



# 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 "generosity"

### As we launched "E" for ENJOY from our "ASPIRE" Motto

This has been a very short week after the Jubilee celebrations and 2 Inset Days. We all hope you enjoyed the half term break and the many celebrations within the locality and further afield. It has been a much needed national time of rejoicing after such a time of hardship through the pandemic.

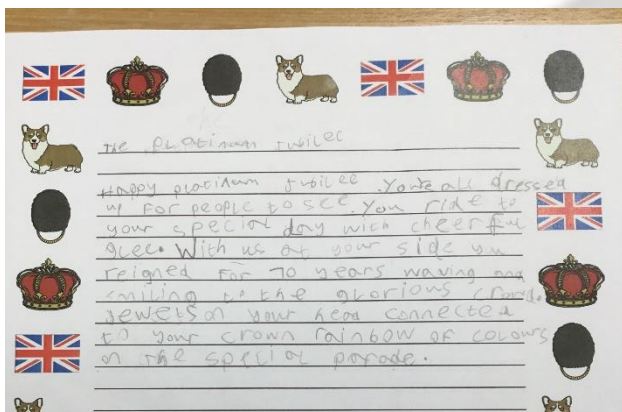
It has been exciting to have launched our new values theme for the half term which is "E" for Enjoy. The "Aspire to Greatness" motto is regularly referred to in our worship and, this half term, the letter "E" for Enjoy will involve reflecting on the values of generosity and thankfulness.

Yesterday, we reflected on the theme of "generosity of spirit" as we learned about "Pentecost Sunday". This special day in the church calendar celebrates the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the spirit. The disciples were able to speak in different languages and were filled with love, compassion, generosity and courage as they spoke the good news of Christ's salvation for all people. We have reflected this week that the values of love and generosity are shared amongst all of us and that we should continue to do good things, as God expects us to do (the theme of our whole school Bible verse).

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Today, the children continued to reflect on the themes from the Platinum Jubilee and our thankfulness for the Queen's long reign, her dedication to her country and the living out of her Christian values. We have planted 2 trees in honour of the Queen's Green Canopy ( <https://queensgreencanopy.org/> ). A small number of staff took children to Judd House for their Jubilee gathering and the choir performed special songs, Year 2 read some fantastic poetry about the Queen and Year 6 magicians performed amazing magical tricks. Judd House commented on how wonderful the children were and brought delight to our neighbours. Well done

children!





### Jubilee Fair and Community Fun – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July

We hope to continue the theme of Jubilee celebrations in a gathering of our community to raise funds and to contribute to charity. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, we will be hosting an after school Jubilee fundraiser. We wish to bring members of our community together for a Jubilee Hunt in the environmental area (a class and My Place volunteers' initiative) and with many stalls and activities for families and community members to enjoy. If you would like to contribute to the event then please contact the school office or Mrs Goodwin ([Vicki.goodwin@st-stephens.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:Vicki.goodwin@st-stephens.lancs.sch.uk)). If you are aware of a local business that would like to run a stall then please let them know that we can accommodate them at a charge of £10 per stall.



### Sparkle Day

We have agreed to support a charity which emerged after the Manchester bombing and where a pupil in one of our local schools lost her life. The charity seeks to support schools and families where a sudden death of a child occurs. Sparkle day is taking place in the locality on 4<sup>th</sup> July but we will be raising funds for the charity on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July when we host our Jubilee fundraiser. Children will be able to come to school in non-uniform and wear some “bling” or something sparkly. Donations to the charity are gratefully received on 7<sup>th</sup> July and children will be able to buy sparkly wrist bands from the school office from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.



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### Sports News

Our annual sports days have been planned and these will take place in the mornings from 9.30 a.m. until lunchtime. Please note the dates and families are welcome to attend the events to watch their child take part in a variety of different sports.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June – School Sports Week begins:**

Tues – KS1, Thurs – KS2 and Friday – EYFS (9.30 – 11.30 a.m.) Families may come to watch but please only photograph your own child on the day

### 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](mailto:jreddell@lancswt.org.uk) Tel: 07738 102274



### After School Jubilee Community Fundraiser

To celebrate the Jubilee and to come together as a community, we are hosting a summer fundraiser straight after school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a Jubilee-themed treasure hunt in the environmental area and a number of stalls. Please save the date!

### Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Upper Junior Trip to Salford Keys (details to be announced)

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Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – EYFS open evening, this will take place on Zoom at 6 p.m.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – After school Summer Fundraiser – Jubilee theme

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Production of “Cinderella Rockafella”

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – children move up to meet their new class teacher

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – School closes for the summer holiday at 2 p.m.