



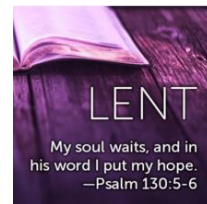
St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9 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

This week we welcomed Bishop Philip to school to lead our worship on Thursday morning. It was a very special visit and one which everyone enjoyed as we shared our wonderful children and our school with him.

Next week over half term we will have Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday for the start of Lent. We often think of giving things up during Lent in order to fast and become closer to God. Perhaps we could also think of taking something up – for example, giving to charity, volunteering or helping a neighbour – acts of kindness which will make such a difference to others. Lent is a time to follow Jesus' example and to be a friend to everyone so that we illustrate our closeness to God not only through abstinence but also through action.

Have a wonderful half term everyone, be safe and make treasured memories with your families. We look forward to seeing you all again as our school family is reunited on Monday 19th February from 8.45am as usual.

Best wishes

Frances Brady
Headteacher

Katie Isherwood
Deputy Head

CLASSES	Half Term English Award and Learner of the Week Award.	★ Half Term Headteacher Awards for Presentation	Half Termly Award for Empathy, Aspiration, Generosity, Love and Endurance	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Oscar & Romilly	Jack R	Ezra	98.4%
AVOCET	Caleb & Koby	Ren	Rico	99.26%
GOLDCREST	Ellis & Luca	Daisy	Isaac	95%
LAPWING	Ffion & Logan	Aubrey	Georgia	97.69%
EAGLE	Oliver H & Caleb	Noah	Oliver A	93.5%

This week's winners areClass AVOCET



Team Points Winner this week	CONKER
Half Termly Team Points Winner	MAPLE – REWARD IS NON UNIFORM ON FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY



Re-arranged FOSS VALENTINE Disco!!!

Come along to our Valentine Disco on Thursday 22 February.

EYFS/KS1 disco 6pm-7pm
KS2 disco 7.15pm-8.15pm



Cost - £3.00. This is for entry and includes a hot dog and drink and sweets!



Please send your money in a named envelope to the school office.



Tickets will not be issued this time - all children will have their name on a list for entry and hot dog & drink purposes!

Attendance Matters



Leave during Term Time



Thinking of taking your child on holiday in term time?

If so, please think carefully...

- **There is no automatic entitlement to any leave in term time** therefore parents **must** seek school's permission before taking their child out of school.
- School will **only authorise** the absence if there are **exceptional reasons** for taking the leave in term time.
- School **will** require parents to fill in a leave request form **prior to booking** any holiday and/or attend a meeting in school.

There may be occasions where, even in exceptional circumstances, your child's school may not agree leave, for example during SATs week or important transitional periods

What is the hidden cost of your family holiday? Any financial savings should be weighed up against the impact on your child's education.....

Reasons why you should not take your child out of school in term time:

- Evidence shows that even small amounts of absence from school can affect your child's progress and attainment.
- The education of your child could be disrupted both prior to and after any leave, causing them to fall behind and struggling to catch up.
- For every week of school a child misses, they lose 25 hours of education which can never be regained.
- Approximately every 6 weeks your child gets a holiday from school, therefore you should use this time to take your child on holiday.
- If you choose to take your child on holiday in term time with or without permission, you may be issued with a penalty notice.

**DON'T
FORGET**

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 spoon - these will be sent home this week (before half term). 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!

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



"Persuasive design" refers to the techniques that companies employ to influence our thoughts and behaviours when we are on the internet. These approaches can be spotted on websites, in apps and even as part of some video games. Persuasive design means content is intended to encourage spending your time and money.

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

a jelly bean prayer



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 9 February 2024	3.20 pm	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 19 February 2024	8.45 am	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Tuesday 20 February 2024	PM	MINI FARM COMING TO VISIT YEAR 1 AND 2
Thursday 22 February 2024	6.00 – 7.00 pm	RECEPTION & KS1 DISCO
Thursday 22 February 2024	7.15- 8.15 pm	KS2 DISCO
Friday 23 February 2024		MAPLE CHILDREN – NON UNIFORM REWARD DAY!!
Thursday 29 February 2024		ROSSENDALE DANCE COMPETITION
Thursday 7 March		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	9.00 am	AVOCET ASSEMBLY
Thursday 28 March	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.