



# St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



## Friday 17 November 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

The children have had a super week exploring lots of new ideas as well as moving around school to give the building workers room to replace our windows! The children have coped incredibly well and enjoyed exploring a different part of the school. Y3 and 4 have been swimming for the first time and our Y6 children had a wonderful time at Robinwood on their outdoor adventure holiday. A big thank you to Miss Whiteford for taking the children and giving up her time to ensure they have a wonderful memory to treasure.

As we move forward this term, we have lots of events to look forward to and a very busy schedule ahead! Please check our diary dates and Christmas events list to ensure you have these on your calendar at home. Please look at the Messy Church information later in this newsletter which is due to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2-4pm.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone – stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes

**Frances Brady**  
Headteacher

**Katie Isherwood**  
Deputy Head

CLASSES	★ English Award and ★ Learner of the Week Award	<u>The School's Attendance Target is 96%</u>
<b>EAGLETS</b>	Jaxon & Jack R	94.4%
<b>AVOCET</b>	Maya & Leo P	90.74%
<b>GOLDCREST</b>	Joshua & Elijah	90.87%
<b>LAPWING</b>	Zoya & Aubrey	97.6%
<b>EAGLE</b>	YEAR 6 AT ROBINWOOD	95.5%

### **This week's Value Award – Quality: Generosity**

<b>EAGLETS</b>	Alban has shone like a star being super kind, caring and generous during play times.
<b>AVOCET</b>	Pearl – generous with her time helping another child understand their maths
<b>GOLDCREST</b>	Ellis: Ellis is always so kind, loving and caring towards his friends. He gives up his time at break to make sure that others are ok and helps them if they need it. His generous nature is incredible and he is a wonderful role model to other students. Never change, Ellis! You are amazing!
<b>LAPWING</b>	Arlo for always being so selfless and generous with his kindness and support to others. It doesn't matter how challenging he might be finding something himself, he always manages to find an extra piece to give to others.
<b>EAGLE</b>	YEAR 6 AT ROBINWOOD

Team Points Winner this week	TBC
Class Attendance Winner this week	LAPWING





## DON'T FORGET : FRONT ENTRANCE WORK– MONDAY - WEDNESDAY:

We are having the front entrance of school replaced and therefore the office will only be accessible on the telephone. Please ensure all children have their belongings with them in the morning when they arrive as there will be no option to drop things off due to the front entrance being out of bounds. Please also ensure appointments, etc are out of school time so that children are in school throughout the day as collection during the day will also not be possible.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and for working with us to improve the school building.



## PARENTS EVENING – **WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2023 – 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm**

Please make sure you book your 5 minute slot with your child's teacher via ParentApp – the booking system will open for parents on **Monday 20 November 2023** – if you are having any problems please let school know.



## JOB VACANCY:

We have need of a Site Supervisor/Cleaner for 20 hours per week at St John's Stonefold School - if you or anyone you know is interested in the position - please apply via LCC School jobs, the closing date is Friday 1 December 2023:

[https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_vacancyDetails.asp?id=62502](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=62502)

## THANK YOU



We raised an amazing £155.43 in the Schools Penny Challenge for Rossendale Hospice and we raised an incredible £377.36 for Macmillan at our Coffee Afternoon! Thank you so much for your help!



## PICNIC BENCHES ON THE PLAYGROUND & STEPS AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL



Children must be supervised at all times

Please can parents closely supervise their children when on the playground in a morning and in the evening, as we have seen many children climbing on the picnic benches, and the front steps. Both these activities can be 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HAND, FOOT & MOUTH?

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common childhood illness. The first signs of hand, foot and mouth disease can be:

- ✓ A SORE THROAT
- ✓ A HIGH TEMPERATURE, ABOVE 38C
- ✓ NOT WANTING TO EAT
- ✓ AFTER A FEW DAYS MOUTH ULCERS AND A RASH WILL APPEAR



## HAND FOOT AND MOUTH:

Please be aware that we have had a case of hand, foot and mouth in school.

We have children off school feeling unwell and wanted parents to be aware so they can look out for the symptoms: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>.

While children are unwell, they should remain at home.



## FOODBANK

Don't forget – we have a foodbank collection in school - 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 20 NOVEMBER 2023

Monday	More Snowmen
Tuesday	Paper craft
Wednesday	Draw with Rob
Thursday	Quiz Time
Friday	Cooking time



## INTERNET SAFETY

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached.

Visit our online safety webpage for more information  
<https://www.stonefold.lancs.sch.uk/online-safety/>



### *Time for Reflection*



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Nurture, Grow, Fly*



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 24 November		LAPWING ASSEMBLY – more information to follow
Friday 24 November		NON UNIFORM – BRING A BAR OF CHOCOLATE for XMAS Fair
Wednesday 29 November		PARENTS EVENING – booking system opens on ParentApp on Monday 20 November
Thursday 30 November		NON UNIFORM – COLOUR RAFFLE for XMAS FAIR
Friday 1 December		WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO – please pay on SCHOOL MONEY and complete the consent form online
Saturday 2 December	2 - 4 pm	MESSY CHURCH EVENT AT ST JAMES' HASLINGDEN CHURCH
Thursday 7 December	9 am	WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
Friday 8 December	2 - 4 pm	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair
Monday 11 December		DRESS REHEARSAL FOR Christmas Show
Tuesday 12 December	1.30 pm and 6.00 pm	'The Stars come out for Christmas' AFTERNOON & EVENING PERFORMANCE – CHRISTMAS SHOW – KS2 – TICKETED EVENT – 2 tickets per family, per show
Wednesday 13 December	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 20 December	All day	Christmas Party – wear your party clothes to school
Thursday 21 December	2.00 pm	Carol Service with Nativity show & songs – KS1 – TICKETED EVENT
Friday 22 December	1.30 pm	School will close at 1.30 pm
Tuesday 9 January 2024	8.45 am	School re-opens
Monday 15 January 2024		Last date to apply for Primary School place for your child

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

**PLEASE ALSO CHECK OUR CHRISTMAS EVENTS LIST – THANK YOU**

**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.*