



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



Friday 22 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 would like to thank all our staff for their dedication this term. We say a very fond farewell to Miss Bridgewater who has been a wonderful part of our team this term. We wish her all the very best for the future. Miss Stead is recovering well and we hope to see her soon in the New Year when she is completely healed from her operation. In the meantime, we welcome Mrs Nelson-Leka who is covering for Miss Stead until her return in the Spring term. We also thank Mrs Wilde for her support this half term while covering for Miss Stead in Lapwing and wish her every success in her new post at All Saints High School.

We welcome to our team Miss Kennedy and Mrs McIlmoyle who have both visited school and met the children and had a thorough handover of information to ensure a seamless transition in January for the children.

Governors are in the process of organising the recruitment of our new Headteacher who will start in September 2024 – we will keep you updated of all progress in this regard.

May we all take this opportunity to thank our parents and families for their support this term and their kind messages over the Christmas season – all cards and gifts have been very gratefully received and highly appreciated. We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a wonderfully prosperous New Year – we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 9th January when we will be excited to hear all about your special times together and the memories you have made. God Bless.

Best wishes


Frances Brady
Headteacher


Katie Isherwood
Deputy Head

CLASSES	★ Half Term English Award and Learner Award. ★	★ Half Term Headteacher Awards for Presentation ★	<u>The School's Attendance Target is 96%</u>
EAGLETS	Isla & Rory	Jaxon	97.08%
AVOCET	Freyja & Aurora	Arya	97.78%
GOLDCREST	Haniya & Taya	Olive	86.67%
LAPWING	Jessica & Edward	Alfie	93.08%
EAGLE	Zac & Scarlet	Roxie	89%

★ HALF TERM VALUE AWARDS FOR DISPLAYING SCHOOL CORE VALUES: ★ Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance! ★★	
EAGLETS	Charlie always demonstrates our school values to her peers in and around school. She is an asset to Eaglets and we are so lucky to have her.
AVOCET	Harriet - Each and every day Harriet demonstrates all our school values. She shows empathy in her conversations with other pupils, she shows aspiration in every task she completes, she shows generosity with her friends both in the classroom and out, her kindness and love radiate from her every day she walks into our school building, and she shows endurance in every challenge she faces. She is a great role model to children of all ages in the school and I am very proud of her superb attitude towards school life.
GOLDCREST	Summer has a heart of gold. She is caring, kind, considerate and a great friend to everyone. She displays our school values each and every day through generously giving

	her time to make sure everyone is ok. The hard work that she has put in this half term has been incredible and demonstrates her aspirations to do well in all that she does. Keep up the amazing work, Summer - you show such endurance. I am very proud of you!
LAPWING	Evelina endlessly shows the Christian values in everything she says and does. She is always seeking opportunities to support those around her, she shows love, empathy and compassion others daily. Nothing gets in the way of Evelina's aspiration to work hard and achieve great things and even when things are challenging, she shows true resilience and endurance towards reaching her goals.
EAGLE	Gabrielle - for being an amazing role model to others at school. You are not only a great friend but show all our Christian values all of the time throughout your school life.

Team Points Winner this half term	CONKER – REWARD NON UNIFORM ON FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2024	
Team Points Winner this week	BLOSSOM	
Class Attendance Winner this week	AVOCET	




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.

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!

NEW SPORTS CLUBS STARTING IN THE NEW YEAR
(The clubs will run from 3.20 pm – 4.00 pm)



Year 1 and 2 children will be able to take part in a **DANCE CLUB** from Monday 15th January to Monday 5th February.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will be able to take part in a **GYMNASTICS CLUB** from Thursday 11th January to Thursday 8 February.



BEFORE YOU BOOK THE CLUBS via Parent App please make sure your child **REALLY WANTS TO TAKE PART IN THE CLUB.**

The booking system will appear on PA CONNECT. You can access it either via the message or go to CONTENT AND REFRESH using the top right button and the CLUB/EVENT square should appear in the top left corner on the CONTENT SECTION. Any problems please email office@sjstonefold.com

INTERNET SAFETY

Visit our online safety webpage for more information

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



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



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SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ONE OF OUR MUM'S ANNA, AND ONE STOP SHOP IN ACCRINGTON!

THANK YOU! We have had a grocery donation from the One Stop Shop in Accrington and as a way of determining who would benefit from this donation school held a ballot and the following names were pulled out of the hat:

Skylar, Sophia, Jack HH and Erisa!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 22 December	1.30 pm	School will close at 1.30 pm
Tuesday 9 January 2024	8.45 am	School re-opens
Friday 12 January 2024	All day	CONKER CHILDREN NON UNIFORM – REWARD FOR TEAM POINT WINNERS IN AUTUMN 2
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

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.