



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22 March 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

As we approach the final week of our term, we are busy preparing for our Maundy Thursday Eucharist Service – all welcome in the school hall at 11am on the 28th March where we will also say a very fond farewell to Fr David as he moves to Boston, Lincolnshire over the Easter holidays. We wish him every happiness in his new parish.

We had a very positive visit from our SIAMS inspector Elaine Bowers this week who enjoyed talking to our children – they made us very proud and represented our school values beautifully – well done everyone! A big thank you too to our parents who supported our school during the visit by meeting with Elaine. A special thank you goes to our amazing staff who work so hard and whose dedication was rightly recognised by Elaine during her time at St Johns. The inspection outcome and report of the visit will be out after Easter and will be shared with everyone once it is finalised.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you all next week where our staff easter egg raffle will be drawn for the children – good luck everyone and well done for working hard and earning your raffle tickets!

Frances Brady
Headteacher

Katie Isherwood
Deputy Head

CLASSES	★ English Award and ★ Learner of the Week Award	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Alban & Jaxon	95.2%
AVOCET	Arthur & Maya	92.96%
GOLDCREST	Joshua & Owen	95%
LAPWING	Jessica & Isobelle	95.38%
EAGLE	Jamie & Roxie	88%
This week's Value Award – Quality: ENDURANCE		
EAGLETS	Lola has demonstrated our school value this week. She has not felt 100%, however she still keeps on going, joining in with all our activities with a smile on face.	
AVOCET	Presley shows superb endurance in all that he puts his mind to. Not only does he never give up and always tries his best in school but he also shows this same value in his out of school activities. I am extremely proud of you, Presley. Keep up the excellent efforts.	
GOLDCREST	Oliver will get the value award this week for endurance as he has tried so hard with his learning. He has definitely been trying to be the best that he can be this week. He has showed great listening in maths and has been able to work independently to answer difficult questions about fractions. He has also tried very hard with his English and when asked to check work and edit it he did do.	
LAPWING	Ethan – for always trying his best and putting in 100% effort in reaching his goals! Well done Ethan.	
EAGLE	Lilly W - for keeping going no matter what - you don't always get all your ideas on paper but you keep on going and take care and show pride in what you achieve.	

Team Points Winner this week

MAPLE

Class Attendance Winner this week

LAPWING



NON UNIFORM NEXT WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH!! We are fundraising for new and exciting books for every class! Please come in non-uniform. £1 contribution. Thank you!

Attendance Matters

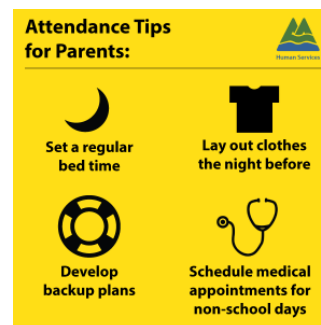


Don't forget school now opens at 8.45 am – **registration is at 8.50 am** – **DON'T BE LATE!!**
Please note the new start of day time – this is 5 minutes earlier than previously expected.



HELPFUL TIPS: To ensure you child arrives at school on time:

- Make sure he/she gets enough sleep.
 - Makes sure he/she has an alarm clock.
 - Make sure he/she has clothes ready the night before.
 - Ensure he/she packs bags the night before, including swimming and PE kits.
 - Try and arrange all dental and medical appointments outside school hours wherever possible



SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGES AT ST JOHN'S STONEFOLD FROM SEPTEMBER 2024:



School is introducing a **white short sleeved shirt** (widely available from supermarkets – Asda sell a pack of 2 white shirts for £3.50, Tesco sell a pack of 3 white shirts £7.00) **and a tie and v-necked jumper with school logo**. Girls are also able to wear a cardigan with school logo. All other uniform will remain the same.



Our current YELLOW polo shirts with school logo will be used up (**for this year only**) as PE KIT – and will be worn along with the usual black tracksuit trousers or shorts.

The **new school elasticated tie and v-necked jumper with school logo** will be available from our usual uniform suppliers, Abbey Street in Accrington and Whittakers at Oswaldtwistle Mills and Blackburn.



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.



NEW SPORTS CLUBS STARTING AFTER EASTER! (Please note: Dance for KS2 will finish Monday 25th March – Gymnastics for KS1 finished Thursday 21 March)

(Clubs run from 3.20 pm – 4.00 pm)



The new clubs are as follows:

KS1: Year 1 and 2 children will be able to take part in a **BALL SKILLS CLUB** with coach DANIEL from Monday 15th April to Monday 20th May – (APART FROM MONDAY 6 MAY – BANK HOLIDAY) - 5 weeks

KS2: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will be able to take part in a **NETBALL CLUB** with coach PAUL from Thursday 18th April to Thursday 23rd May – (APART FROM THURSDAY 2 MAY – POLLING DAY) - 5 weeks

BEFORE YOU BOOK THE CLUBS via Parent App please make sure your child **REALLY WANTS TO TAKE PART IN THE CLUB.**

The booking system will appear on **PA CONNECT**. You can access it either via the message or go to **CONTENT AND REFRESH** using the top right button and the **CLUB/EVENT** square should appear in the top left corner on the **CONTENT SECTION**. Any problems please email office@sjstonefold.com

PARENT APP TIPS and UPDATES:

You may have noticed on the **CONTENT** part of the APP that you are able to submit absences and appointment dates and times. The **CONTENT** section also links you directly to our website, shows our school menu, term dates, events and your child's class pages etc as well as **SCHOOL MONEY/EDUSPOT**. Please 'refresh' your APP from time to time – to do this please go to **CONTENT** and use the 'refresh' symbol in the top right corner.

