



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 was "endurance"

As we explore "P" for "Persevere"

The summer term has begun with sunny weather and our children have enjoyed a return to school with a chance to play outdoors in sunshine. We look forward to our Summer Term events which include Jubilee celebrations, a Year 6 production and a school fundraiser.

In our worship this week, we heard the story of the widow's mite. A very poor woman entered the temple and gave her last coin to the offertory box. Jesus made the point that she had given more than the rich person who emptied several coins into the same box. "Giving her all" the lady had demonstrated her care for God's work and was to be celebrated.

We have also learned more about the inspirational life of Sir Tom Moore. We will remember Sir Tom, who reached his 100th birthday whilst walking 100 lengths of his garden for charity. He inspired others with disabilities, to take difficult steps to raise awareness or funds to support others. Our classes have been asked to consider endurance challenges and where they may be able to raise funds for their class charities or to think about how they can raise expectations of themselves so that they can achieve highly.

A picture book has been produced which tells Sir Tom's story and you can explore this with your child here: He certainly was an inspirational man,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sT5I8INtx5o>

The Archbishop of Canterbury called him a "gift" to the nation and he was a hero to many and a well deserved knighthood was awarded by the Queen last year. You can find out more about others who have been inspired by his example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ey0p7jdzmHM>



Jubilee

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations are taking shape and we are joining in with the national celebrations. On Friday 27th May, we will have a non-uniform day and are planning a whole school picnic on the school field. Children may come into school wearing red, white and/or blue and be in party mood as we decorate the school railings with bunting.

On Thursday 9th June, the school choir and some able magicians from Year 6 will entertain members of Judd House as they have a Jubilee party. We will also incorporate the Jubilee theme into our Summer Community Fundraiser which will take place straight after school on Thursday 7th July.

Please note that school will be closed for a Jubilee holiday on Monday 6th June. School re-opens on Thursday 9th June after 2 Inset day closures.

Polling

School will remain open for the forthcoming elections on Thursday 5th May.

Eid Enrichment Day is on Thursday 5th May

Ramadan is expected to finish at the beginning of May so we plan to host our annual Eid enrichment day on Thursday 5th May. Children may come into school in festival clothes/non-uniform and classes will carry out special activities and will learn more about the R.E. units on Islam from visiting speakers. We are also planning to visit the new mosque on Grafton Street and every child has been invited for a visit, on a future date after SATs week. This date will be announced in due course.



My Place Community Project

The My Place project has been really successful and we hope to continue with offering an outdoor learning group again in the future. If you are keen to join the group now, there are 6 weeks left. You can contact Jenny Reddell for more information: Email: jreddell@lancswt.org.uk Tel: 07738 102274



Robinwood

We have rebooked the Robinwood trip for 2023. If you have expressed an interest then please ensure you hold the place by paying the deposit as soon as possible.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a parent/carer with the necessary skills to contribute to the leadership of this very happy school. The governing body are committed to attending meetings 6 times a year and to visit school to meet with leaders and support learning. If you are interested in making a difference for our children then please get in touch with school for a parent governor application pack.

Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 26th April – Yrs 3 and 3/4 trip to Brockholes

Tuesday 3rd May – focus in R.E. in the Islamic faith and with Eid Enrichment Day on Thurs 5th May

Monday 9th May – SATs week for KS2 pupils

Monday 16th May – KS1 assessments take place over a 2 week period

Monday 23rd May – Platinum Jubilee week finishing with an outdoor picnic for pupils!

Thursday 26th May – Year 1/2 class assembly at 2.35 p.m./choir trip to Young Voices in Manchester

Monday 30th May – Wednesday 8th June Half Term – (Queen's Jubilee)

Thursday 9th June – School re-opens

Monday 20th June – School Sports Week begins

Covid Updates

The current health advice for Covid is:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend

- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days
- regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting. Schools will no longer be able to order test kits

Schools should not hand out any test kits to staff, pupils, or students unless advised by their local health protection team, local authority or director of public health.



VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”

These children “Achieve Highly” and show humility in difficult circumstances

Layla Ronald - F. Inventors Maria Tapsell – F. Explorers

Alisha Shah - Y1 Olive Fenna - Y1/2

James De Sousa Corrin – Y2 Faeryn Meredith-Blake – Y3 Villo Hornyak – Y3/4

Olivia Earl – Y4 Nicole Mayren - Y5/6 Miley Martin - Y6

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

Aliyah Hussain & Zara Yousaf - F. Inventors Johnny Doran – F. Explorers

William Gahagan - Y1 Oliver Ronald - Y1/2

Aliza Desai – Y2 Riley-Joe Hambleton - Y 3 Lily Cocks – Y3/4

Adam Jogiat – Y4 Aidan Wilson - Y5/6 Solange Padonou - Y6

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

Ella Butler - F. Inventors Maksims Cigirs - F. Explorers

Jasmyn Hardouin - Y1 Evangeline Taylor-Bilsborough - Y1/2

Ethan Killeen – Y2 Ellie Baker - Y3 Khadijah Timol – Y3/4
Yaseen Kulesza – Y4 Katie Kenworthy - Y5/6
Lilly Howse – Y6

