



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



Friday 12 January 2024

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

Happy New Year and welcome back to our new school term! We hope everyone had a long and relaxing Christmas break and made wonderful memories with your families. We have only a short half term ahead of 5 weeks where we aim for every child to do their best and learn as much as possible. Thank you for your support with work at home in this regard.

We welcome Miss McIlmoyle in Lapwing and Miss Kennedy in Goldcrest this term – they have had a wonderful first week and the children have settled very quickly with their new teachers and made them very welcome.

All the best to all our families for a happy and healthy 2024 filled with lots of exciting adventures.

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	Albert & Ralph	98.99%
AVOCET	Millie O & Pixie	89.81%
GOLDCREST	Jude & Carter	93.23%
LAPWING	Amirah & Marley	95.67%
EAGLE	Oliver H & Elsie	88.75%
This week's Value Award – Quality: EMPATHY		
EAGLETS	Jack R - has shown our school value of empathy by being there for others.	
AVOCET	Ayrton - for making a superb effort to be the kindest in the room. Ayrton is thinking about other people's feelings and encouraging other children around him to have kind hands which is excellent to see. Well done, Ayrton.	
GOLDCREST	Haniya saw a situation where she thought that people could potentially get hurt and told me about it. She showed care and concern.	
LAPWING	Sienna for showing feelings of empathy towards others in times of need.	
EAGLE	Gabrielle - for being a good friend and peer to others - you always listen carefully to others, take their opinions on board and help and support everybody.	

Team Points Winner this week	BLOSSOM
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.

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!

WINTER ILLNESS ADVICE:



Please use the link below to access the UK Health Security Agency's (UKHSA) back to school advice amid rising levels of winter illness



https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-school-advice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d2897b05-876e-4b17-96d6-0a01fa2e1827&utm_content=daily

SAFE PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

For some time, school has been requesting that parents **DO NOT** park in the staff parking area – however, we continue to have difficulties with this each day. Please do not park in the staff parking area at the front of school. Also, please adhere to the parking guides around school – it is important that our children are safe, able to walk on the pathways around school without cars blocking the way and also cross the road with clear visibility (ie – without cars parked illegally in the way). This is now becoming a serious issue - please help to keep everyone safe by parking safely and legally – even if it means parking a distance from school and walking in. Thank you, Miss Brady.



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.



While school is always happy to accommodate parents with emergency/ 'on the day' bookings, where possible, please could all parents try to book and pay for the breakfast and after school club in advance using the EDUSPOT/SCHOOL MONEY SYSTEM, this helps school with staffing and planning for the week ahead.



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

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. 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



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

New year, new goals: does volunteering feature in your 2024 plans?



“What are your goals for 2024?”

Have you been talking or thinking about this since the new year began?

This is the time of year that many of us think about what we want to achieve in the year ahead, with many goals focused on personal and professional development – how to work better, do better, be better. Inspiring Governance, the charity programme that matches skilled volunteers with school governor roles, report a spike in interest in volunteering opportunities throughout January which can offer so many benefits that align with these goals. So what are the reasons you should go beyond the search stage and take action to find out more about volunteering in the world of education this year?

1. Volunteering is good for your mental health and wellbeing

Almost 80% of participants of a recent survey by the NCVO said they felt their mental health and wellbeing had improved as a result of volunteering. Not only that, 74% said it had given them more confidence – win-win!

2. Volunteering expands your social circle

Volunteer Justin puts it perfectly: “Volunteering as a school governor has enabled me to meet some amazing people - people who are passionate about how education can help children, parents and the community that they live in”.

3. Volunteering can support your career progression goals

Volunteer governors report that the board level experience they gain helps them learn or sharpen skills that have a direct impact on their professional life, which can help to achieve those 2024 career goals.

Interested in finding out more? **Join a free webinar hosted by the charity Inspiring Governance on Thursday 18th January 12.30-13.15** to learn more about the role and hear from a panel of current school governors sharing their own experiences of volunteering in the role.



Sign up below to join us:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/5817047285657/WN_wjuAw2mITUGdDdCfafUAiA

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 15 January 2024		Last date to apply for Primary School place for your child
Wednesday 17 January 2024	3.20-3.40 pm	Read, Write Inc workshop for Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents in school
Wednesday 24 January 2024	3.20-3.40 pm	Times Table Check Meeting for Year 4 parents in school
Friday 26 January 2024		Life Education Visit
Monday 29 January 2024	All Day	Year 3 children taking part in ALTOGETHER PROJECT IN BURNLEY
Friday 9 February 2024	3.20 pm	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 19 February 2024	8.45 am	SCHOOL RE-OPENS

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.*