If your APP has been installed for a while – it is a good idea to download the latest app update available on both Apple and Android stores. The latest version of Apple is 1.38. The latest version of Android is 1.8.

If you need to add another parent or grandparent to the APP – please go to **PROFILE** (along the bottom) and add them here.

As always if you have any difficulties – please let the school office know and we will help you!

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...

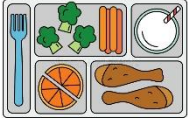
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-johns-stonefold-ce-primary-school>

Thanks in advance for your support!



WATER FOUNTAIN GOING AFTER EASTER!

Just to remind parents that after Easter, children will be unable to access water from the water fountain, only from the taps in school. Therefore, please ensure children come to school with full water bottles from home for the day ahead. Please make sure that the water bottle has your child's name on!



COST OF SCHOOL DINNERS INCREASING FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

Unfortunately due to inflationary issues across the board, staffing, food and food costs, transport etc, etc, the cost of school meals will rise in September to £2.60 per day. £13.00 per week.

PARKING CONCERNS CONTINUE – PLEASE PARK SAFELY



ROSSENDALE EASTER EGG HUNT

UK HEALTH ADVICE FOR PARENTS:

Measles: How to Stay Safe

The best protection is 2 doses of the safe, effective MMR vaccine at 1 year of age, and 3 years, 4 months.

If you have not had two doses, you can get them free from your GP surgery.

Know the symptoms! Keep people with symptoms away from others.

Call ahead before going to A&E or your GP.

Symptoms

- Rash
- Temperature
- Runny Nose
- Red Eyes
- Cough

HAF ROSSENDALE – HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD



For more information and to register visit www.rltrust.co.uk/haf

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 25 MARCH 2024

Monday	Children's Choice
Tuesday	Children's Choice
Wednesday	Children's Choice
Thursday	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30 PM
Friday	GOOD FRIDAY



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!

TABLE TENNIS COMPETITIONS AT ALL SAINTS HIGH SCHOOL



Two of our Year 6 girls, Evie and Gabrielle and two of our Year 6 boys, Max and Hussain played at the Table Tennis competitions held at All Saints High School this week. Both girls and boys played extremely well and showed great sportsmanship! After several rounds Evie got to the finals but was unfortunately pipped at the post!! Well done to you all - you did St John's Stonefold proud. Huge thanks to parents who took the girls and Miss Whiteford for accompanying them.

INTERNET SAFETY - Cultural and technological changes have made the experiences of



today's children vastly different to our own childhoods; it can be challenging to engage youngsters in open, honest conversation – especially about more sensitive topics. This, combined with many children's instinct to avoid "rocking the boat", can make it difficult to stay up to date with the goings on in their life.

However, it's hugely important that trusted adults still offer an empathetic ear and feel able to encourage young people to open up about their day-to-day activities. This guide provides ten top tips for promoting open conversations with children – helping to make sure there's someone they know they can turn to in times of need.

Visit our online safety webpage for more information
<https://www.stonefold.lancs.sch.uk/online-safety/>

Time for Reflection



Dear God,
 Thank you for
 all your blessings
 to me and my family.
 For the strength you
 give me each day
 and for all the
 people around me
 who make life
 more meaningful.
 AMEN.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Wednesday 27 March 2024	ALL DAY	NON UNIFORM FOR NEW BOOKS! £1 contribution.
Thursday 28 March 2024	11 am	EUCARIST SERVICE IN SCHOOL
Thursday 28 March 2024	1.30 pm	LAST DAY – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER BREAK EARLY
Monday 15 April 2024	8.50 am	Back to school after Easter Break
Tuesday 30 April	3.30 pm	15 minute SATs meeting with Yr 6 parents and Miss Whiteford
Thursday 2 May 2024		INSET DAY – POLLING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 6 May 2024		MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 20 May 2024	1 pm	SPORTS DAY
Thursday 23 May 2024	1 pm	RESERVE SPORTS DAY
Friday 24 May 2024	3.20 pm	LAST DAY – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR MAY HALF TERM
Monday 3 June 2024	8.50 am	Back to school after May Half Term
Friday 7 June 2024	ALL DAY	BAMBOO THEATRE – WATERFOOT – YEAR 3, 4 & 5 SUMMER TRIP
Tuesday 11 June 2024	ALL DAY	GO APE – YEAR 6 SUMMER TRIP
Friday 14 June 2024	ALL DAY	BLACKPOOL SEALIFE – YEAR R, 1 & 2 SUMMER TRIP
Friday 12 July 2024		YR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY/SERVICE & SUMMER FAIR
Friday 19 July 2024	1.30 pm	LAST DAY – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER EARLY
Tuesday 3 September 2024	8.50 am	Back to school after the summer break

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.