



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



Friday 24 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

Another week passes by so quickly – with lots to be proud of. Our children have again excelled this week in their learning. Children have represented school at a bowling event on Wednesday, we have winners of the winter writing trail in Accrington from our school (see later in this newsletter) and we have lived out our school values of Love and Empathy through our charity donations.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we will see you again for our new week on Monday – don't forget the parent's evening event on Wednesday and the Panto trip on Friday next week! Non uniform day on Thursday next week too for donations for our colour hampers!

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>
EAGLETS	Oscar & Ellis	87.2%
AVOCET	Safa & Livia-Beth	89.63%
GOLDCREST	Brooklyn & Owen	86.52%
LAPWING	Isobelle & Jazmine	96%
EAGLE	Jamie & Gabrielle	97%

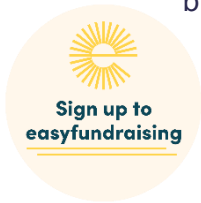
This week's Value Award – Quality: LOVE

EAGLETS	Jacob Haworth, he has been so loving and caring towards his friends and adults in school.
AVOCET	Myles for showing love and care when a friend needed comfort
GOLDCREST	Olive is an amazing little girl. She is kind, considerate, loving and helpful to everyone. There isn't a single thing that she wouldn't do for someone else. Olive really does have a heart of gold and I am so privileged to have her in my class. You are wonderful, Olive!
LAPWING	Logan for always being such a considerate, warm and lovely member of our class. Logan is a friend to everyone and always goes above and beyond to put others first.
EAGLE	Noah - for showing a supportive and caring attitude towards his peers whilst at Robinwood.

Team Points Winner this week	MAPLE
Class Attendance Winner this week	EAGLE



EASY FUNDRAISING: St John's Stonefold School has joined Easyfundraising, this is an easy way for school to generate funds by parents doing everyday shopping, any special gift shopping or buying a holiday etc.....



HOW IT WORKS - We turn your daily shopping into every day magic! easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation - magic!

Therefore we are encouraging parents and carers to use the following link to do your everyday shopping and buying any gifts or any purchase...

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-johns-stonefold-ce-primary-school>

Thanks in advance for your support!

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 is open for parents– if you are having any problems please let school know.



JOB VACANCY: We are looking to appoint a cheerful, well organised, motivated and capable site supervisor/cleaner for 20 hours per week at St John's Stonefold School, who will contribute to the smooth running of the school. They would like someone to help create and maintain a safe and clean working environment for their staff, children and visitors - 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

**BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED**



THANK YOU

We raised an amazing £85.20 for Children in Need on Friday 17 November, this is in addition to the £155.43 for the Schools Penny Challenge for Rossendale Hospice and an incredible £377.36 for Macmillan at our Coffee Afternoon! Thank you so much for your help!

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



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.

SAFETY

WINNERS THIS WEEK

Winter Writing Trail Competition
Incorporating a variety of activities and challenges



Online writing and drawing competitions, poetry, and more...
For more information, please visit our website: <https://opportunities.amazingaccrington.co.uk/winter-writing-trail/>



ACCRINGTON WINTER WRITING TRAIL

COMPETITION: Oliver Flynn has been chosen as one of the winners in Accrington's Winter Writing Trail. His fantastic Christmas Story is read by Dominic Brunt, Actor on the link below. Well done Oliver! One of our other pupils Noah Harrison has also been listed as a runner up at the bottom of the website under 'special mentions from Julie Hesmondhalgh to our runners up' for his winter poem! Huge congratulations to you both!



<https://opportunities.amazingaccrington.co.uk/winter-writing-trail/>

BOWLING COMPETITION: We also had our school represented at a Bowling Competition in Burnley on Wednesday. Stonefold came second out of fourteen schools – well done to Oliver A, Oliver H, Eli and Zac – you were amazing!



ATHLETICS COMPETITION: Our KS1 children Arthur, Ren, Max, Myles, Rico, Jack, Millie O, Maya, Lillie, Halle, Aurora, Nellie also represented school at The Valley this week and won 2 out of 3 races, there were 8 schools competing – Miss Lamb said they did really well!



Our KS2 children, Thomas, Caleb, Adam, Henry, Adam, Klay, Sienna, Evie and Gabrielle also took part in an athletics competition two weeks ago, they worked extremely hard as they didn't have a full team, however, the children showed fantastic attitude and stepped up to the challenge.



ROBINWOOD

Year 6 had a marvellous time at Robinwood last week, they did canoing, caving, pirana pool, giant swing, zip line, crate challenge, trapeze, climbing wall, nightline and pesky squirrels.. pictures will be put on the website soon.



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



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 27 NOVEMBER 2023

Monday	Chocolate Buns
Tuesday	Paper craft
Wednesday	Draw with Rob
Thursday	Glitter Time
Friday	Melting Snowman



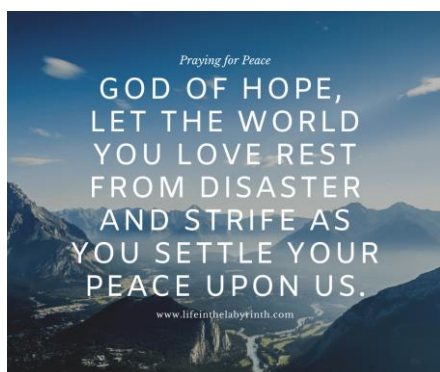
INTERNET SAFETY



Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices.

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

Time for Reflection



*Rooted and Established in God's Love – Nurture,
Grow, Fly*

St James' Haslingden
Saturday 2nd December
Have fun! 2pm -4pm

Messy Church Advent

Crafts
 Food
 Make new friends!
 Celebration

All Welcome!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
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.*