



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



Friday 19 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

A big thank you this week to all our staff for keeping our school open and running smoothly in the freezing weather. Thank you, too, to our children who have been superbly behaved and worked well all week too. A special thank you goes to our parents for all your support – for following any new arrangements we have had to make and for understanding changes at short notice. For clearing pathways and snow with us and helping us to grit – thank you!

Have a wonderful and safe weekend everyone and we will see you all on Monday when we hope that the weather has been kind and we are clear of snow and frost!

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	Skylar & Alban	96.4%
AVOCET	Libby & Jacob	92.96%
GOLDCREST	Daisy & Isaac	95%
LAPWING	Alfie & Erisa	96.54%
EAGLE	William & Caleb	96.5%
This week's Value Award – Quality: ASPIRATION		
EAGLETS	Lily is an inspiration - she aspires to give 100% effort and strives to be the best that she can be.	
AVOCET	Jack Parker - for always aspiring to be the very best he can. For striving for success in his written work and for aiming to be the kindest and most caring pupil in the room.	
GOLDCREST	Taya always tries to be her best in everything that she does. She has tried very hard in speech and language interventions this week and also in maths. She is a good role model as she is always trying hard.	
LAPWING	Alfie always aspires to be the very best he can. He applies himself 100% always! He is a wonderful role model in class. Well done Alfie!	
EAGLE	Hussain - he tries hard and aspires to do his best in his lessons, in particular in maths, confidently joining in with discussions about his learning	

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



REMINDER: WE NEED A PARENT GOVERNOR!

Information and nomination forms for you to apply to be a parent governor were sent out via your child last Friday 12 January. If you would like to nominate yourself – please apply by completing and sending the **NOMINATION FORM** via email to office@sjstonefold.com by 12 noon on Monday 22 January 2024.

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 - AGAIN

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

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun



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

Dear God

*Thank you for our teachers and those who help us to learn.
We are sorry when we do not always appreciate the example of
Jesus in the temple when he listened to his teachers and asked
lots of questions - full of curiosity and a thirst for knowledge.
Please help us to always be keen to learn and to seek to
understand those things we do not fully comprehend.*

In your name we pray, Amen.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Monday 22 January 2024	12 noon	Last date to NOMINATE YOURSELF TO BE A PARENT GOVERNOR
Wednesday 24 January 2024	3.20-3.40 pm	Times Table Check Meeting for Year 4 parents in school
Wednesday 24 January 2024	3.30 pm	INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT ROBINWOOD 2024 FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS
Friday 26 January 2024		Life Education Visit
Monday 29 January 2024	All Day	Year 3 children taking part in ALTOGETHER PROJECT IN BURNLEY
Tuesday 30 January 2024		HEIGHTS & WEIGHTS CHECK RECEPTION CHILDREN
Friday 2 February 2024		GOLDCREST CLASS ASSEMBLY
Thursday 8 February 2024		FOSS (PTFA) VALENTINE DISCO – more information to follow
Friday 9 February 2024	3.20 pm	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 19 February 204	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.*