



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6 May 2022



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

I hope all our families who were celebrating Eid this week had a wonderful time marking the end of Ramadan. It was wonderful to see the pictures of Eid prayers at Blackburn Rovers this week.

We continue to focus on our school values throughout our worships, and celebrate Jesus' resurrection stories with the children. As I have been taking around school lots of visitors recently, it is lovely to see these values in action in the classrooms.

This week we are beginning to get started with the statutory testing the government requires us to administer to the children in Year 6 and Year 2, followed shortly by those in year 4 and Year 1. This will continue now for the last few weeks of this term and the first 2 weeks after the holiday. It is vital that children attend school as much as possible during the weeks of the tests. The results will of course be shared with you.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Frances Brady

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Headteacher

★ <u>Star of the week.</u> ★	<u>The School's Attendance</u> Target is 96%		<u>Values award - GENEROSITY</u>
Class	Class	Attendance	Class
1. Koby	1	92.11%	1. Pixie
2. Lewis	2	95.19%	2. Arlo
3. Oliver A	3	88.64%	3. Jessica
4. Roxie	4	86.84%	4. Hira
5. Claude	5	96.15%	5. Elsie
	This week's winners are... Class 5		

Team Points Winner	GRIFFINS
Caretaker Award	Class 4

NEW WORSHIP TABLE COVERS



A big thank you goes to Hazel who has made us some new cloths for our school worship table, in different colours to match our liturgical season.

Here is a photo taken when Hazel came in and Father David dedicated the new worship table covers. They are really beautiful and ensure we have a focus area during our whole school worship time and learn about the church year.



ATTENDANCE - In Term Holidays

Attendance at school is essential for our children who have already missed out on so much learning due to lockdowns over the last 2 years. We are working hard in school to enable our children to catch up in all areas of learning.

We have noticed a rise in holiday requests - the most recent total for this academic year since September is **79 days** = almost **16 school weeks of lost learning**. While we understand the impact of covid and delays in holidays in this regard, we must request that parents avoid taking children out of school for holidays in term time.

Currently, our policy is that we do not fine for holidays taken in term time and we would wish this to continue. However, we would be highly criticised if we, as a school, did not fine for lost education with the rate of holidays in term time as high as they are. Please help us to keep our policy as it stands and to ensure our children access essential learning by booking holidays out of term time. Thank you for your help and support in this matter.



HEADLICE – Messages have been sent out this week advising ALL parents to check their child's hair for lice. Here is the link once again with instructions of how to do this.

<https://lancsyoungpeoplefamilyservice.co.uk/headlice-nits/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

In order to eliminate them completely and prevent an outbreak, ***it is essential that the whole school community complete these checks regularly over the next 2 weeks, tie back long hair and use treatments if infected.*** It is not necessary for children to be absent from school once the treatment has been administered. While it is an unpleasant, for children who have them, to be treated, it is of course part of our community responsibility to do our part to prevent others from becoming infected. Thanks for your help with this matter

Jewellery – Please can we remind parents that our school uniform policy states

Jewellery is not part of the school uniform and should not be worn. Some children wear earrings. ***These should be stud earrings and need to be removed for PE.*** We recommend that they are not worn at all on PE days as Teachers cannot remove or replace earrings.

Please can you ensure that children are sent to school in appropriate PE kit without earrings and other jewellery is kept at home for safe keeping. ***Please do not get ears pierced during term time.***

PE days are –

Class 1	Tuesday and Friday
Class 2	Tuesday and Thursday
Class 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Class 4	Monday and Wednesday
Class 5	Monday and Wednesday



FOSS (Friends of Stonefold School) PTFA - Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 11th May at 6pm.** We hope some more of you will be able to join us and everyone is WELCOME. FOSS help us fund extras that benefit all of the children. In this meeting we will plan how to spend the money raised on our play areas and everyone is welcome, if you would like to get involved. Our school needs you.



SATs - These are tests set by the government which schools have to administer. In the last 2 years, the tests have not been carried out due to the pandemic. This year, therefore, we aim to provide a calm and relaxed atmosphere for children, so they can do their best and we ensure that they are prepared for them and are aware of what to expect. I am sure parents will fully support their children during this time at home, do get in touch with the class teacher if there are any concerns.

This year schools are not required to publish the overall data from the tests but individual scores will be shared with parents.

In Year 6 and Year 2 – tests are carried out in May as on the dates below. They take tests in Reading, spelling and grammar and maths.

Year 4 children — a multiplication check will take place in June – this is an online test of 25 questions to test their recall of times table facts and it will be similar to an arena session on Timetable Rockstars.

Year 1 children – there will be a phonics check – children read words (real and nonsense) to check they have learnt to read and blend the sounds in words.

Dates	Time	Event
Week beginning 9 May	Mon- Thurs	KS2 SATs week for all Y6 pupils
Wednesday 11 May	6.00 pm	FOSS MEETING AT SCHOOL – ALL PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME!!!
Week beginning 16 May	Mon- Thurs	KS1 SATS week for all Y2 pupils
Wednesday 25 May	2.45 pm	EUCCHARIST SERVICE IN SCHOOL – Parents and Carers Welcome!!
Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 June		CORAM Life Education Visit to School
Wednesday 22 June		Class 1 and 2 School Trip to Smithills Farm, Bolton – more details to follow
Friday 8 July		Classes 3, 4 & 5 School Trip – Trains and River Irwell – more details to follow

Worship and Reflection



An Easter Prayer

God made you and God made me, He made the world for us to see. God loves you and long ago, He sent his Son to tell us so. Jesus showed us many things, To love and share and dance and sing. To learn and pray, to help and care, He promised he'd always be there. He died but then came back to life, Let's celebrate for he's alive! Amen.

Online Safety Tip



It's important to have regular conversations with your child about the online world, including issues like cyberbullying. This will help you to understand if they have ever experienced or witnessed online bullying for themselves, and give you an opportunity to support them and reassure them that you are always there to help. Some questions to ask: How can you be kind online? What would you do if someone is being unkind online?

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

PLEASE LABEL ALL JUMPERS AND HOODIES

This can be done with a permanent marker or iron in or sewn in labels!

If your child has brought a jumper or hoodie home that does not belong to them please return this to school!



Thank you!!

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.