



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8 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 continue our journey through advent and consider the first candle of hope – we hope for many things but most of all we hope that our friendship and love for one another enhances our lives each day. Our children seek to illustrate our school values throughout all they say and do which enables them to fulfil this hope. Next week we look forward to the candle of peace – we all pray that peace is a possibility across the world, particularly in those countries at war.

We wish you a wonderful advent and keep all our families in our prayers.

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	Rory & Lola	95.36%
AVOCET	Harriet & Arthur	98.15%
GOLDCREST	Isaac & Mohammed-Yusuf	98.37%
LAPWING	Alice & Lewis	96%
EAGLE	Lilly W & Zac	90.63%

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

EAGLETS	Willow demonstrates our school value of empathy, by allowing herself to feel what others are feeling and thinking. She is always there to help others and has a heart of gold. A wonderful role model to have at our school.
AVOCET	Libby always considers how others may be feeling and likes to check in with her friends to ask if they are ok. She always makes an effort to ensure those around her are having a good day.
GOLDCREST	Daisy always shows so much empathy towards others. She cares deeply for other people's feelings and will go above and beyond to make sure that all her friends are ok. Daisy will invite children to play with her and she will always support those who are upset or alone. Her loving and caring is wonderful and she is such an amazing role model to all. Thank you for being such a good ambassador for St. John's Stonefold!
LAPWING	Erinn- For her empathetic understanding towards others when they're not feeling their best. Erinn is always one of the first children to approach children in the class who are feeling upset, unwell or hurt, she always asks if they're okay and offers to take them to a teacher.
EAGLE	Thomas - for being a good friend to others and showing a caring and thoughtful attitude towards different situations.

Team Points Winner this week

CONKER

Class Attendance Winner this week

GOLDCREST





JANUARY STAFF CHANGES: We say goodbye at the end of this term to Miss Bridgewater who has kindly stayed with us for the whole term to ensure Lapwing class have a consistent teacher. She is now off to explore other career options and we wish her well with all of her future endeavours and thank her for her dedication and kindness to our children. Mrs McIlmoyle will therefore take over in January for the rest of the academic year. She will visit before Christmas for a thorough handover and to meet the children.

In order to support the leadership of the school, we are releasing Miss Isherwood from her classroom duties with Goldcrest each morning. We therefore welcome Mrs Kennedy who will take the class each morning while liaising with Miss Isherwood to ensure high standards are maintained and the children's needs are met. Mrs Kearsley will continue as Goldcrest teaching assistant to support both the educational and emotional needs of the children.

Miss Isherwood will therefore be able to support Mrs Jamil with SEN in school, work with Y6 to boost them ready for their SATS and co-lead RE with Miss Brady.

We know you will make new staff welcome and thank those who are leaving for their service to our school and our children.

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.....



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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!

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 FOR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

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

CHRISTMAS DONATION FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

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 11 DECEMBER 2023

Monday	Our 9 days of Christmas
Tuesday	Making Decorations
Wednesday	Draw with Rob
Thursday	Glitter Time
Friday	Festive Buns



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



The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zerotolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world.

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 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@skipssafety.net Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with:

Home Office
 Police and Crime Commissioner
 Skips Educational
 www.skipssafety.net.org



Time for Reflection



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

THANK YOU!

School raised an amazing £193.62 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. WOW! So proud of the generosity of our families and our children – leading by example with our G value of EAGLE



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Sunday 10 December	10.45 am	CHRISTINGLE EUCHARIST – St James' Church, Haslingden
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.*