



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27 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

As we end the half –term, it is reassuring that most aspects of school life are now returning to normal and it was lovely to hear that some parents were able to join us for assembly today. The children had a wonderful and memorable time at our Jubilee celebrations and although it was too wet to hold it on the field, it remained dry enough to go ahead on the playground and in classes. As the half term approaches, this is a good time to sort through toys and books and donate them to our Bring and Buy sale (more details below). Also, I urge you to take notice of the attendance information and to take up the reading challenge - details below. Thank you for all your support this half term, have a wonderful holiday, we look forward to seeing you all safe and well on Tuesday 7th June.

Best wishes

Frances Brady

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Headteacher

★ Stars of the week. ★	The School's Attendance Target is 96%			Termly Values award - Forgiveness & Wisdom – using Love, Respect and Courage	Half Term Headteacher Awards for Presentation
Class	Class	Attendance	Class	Class	Class
1. Pearl	1	88.95%	1. Brooklyn	1. Maximilian	
2. Taya	2	96.15%	2. Ellis	2. Esmae	
3. Scarlet	3	98.18%	3. Klay	3. Josie	
4. Roxie	4	98.95%	4. Teddy	4. TBC	
5. Lucy Br	5	94.62%	5. Alfie	5. Lucy Ba	
	This week's winners are... Class 4				

Team Points Winner	UNICORNS	Overall Team Points Winner – children in the overall team points winner will have the reward of a non-uniform day on Friday 10th June	UNICORNS
Caretaker Award	Classes 1 and 2		

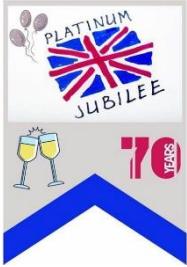


Attendance

We have recently sent out letters regarding attendance. We are growing increasingly concerned regarding low attendance by some children. **We would expect at least 96% as a standard for attendance**, however we have many children heading towards 90% and some heading towards 85% attendance. **If children do not attend school, they do not make progress.** Missed learning cannot be repeated - it takes a long time for a child to catch up educationally, emotionally and socially following any absence, no matter how short or long the duration. The expectation is that children attend school every day - please support this aim. Thank you.

Jubilee Garden Party – thank you for your support providing some snacks for our jubilee

celebrations. The children and Class 2 teddies had a lovely time and hopefully made some lovely memories.



Staffing Update - Miss Kershaw has been successful at interview for a teacher position nearer her home as she spends a lot of time (and money) travelling to St John's each day. We will miss her greatly, but understand her reasons and wish her all the very best for the future. We will be recruiting a new teacher over the coming weeks for Class 4 in September. Meanwhile, we will enjoy the time we have with Miss Kershaw for the rest of the term.

BRING AND BUY SALE – After the holidays on the first Friday- FOSS and Class 5 are going to run a

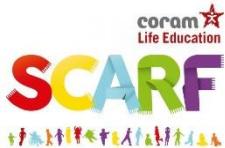


BRING AND BUY sale. Over half term, we would be most grateful if you can have a sort out and donate any toys or books, which are in good condition but no longer played with and saleable and send them into school after the holidays. **On Friday the 10 June** - your children will have the opportunity to visit the sale and spend a small amount of money at the FOSS tuck shop and buy some books or toys. All money raised by the event will go in to FOSS funds and will be spent on your children over the coming months, some towards leavers Hoodies for the Year 6 pupils.

Thank A Teacher Day 26th May 2022 – Yesterday was Thank a Teacher day. I am always so thankful for the



wonderful staff we have. They are inspirational for our children each day. They work incredibly hard and always go the extra mile to ensure our children have the best chances possible. They are generous and kind while making a difference to the life chances of our children each day. Please take a moment to be thankful for our teaching staff - it is not an easy job and over the past few years the remit of the role of a teacher (or a teaching assistant) has vastly widened. Teaching is a true vocation. Our staff impress me and I am so proud to see them at work illustrating their skill each day. THANK YOU ALL.



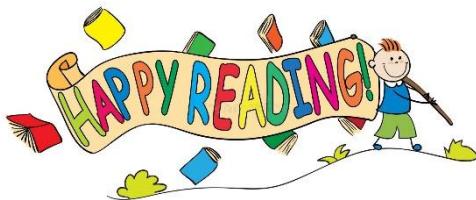
CORAM LIFE EDUCATION VISIT – 7 and 8 June

Children will have opportunity to buy a 'Harold Keyring' or 'Scratch Art Bookmark' when the Life Education bus are with us. Please send them in with £1 if they would like to buy one.

