



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23 February 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

Welcome back! The half term break seemed to fly by and we are at the end of week 1 already this half term! We are fast approaching test season in school so please do avoid any absences or holidays before the testing month in May. This will help both school and your child to approach this time with confidence and erase any anxiety this may cause. Thank you.

Please can we also ask that packed lunches contain healthy elements for our children to have the necessary vitamins they need to be able to concentrate throughout the day. We have become very concerned of late that lunches appear to contain crisps, chocolate, pastries, cakes, biscuits, etc which are not healthy choices and will not give the children the energy levels they will need to last throughout the afternoon. We would expect to see COLOURFUL lunch boxes with fruit and vegetables – please see the guidance below from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



We will be saying a sad goodbye to Father David at the end of this half term as he moves on to a new parish in Boston, Lincolnshire – he is returning to his home town to be part of a new community of God – we wish him all the very best and thank him for all his hard work and dedication to our school during the last 6 years. If you would like to contribute to a leaving collection for him, please send this in an envelope to the school office marked 'For Father David' Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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	Darcie & Lola	98.4%
AVOCET	Jacob H & Lillie	99.26%
GOLDCREST	Jayden & Adam	96.67%
LAPWING	Zoya & Lewis	96.92%
EAGLE	Jamie & Hira	95%
This week's Value Award – Quality: EMPATHY		
EAGLETS	Jack H has been showing our school value of empathy by imagining how other feels when something happens to them, he offers a kind and caring hand.	
AVOCET	Aurora - always showing kindness to others and taking other children's feelings into consideration.	
GOLDCREST	Daisy will get the empathy award this week as she is always willing to help other children with learning when they are struggling. She sits and shares ideas with them when she has finished and they are struggling.	

LAPWING	Taylor always shows consideration for his peers and he is always kind and helpful with others at all times.
EAGLE	Zac - for putting himself in others shoes and showing great empathy towards how they could be feeling.

Team Points Winner this week	CONKERS
Class Attendance Winner this week	AVOCET



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Don't forget school now opens at 8.45 am – **registration is at 8.50 am** – **DON'T BE LATE!!** Please note the new start of day time – this is 5 minutes earlier than previously expected.



VERY IMPORTANT: PE KITS IN SCHOOL!! CHARGES NOW APPLY



Children should have PE kits in at the start of each half term, they stay in school and only go home at the end of the half term for washing.

If a child forgets their kit, they will be loaned a kit and charged a £2 washing fee as a result as we have found that too many children are relying on school kits and this is now becoming a burden.

For any clubs after school, children should wear their own PE clothes, not their school kit, so that their kit remains in school at all times. Thank you for your help and support to improve our children's organisation and ensure they are ready for their learning in PE.



World Book Day 2024!

This will take place on Thursday 7th March.

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character (not movie character).

Lots of characters wear clothes that can be found at home - please do not feel that you need to buy an outfit especially for this occasion.

We would also like children to create their own wooden spoon favourite book character – see the photos posted on Class Dojo.

School will provide a wooden spoons have now been sent home. Unfortunately, we won't be able to replace any lost spoons.

Each child will receive a £1 book voucher that can be redeemed at large retailers, e.g. Asda, WHSmiths.

We cannot wait to see all the children dressed up, see their wooden spoon characters, and get to spend the day talking about books and reading!

PARKING CONCERNS CONTINUE –PLEASE PARK SAFELY



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 26 FEBRUARY 2024

Monday	Did you solve it?
Tuesday	Making Flapjacks
Wednesday	Draw with Rob
Thursday	Decorating Eggs
Friday	New Solve it



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



Self-regulation: this is when children start to become capable of exercising more control over their impulses and behaviour, and managing their own emotions.

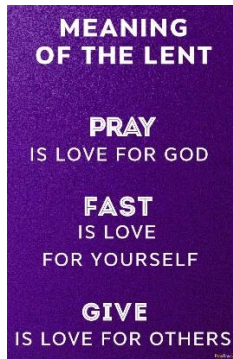
This vital developmental milestone, however, isn't reached spontaneously. Learning to self-regulate requires sensitive guidance from trusted adults – simply talking with children about their thoughts and feelings, for instance, can ease the route to self-regulation

Visit our online safety webpage for more information

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

Time for Reflection

As we continue our journey through Lent, we pray that everyone becomes closer to God – putting God first rather than ourselves.



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Thursday 29 February 2024		ROSSENDALE DANCE COMPETITION AT KING GEORGE'S HALL
Thursday 7 March 2024		WORLD BOOK DAY 'COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER!'
Saturday 16 March 2024		St Thomas' Musbury Church Hall – Messy Easter Play
Friday 22 March 2024	9.00 am	AVOCET ASSEMBLY
Thursday 28 March 2024	1.30 pm	LAST DAY – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER BREAK EARLY

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.*