



St John's Stonefold Primary School Newsletter
Friday 20 January



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

Our children have started this half term wonderfully! As I walk through school I can see each class working very hard and producing some amazing work. The children's knowledge and understanding about their lessons is impressive and I have been thrilled to have so many children sent to me to show me their work. Thank you for your ongoing support at home with regular reading, spellings practice, homework and times tables. It really does make a difference to your child's learning!

I will be working with the School Council over the next week to come up with a new reading challenge – details will be sent as soon as possible!

If anyone would like to volunteer to listen to readers at school, please contact the main office. The children really enjoy reading to a variety of adults!

Have a great weekend and we all look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes,

Katie Isherwood
Deputy Headteacher

★ English Award and Learner of the Week Award ★		The School's Attendance Target is 96%		Values Award	
Class		Class	Attendance	Class	
1	Rico & Jack	1	89.66%	1	Ayrton
2	Ren & Reece	2	95.6%	2	Jayden
3	Daisy & Ellis	3	96.82%	3	Minnie
4	Jack & Isobelle	4	94.55%	4	Eli
5	Max & Lily	5	97.08%	5	Kelsie

**This week's winners are....
Class 3 and 5**

Team Points Winner	ACORN
Caretaker Award	Class 5

Staff Weekly Award

The award this week goes to a member of staff that we have all missed greatly! She is always there if we need help or guidance and she keeps us all in line! We are thrilled to have her back and I know you are all too. Well done, Mrs Wilkinson!

Parking at School



Please can we remind parents to park safely and considerately when dropping off and picking up children. Parking on double yellow lines and the zig zags makes the area unsafe for the children. Not parking on the pavements is crucial to allow pedestrians to walk safely, and the staff carpark should be avoided. Thank you.

February Family Fun Arts, Crafts and Games

Children and Family
Wellbeing
Service

Mon 13th February at The Maden Centre 1-3pm

Suitable 0-11 years

Maden Centre, Rochdale Road, Bacup

Tues 14th February at Haslingden Link 10-12pm

Suitable 0-11 years

Haslingden Neighbourhood Centre, Bury Road, Haslingden

Thurs 16th February at The Zone 1-3pm

Suitable 0-11 years

The Zone, Burnley Road, Rawtenstall

Limited places, booking essential

To reserve your place call

01706 237780/237788/237782

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WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 2 March!!!



This year, to celebrate and promote World Book Day on Thursday 2 March, we would like all children and staff to come to school dressed as a word. Do not tell anyone your word! We will be playing games throughout the day to try and guess the words we are wearing. There will be a winner chosen from each class for who has the best word (not the best costume).

Costumes can be made easily, for example, if your word was 'shrunk' you may send your child to school in their parents clothes to give the impression that they have become smaller!

See the examples...

(There will be no charge for World Book Day)



On **Friday 31st March**, we will have our very own Art Gallery!

The children will showcase the amazing learning they have done in Art and Design Technology this term. This is a chance for your little one to 'show off' how wonderful their work is. There will be fizz (lemonade...) and canapes served by Year 6 children – just like at a real art show! You will be able to purchase your child's artwork for a small amount and all proceeds will go towards expanding our art and design supplies.

The Art Gallery will be open from approximately 1pm and close at 1:30pm, when the school shuts for the Easter holidays.

STONEFOLD BOOK SALE!!!

BOOK SALE



On Friday 3rd March we will be holding a second-hand book sale in the school hall.

There will be a variety of children's books, teen books and books for grown-ups. Come and grab a bargain!

All monies raised are going towards buying new books for every class. A class set of shared reading books costs about £150-£200, so come along and help us reach our targets!

If you have any books which you would like to donate for us to sell, please bring these in from Tuesday 21st February.

CELEBRATING OUR OFSTED GOOD NEWS!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 26 and Friday 27 January	All day	Life Ed Bus visiting school/all classes completing lessons PSHE
Wednesday 1 February	am	KS2 Church (in school)
Friday 10 February	All day	FANCY DRESS Day and Safer Internet Day Fancy dress – just for fun! Try and beat what Mrs Burrow will be wearing!
Friday 10 February	3:20 pm	School shuts for Half Term
Monday 20 February	All day	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 21 February	am	School opens 8:45am
Friday 24 February	All day	Life Ed Bus – Focus on Internet Safety for Y 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 2 March	All day	World Book Day – come dressed as a word
Friday 3 March	3:30-4pm	Stonefold Book Sale – come grab a bargain!
Wednesday 8 March	am	KS1 Church (in school)
Friday 17 March	All day	Class 3 trip to Eureka!
Friday 31 March	1pm-1:30pm	Super Learning Day – Art Gallery: more details to follow
Friday 31 March	1:30 pm	Break up for Easter holidays 1:30pm – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW DATES MAY BE ADDED TO THIS LIST.

