



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15 December 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 in the second week of advent travelling into week 3 where we think of the candle of joy. We have had many joyous moments this week with our children – their performance in the Christmas Show, their enjoyment of their Christmas Lunch and their involvement in the Eucharist service on Wednesday with Father David. We would like to thank all our staff and parents for their support at this busy time. We look forward to our last week in school where we will enjoy our Nativity Service and our Christmas parties (with a special visitor!). If you would like to volunteer in school or be part of our FOSS group who support fundraising in school please get in touch with the school office – we always appreciate an extra pair of hands! Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all for our final week of the term on Monday.

Best wishes

Frances Brady
Headteacher

Katie Isherwood
Deputy Head

CLASSES	★ English Award and ★ Learner of the Week Award	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Romilly & Jack H	97.92%
AVOCET	Ernest & Jacob H	97.41%
GOLDCREST	Jayden & Adam	90.34%
LAPWING	Klay & Sienna	95.74%
EAGLE	Aaila & Lily F	96%

This week's Value Award – Quality: **ASPIRATION**

EAGLETS	Albert, Albert has shown high levels of aspiration by wanting to do more in school, he loves to organise the classroom, take the register and complete classroom jobs. He is certainly a teacher in training.
AVOCET	Frankie for always aspiring to achieve the very best he can. Frankie is a very hardworking, motivated, mature young man who I have no doubt will go on to have so many amazing opportunities in his future because of the high expectations he sets for himself. Well done Frankie!
GOLDCREST	Oliver has high aspirations for what he would like to complete in his learning. His aspirations have become more developed this half term and I am really proud of him for pushing himself to being the best that he can be. Well done, Oliver!
LAPWING	Alfie is always reaching for the top in everything he does. His attitude towards learning and school is admirable and his attainment reflects his endless dedication and hard work.
EAGLE	Oliver A - for aspiring to do his best - he even took on an extra role in our evening performance with confidence

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



HANDY PERSON WANTED!



HANDY PERSON REQUIRED: We are looking for a local person to help us with some DIY and maintenance jobs around school on an ad hoc basis. They have to be someone who has good general knowledge and skills of odd-jobs around school so that we can call on their services as and when we need some help. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 01706 216706 to speak to Mrs Wilkinson about the position. The pay will be approx.: £12.38 per hour.



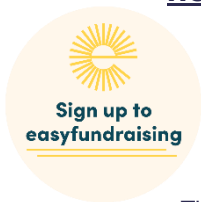
Christmas Parties and Movie Afternoon: Next Wednesday, 20th December, we will be having our class parties and a movie afternoon. For the movie afternoon, your child can bring in a cushion or a pillow so that they can have a nice, relaxing time. Please see your Class Stories on Dojo for more information regarding the parties.

Children can come to school on Wednesday in their party clothes.
Thank you for your support!

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!

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 18 DECEMBER 2023

Monday	Our 4 Days of Christmas!
Tuesday	Children's Choice
Wednesday	Children's Choice
Thursday	Children's Choice
Friday	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



If you ever need to contact the after school club staff at the end of the school day regarding collection - please ring the main school number 01706 216706 – Thank you!

INTERNET SAFETY

Visit our online safety webpage for more information

<https://www.stonefold.lancs.sch.uk/online-safety/>

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org



FOODBANK COLLECTION

Don't forget – we have a foodbank collection in school - please do make donations as you are able

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.



Time for Reflection

God our Father,
We thank you for the joy
of this third week of Advent.
Open our hearts to praise
you now with all the angels and saints,
as we prepare to celebrate
the birth of Jesus, your Son.
We make this prayer to you in his name.
Amen

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
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.*