



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



Friday 6 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

This week we had a wonderful visit from Archdeacon David Picken from Lancaster. He is part of our Board of Education and was keen to come and visit our amazing school. He completed a worship on being 'thankful' and saying Thank You. An important phrase which means so much. He had a tour of the school and spoke to children, answered their questions and considered the idea from EYFS that he should wear pink! (We have a feeling Mrs Burrow was involved in this idea!).

Please do read our newsletter as many aspects are updated each week and consider applying to become a school governor – we need our parents to have a voice on our wonderful governing board.

We look forward to seeing you all again next week for our harvest celebration. Have a safe and memorable weekend.

Best wishes

Frances Brady
Headteacher

Katie Isherwood
Deputy Head

CLASSES	★ ★ English Award and Learner of the Week Award. ★	★ ★ This week's Value's Award - ENDURANCE ★	<u>The School's Attendance Target is 96%</u>
EAGLETS	Lucas & Jacob H	Jaxon	99.6%
AVOCET	Max & Safa	Pixie	97.04%
GOLDCREST	Harry & Taya	Olive	98.7%
LAPWING	Jesse & Amirah	Georgia	94.8%
EAGLE	Gabrielle & Oliver A	Jamie	97%
This week's winners are EAGLETS Class			

Team Points Winner this week	CONKER
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PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY:

URGENT ACTION NEEDED

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 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.



MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT:

Huge thanks to all parents, carers, children, staff and FOSS – with your help school managed to raise an incredible £377.36!

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

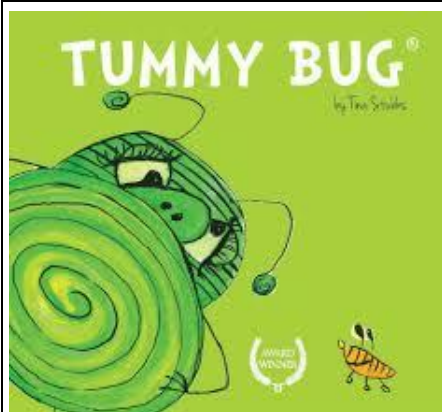
Attendance Matters



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.

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.

INVITATION TO OUR HARVEST ASSEMBLY IN SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER AT 9 AM.



All parents and carers are invited to come to our Harvest Assembly in school on Thursday 12 October. We request a donation for our foodbank in school as part of our celebration.

Please can we encourage you to donate and send into school anything listed on the Trussell Trust list below :

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate-food/>

Food: UHT milk, tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc.), Tinned fish, Tinned fruit, Sponge/rice puddings, Coffee (small jars), Long-life juice, Pasta sauce, Tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans, tomatoes), Tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli), Tinned soup, Jam and spreads

Non-food items: Shower gel, Shampoo/conditioner, Deodorant, Toilet rolls, Washing up liquid, Laundry detergent pods





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 9 OCTOBER 2023

Monday	Let's Glide?
Tuesday	Draw with Rob
Wednesday	Autumn Crafts
Thursday	Lollipop Ghost
Friday	Making Pizza



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

Time for Reflection

Continuing the Archdeacon’s theme of Thankfulness:

Thank you God for all that grows.

Thank you for the sky’s rainbows.

Thank you for the stars that shine.

Thank you for these friends of mine.

Thank you for the moon and sun.

Thank you God for all you’ve done.

Amen



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INTERNET SAFETY



If your child loves video games, then you’ll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming can occasionally become a source of concern. The UK’s trade body

for interactive entertainment has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible boundaries.

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
Thursday 12 October	9.00 am	HARVEST ASSEMBLY- parents and carers invited to attend
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