Time for Reflection



Dear God

Help us to take the good lessons that our teachers, important adults and other pupils give us in our school and at home and turn them into a good foundation that will help and support us now and in the future. Help us to be wise in our decisions and our actions.

Amen

Internet Safety

What Parents Need to Know about Phone Scams

A free online safety guide on phone scams.

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain.

Please see further information below.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SMISHING
SMS phishing, or 'smishing' is one of the most common forms of mobile-based cyber-attack. Smishing is when a scammer texts their target, pretending to be a reputable business or organisation. They aim to trick the victim into supplying sensitive data such as bank details or personal information, so that they can then access the target's bank accounts and remove money.

IMPERSONATION
Fraudsters often impersonate someone else to trick the victim into actually transferring money directly. They might claim, for example, to be a friend or relative using a different number who urgently needs funds. Other common cons include sending fake texts informing the target that they have a package which requires a fee to be delivered, or that they have an unpaid bill to settle.

NUMBER SPOOFING
Here, the scammer takes impersonation one step further by cloning the phone number of a genuine company. So when the target receives a call or text, their phone recognises the sender's number as legitimately belonging to Amazon, HMRC, the NHS or the DVLA (who have all been impersonated in these cons). This makes the scam far harder to spot and the victim much more inclined to comply.

FAKE TECH SUPPORT
Attackers contact a target, pretending to work for their employer's IT support team. They then advise them to download some software to fix 'a technical issue' with their device. In reality, however, the software grants the scammers access to the victim's private data and sensitive information. This con is more common on desktop and laptop devices, but is still possible to accomplish on mobiles.

SIM HIJACKING
SIM hijacking switches control of a phone account from the victim's SIM card to one in the scammers' possession. Criminals use personal details pieced together from social media (birthday, address, pet's name and so on) to pose as you, then instruct your phone network to transfer your number to their SIM - giving them access to all calls and texts meant for you, including one-time login passcodes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO SOME DIGGING
If you've received a call or text asking for specific information, research the caller's number. There are several websites that allow you to enter a phone number and will then display any relevant information about it - this usually includes feedback and comments from other people, so you can easily see if that particular number has been implicated in potential scams.

TRY A CALL BLOCKER
If a suspicious call comes through on your mobile, you can manually block the number if you believe it to be dubious or a nuisance caller. Alternatively, you could consider installing a call blocker service on your phone. They automatically stop calls getting through from numbers which have been reported as suspicious, halting potential scammers in their tracks before they can reach you.

VERIFY THE SOURCE
Never disclose confidential details to an individual or organisation you're unfamiliar with. If the caller claims to represent a company you trust but is still asking for personal information or payment on an outstanding charge, end the conversation. Then find the company's genuine number on a bill or on their website and call them directly to confirm if there really is an issue you need to address.

BREAK OUT THE TECH
Lots of anti-virus software now also protects mobiles. Some anti-virus apps can detect phishing links in text messages and alert you to the risk. When you're out and about, try not to use public WiFi for sensitive transactions. It's far less secure than your home WiFi network. Instead, you could consider installing a VPN (virtual private network), which encrypts all data travelling to and from your phone.

REPORT INCIDENTS
If you or a family member does give out confidential information to a caller you aren't sure about, contact the actual company mentioned to check if the call was genuine. If they confirm that the call was not made by their organisation, you should report it as a potential scam via the Action Fraud website and (depending on exactly what information was divulged) consider involving the police.

BE WARY OF LINKS
If you get a message from an unknown number asking you to click on a link, report it as spam and do not open the link. One recent example 'warned' victims they'd been exposed to the Omicron variant and needed to click a link to buy a special test - only to find they had paid their money to scammers. Links can also install malware onto your device, so always treat them with extreme caution.

Meet Our Expert
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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.