We encourage parents and carers to attend the Coram Life Education session on Wednesday 8 June between 8.50 am and 9.20 am.



Reading challenge for your child's wellbeing



concerned about their child's learning and the need to catch up and their well-being. According to the Book Trust, reading at home can help with both these concerns. Therefore, we would like to encourage more parents to engage in reading with their child for these reasons and the reasons below....

"Sharing a story with your child is one of the most incredible things you can do for them." – The Book Trust.

Research shows that getting children reading at home can increase their ability to read at school – and improve their well-being overall.

Parents and carers can make a big difference. Parents and carers who have a regular routine and time set aside to do this vital activity can positively impact their child's future prospects. Just 10 minutes of quality reading time can make a big difference.

DO YOU READ WITH YOUR CHILD? This is a question to mums, dads and other carers. If the answer is no, we have a **Reading challenge for you**– Can you tuck up your child in bed with a 5-minute story or allow your child 5 minutes of reading time before lights out? (You can read to them, look at a book and discuss it, take turns to read with your child, or listen to children read to you).

In the month of June – we will send home a reading challenge card which parents/carers will initial each time they share

Why should you do this? Reading can give children a break from technology-centred activities. It can help them to relax and unwind; simply, reading a book can make children laugh and feel happier! Through hearing stories, children are also exposed to a rich and wide vocabulary. Children who establish habits of reading and engage in reading for pleasure at a young age, will establish lifelong habits of reading for enjoyment and learning.



Here are a few reading tips we would like to share when sharing books with your child:

- Ask children lots of questions while reading.
- Use encouragement and praise to keep children engaged. Saying things like "what fantastic ideas" or "you thought so carefully about that, what might happen now?" will keep their minds working.

- Use their past experiences to talk about what's being read. Things like "have you learnt about...at school?" or "do you remember when we watched...and found out about..." are good conversation starters.
- Tune-in and listen to children, and be curious about their interests. "I didn't know you knew so much about..." or "I love reading stories about...with you," are good phrases to keep in mind.
- Further ideas and tips can be found <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/> Especially useful if you want help to hear your child read, advice on how to set up a routine or ideas if your child does not like reading



Reading time together with your child can become a special and memorable time with them, and often can be a time where they open up and talk to you. In our busy lives, it can be a time of calm and relaxation for both parent/carer and child. WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRY?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – from now until we break up in summer!

Dates	Time	Event
Friday 27 May	3.15 pm	LAST DAY BEFORE HALF TERM
Tuesday 7 June	8.45 am	Back to school after half term
Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 June		CORAM Life Education Visit to School
Wednesday 8 June	8.50 -9.20 am	CORAM Life Education Parent/Carers Session in school
Friday 10 June		Bring and Buy session at school for children
Monday 20 June	1.15 pm	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 June		Class 1 and 2 School Trip to Smithills Farm, Bolton - please complete consent form on Parent App and pay on SCHOOL MONEY
Monday 27 June	1.15 pm	Sports Day reserve date (in case first one is cancelled by the weather.)
Friday 1 July	2.15 pm	KS2 French day – parents are welcome to join us as we run a café with French foods and practise our French speaking (children will help and translate if needed – more information to follow)
Wednesday 6 July	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Parents evening drop in (more information to follow)
Wednesday 6 July	3.30-4.00 pm	FOSS - Used donated uniform sale (more information to follow)
Friday 8 July	COACH LEAVES 8.45 am – don't be late!!	Classes 3, 4 & 5 School Trip – Trains and River Irwell – please complete consent form on Parent App and pay on SCHOOL MONEY
Tuesday 19 July	2.30 pm	Art gallery – come in and visit to see some of our creations
Wednesday 20 July	2.00 pm	Leaver's assembly
Thursday 21 July	2.00 pm	LAST DAY!

Worship and Reflection



Online Safety Tip



SPORTS CLUBS



New sports clubs will start after half term!!

(All the old clubs have now finished)

If your child would like to join in - Please book a place on Parentapp.

Monday 3.30- 4.30 pm	EYFS & KS1	STARTS 13/6/22 - NO CLUB 4/7/22
Tuesday 8.00- 8.45 am	KS2	STARTS 14/6/22

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.