service and we will continue to do so for as long as we can and as cheaply as we can. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### *Time for Reflection*



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## INTERNET SAFETY



Raising children in the digital age seems to be getting tougher, with the world currently experiencing many uncertainties. Right now, children across the the globe can scarcely go online without

being exposed to unsettling stories, images and ideas. Reassuring a concerned child can be difficult, especially when bad news feels omnipresent. **Visit our online webpage for more details**

## **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

| <u>Dates</u>                 | <u>Time</u>        | <u>Event</u>  |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>Friday 20 October</b>     | <b>3.20 pm</b>     | <b>School closes for half term</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 31 October</b>    | <b>8.50 am</b>     | <b>School re-opens</b>  |
| Wednesday 1 November         |                    | FLU IMMUNISATION  |
| Thursday 2 November          |                    | BONFIRE NIGHT LUNCH   |
| Wednesday 8 November         | AM<br>PM           | RECEPTION CHILDREN – VISION SCREENING<br>PARENTS EVENING – Time to be arranged      |
| Friday 10 November           | 11.30-12<br>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                                       |
| <b>Wednesday 29 November</b> |                    | <b>PARENTS EVENING – more information to follow</b>                                 |
| Friday 1 December            |                    | WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO  |
| Thursday 7 December          | TBA                | WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT  |
| Friday 8 December            | 3.00-5.00 pm       | CHRISTMAS FAIR  |
| Tuesday 12 December          | TBA                | 'The Stars come out for Christmas' AFTERNOON & EVENING PERFORMANCE – CHRISTMAS SHOW |

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