



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter



Friday 19 April 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 to our summer term. We have started with all seasons in one week with the weather! Our children have settled well and we are all looking forward to the sunny summer weather so we can play on the field and enjoy the outdoors. Please do remember to send your children in with a drink each day as the water fountain in Key Stage 2 has been removed. Tap water is still available to refill bottles. If anyone would like to volunteer to help and support in school, please speak to Mrs Wilkinson – equally if you would like to help our PTFA, FOSS, you would be made very welcome.

Frances Brady
Headteacher

Katie Isherwood
Deputy Head

CLASSES	★ English Award and ★ Learner of the Week Award	The School's Attendance Target is 96%
EAGLETS	Elliot & Jack H	98.5%
AVOCET	Freya & Nellie	94.91%
GOLDCREST	Olive & Jack	95.31%
LAPWING	Logan & Erinn	94.23%
EAGLE	Elsie & Oliver A	96.88%
This week's Value Award – Quality: EMPATHY		
EAGLETS	Ralph has been empathetic towards his friends this week by always showing that he cares. Ralph thinks highly of those around him and shows how thoughtful he is by thinking of how others feel.	
AVOCET	Jacob C is always demonstrating our school values but in particular this week, he has shown empathy towards all his peers in his classroom. He is making sure everyone on his table is sharing, helping each other and being kind to each other. Well done Jacob.	
GOLDCREST	Harry has shown what a great friend he can be this week. He has helped other children in the class with their new learning and he has made sure that no one was left alone on the playground. What a great start to the new term! Well done, Harry!	
LAPWING	Erisa, for always showing a thoughtful understanding of other's feelings, both peers/adults as well as characters in stories we are reading.	
EAGLE	Scarlet - for being a good friend in class and thinking about how others feel in different scenarios.	

Team Points Winner this week	BLOSSOM
Class Attendance Winner this week	EAGLETS



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.



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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



Attendance Tips for Parents:



Set a regular bed time



Lay out clothes the night before



Develop backup plans



Schedule medical appointments for non-school days

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.

EVIDENCE OF APPOINTMENTS:

To minimise disruption school will no longer allow children to be collected early if evidence of appointment is not given, either a letter or a text for doctors/hospital or dental appointment must be shown.

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!



EID MUBARAK PARTY FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024

On Friday 26th April, in the afternoon, each class will be having their own Eid Party!

This is a time to celebrate together and learn more about this special time.

Your class teacher will send home further information relating to food and drink donations.

If any parents would like to come in to support our parties, please let your class teacher know via Dojo.

Many thanks for your support

SPORTS DAY – School sports days are planned for Monday 20 May and a reserve date of Thursday 23 May just in case we cannot have it on the first date due to weather issues.



We are giving parents advance notice that all children will need a T-shirt in the colour of their school team:



COST OF SCHOOL DINNERS INCREASING FROM SEPTEMBER 2024



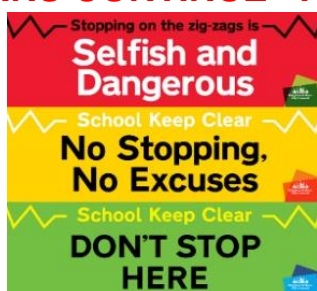
Unfortunately due to inflationary issues across the board, staffing, food and food costs, transport etc, etc, the cost of school meals will rise in September to £2.60 per day. £13.00 per week.

WATER BOTTLES FROM HOME:



Please make sure that your child brings to school a named water bottle every day. Thank you!

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

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Monday	Picture Puzzles
Tuesday	Display Board Ideas
Wednesday	Draw with Rob
Thursday	More Picture Puzzles
Friday	Making Pizza



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



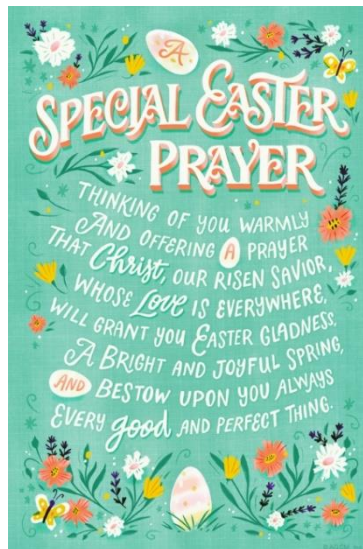
While the short-term benefits of energy drinks can be attractive, it's not wise to ignore the potential health risks. Consuming these beverages regularly can have negative effects on the heart and blood pressure, and even cause dependency on these products to keep users' energy at a 'normal' level. Factoring in that it's illegal to sell these drinks to under-16s, the rise in children and young people using energy drinks is a cause for concern.

This marked increase in young people using highly caffeinated drinks to supplement their energy has heightened the risk of these health issues arising in children – at a time in their lives where such impacts can have greater, longer-lasting consequences. Our guide addresses these possible hazards,

letting you know how to minimise them for children and young people who like the occasional can.

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

Time for Reflection



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 26 April	pm	EID PARTY
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.