



# St. Stephen's C.E. Primary School

## Aspire to Greatness



For we are the handiwork of God, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

### **This Week's Worship Value continues with "A" for Achieve**

This week, in our worship, we continued to reflect on truthfulness for the final week of this theme. The week began with a performance from the "Open the Book" team. The drama group performed the story of the wise and the foolish man. The moral of the parable is that we should build our foundations on the rock of truth, just like a wise person builds a house on a rocky foundation for security. This may be more challenging at times, but it is important to do what is right, even if this is a difficult path. Christ taught that we must love and respect God and treat one another as we would wish to be treated.

Next half term we will reflect on 2 new values – "wisdom" and "respect" as we begin to celebrate the letter "S" from the word "Succeed" from our school values motto. We will launch the week with Fairtrade Fortnight and this year we will learn about the impact of climate change on farming around the world. We will also become wise about how we spend money to support farmers in poorer communities.

We hope our children have a chance to rest over the half term. Our staff certainly need to recharge after a busy half term. We are grateful for the support from families and know this will continue after the holiday, as the Spring approaches.

Spring is now on the way and flowers are beginning to bloom. Our local parks and gardens are beginning to sprout with daffodils and other spring flowers. The promise of a new beginning and warmer weather is on the way. We hope you have time to admire beauty in our world and thank God for his goodness to us.



## World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

This year's World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Children may wear colourful non uniform to celebrate books with us. There are some exciting activities planned – all relating to the interesting texts we are reading in school. We also have a family activity for you to join in with and this will be revealed in due course.

Sharing books as a family is a really important activity and children gain hugely from developing language from texts. They also enjoy this special time with adults and it can be a great time to bond with your child. We want to continue to celebrate books over the next half term and are keen to support you with our approach to reading. Thank you to KS1 families for attending the recent phonics workshops. We hope to continue to support families with the strategies we use to teach children to read. The literacy trust is a great place to go to find out more about how you can support reading with your child: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/parents-and-families/>

Going Cocoa for Fairtrade 2022

Fairtrade fortnight is all about farmers not getting enough money and we should fix it. This year we are thinking about Climate change which harms farming.



21st Feb - 4th March

## My Place Community Project – Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> March

The Wildlife Trust are running sessions for adults using our environmental area. The date for this project has moved to the Spring due to the weather and current stage in the pandemic. There are lots of creative and crafty projects which are planned in the outdoors and can aid well-being. If you would like to access the My Space project then please contact us at school or contact Jenny Reddel. We are hoping to link this creative crafty group to our work with Forest Schools. Andy Pratt will also attend with Jenny.

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## Robinwood – 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Families of children attending the Robinwood Residential are invited to a “Zoom” meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The link for the meeting has been given out on class dojo. The meeting will be a chance to go through the necessary paperwork and to learn more about what happens during this very exciting trip.

## Fairtrade Fortnight – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb to 4<sup>th</sup> March – “Going Cocoa”

Fairtrade Fortnight is coming after half term. Our Worship Leaders are preparing a special assembly at 10:50 a.m. on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb to launch the fortnight. This year, we are reflecting on the impact of Climate Change on the poorest farming communities. We will be thinking about what we can do to help and having fun with chocolate powder at the same time! Our worship leaders have been making posters and writing to political leaders to invite them to hear our views. This week, we learned that our local MP will be coming to our “Going Cocoa” event on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We are excited to be welcoming Sir Mark Hendrick to taste some of our chocolate delights and will be asking him what

government is doing to slow down climate change. We hope to develop our own plans to impact on climate change too!

### Year 4 Fundraise for Mind

Year 4 were dressed in pyjamas today as they seek to raise funds for the charity “Mind”. The class also made dream catchers and lavender bags for the charity to sell in their local shop. Well done Year 4 for thinking of others and using your talents to benefit others.

### Church Visits

KS1 visited St Stephen’s church this week as part of their learning in R.E. The Juniors will all visit church in the final week of term to learn more about the Easter story, which is a whole school R.E. topic for all classes in the Spring Term. We will, again, celebrate the Easter festival with enrichment activities as Easter approaches.

### Football

Our boys’ team did the school proud with their attitude and behaviour in their recent league matches. Whilst they lost 2-0 and 2-1, the boys demonstrated great teamwork and loved every minute of the very exciting games. Well done boys.

Our girls’ team will be playing in their league matches, beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> March, and we wish them every success!



### Car Parking

We have noticed that families have been choosing to park in the car park or to walk across the car park during drop off and collection points in the day. This heightens the risk to school users. There is clear signage to explain who may use the car park and in order to keep the site safe, we will close the car park gates at our busiest times.

### Dates for your Diaries

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February: Meeting for Robinwood Families at 6 p.m. (this will be on Zoom).

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: KS1 trip to Blackpool Zoo – payments to be made on ParentPay.

Monday 21st Feb: Fairtrade Fortnight begins – this year we are focusing on climate change whilst also having fun with chocolate!

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: World Book Day – we have some exciting ideas for reading on this day!

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Film night for lower KS2. The film is Luca – payments to be made on ParentPay

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March: “My Space” Environmental Area Group begins.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Lower Junior Trip to the Gurdwara as part of their work on Sikhism.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March: Robinwood Residential



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Class Photos - A photographer will be taking photos (from 9am)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Interim reports will come home to parents.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Enrichment begins

Wednesday and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March: Parents' evenings after school



### VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”

These children “Achieve Highly” and have the courage to act truthfully

Holly Ann Davis - F. Inventors      Skyler Turner – F. Explorers

Jasmyn Hardouin - Y1, Muneerah Badat -Y1/2

Summer Adams Balshaw – Y2, Raheem Amar – Y3 Jacob Livsey – Y3/4

Testimony Igbo – Y4      Eric Wilbraham - Y5/6      Tancho Tanchev - Y6

### Golden Book winners who have “Aspired to Greatness” in their Work

All of the Incredible Inventors - F. Inventors      Mariah Tapsell – F. Explorers

Ciara Tapsell - Y1, Patrik Csabai -Y1/2

Alex Podlodowski – Y2, Riley-Joe Hambleton - Y 3      Abdullah Alzoubi – Y3/4

Tylor-James Fennell – Y4      All of the Year 6s in 5/6      Jack Woods - Y6

### Lunchtime VIPs – who have “Aspired to Greatness” and excelled at lunchtimes in their behaviour

Zahra Kazee - F. Inventors      Hauwa Gumel - F. Explorers

Hassan Korkmaz - Y1, Masie Mason -Y1/2

Ethan Killeen – Y2, Francis Dinnigan - Y3      Patrikas Briedis – Y3/4

Gracie Waters – Y4      Arton Burrniku - Y5/6      Dominika Gruszczewska - Y6



# Junior Preston Cricket Club

Sunday Mornings 10.30am

2022 Sessions	Start Date	End Date	Fee
Pre-season 6 weeks	06/03/22	03/04/22	20.00 Preston Cricket Club
Dynamo or All Stars 8 Weeks	08/05/22	26/06/22	40.00 Payment Made Online to ECB– English Cricket Club
Post Season 6 Weeks	03/07/22	07/08/22	20.00 Preston Cricket Club

Please note: Sessions cancelled due to bad weather, will be applied as credits for future sessions

## Parents Information Meeting at the Club House:

**Tuesday 15th February**  
**6.30pm**

**Refreshments Provided**

**THE CLUB HOUSE**  
Preston Sports Club  
South Meadow Lane  
Preston  
Lancashire

