



# 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"

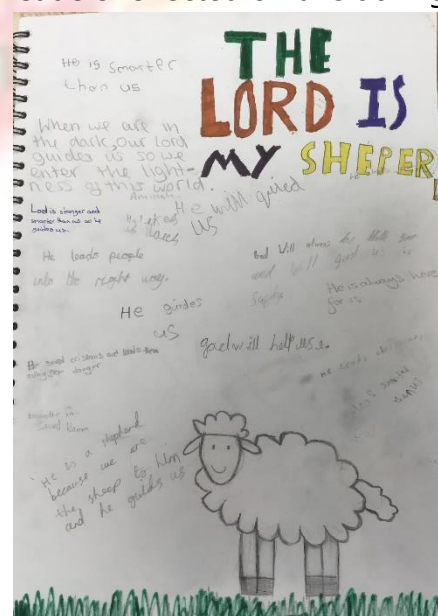
#### As we continue to reflect on "E" for ENJOY in our values this week

In our worship, we have moved on to reflect on the Christian value of thankfulness this week. This value is shared across our faiths and is a value which strengthens relationships and generates joy. Remembering to be grateful to others for what we have is positive thinking and which blesses ourselves as well as others.

On Monday, Barbara introduced the book of Psalms to the children. The book of poems and songs is a celebration of God's love and faithfulness. Barbara introduced us to King David, who was once a shepherd boy and he uses the image of God being a good shepherd who looks after his sheep, particularly in difficult times. David was also a musician and, with World Music Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June, we took the opportunity to listen to two performances of Psalm 27. This psalm is a wonderful set of verses about God's protection in difficult times. Our Year 6 worship leaders reflected on this during Thursday's worship. You might also like to listen to two versions of the Psalm here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IThr9UcvWko>



Thank you Year 6 for sharing your reflections and thank you Year 2 for sharing your beautifully coloured sheep!

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

We are so excited to be planning a community fundraiser with a Jubilee theme this summer. Our aim is to raise funds for school, local community groups and to contribute to charity. We wish to bring members of our community together for a Jubilee Hunt in the environmental area (a school and My Place volunteers' initiative) and with many stalls and activities for families and community members to enjoy. Thank you so much for the donations we have received today. This will help to make the event a success. 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. If you would like to help on the day then please let us know.

**Our next non-uniform day is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July where we need coloured items for stalls. EYFS collect red items, KS1 white items, Lower KS2 are collecting blue items and Upper Key Stage 2 are collecting platinum items. Boxes will be available in class for items to come into school and these pictures should help you with ideas for items.**



## **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. Voluntary 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. Donations are completely voluntary and families can give as little or as much as they like to support the charity. We welcome all pupils to come to school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> in non-uniform as this is our Jubilee Fair day. It would be great to sparkle with a smile as we come together to celebrate our fabulous community whether you can or cannot contribute to the charity.



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## **Sports News**

Our annual sports days have been soaked in heat this week but we were able to give the Infants and Juniors the opportunity to compete in their houses. Throughout the week, children had been using P.E. lessons to compete in various events and running races in their classes so that we could use the last part of sports day to run the finals. Children have been very busy exercising and competing in the run-up to the event.

Sports Day was completed with a parents' race and which gave the grown ups a chance to exercise too. Thank you to families for supporting the event. We received very positive feedback on the day. The EYFS children will compete next Wednesday morning, when we hope the field will be dry after heavy rain last night.

## **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. "I am a new parent at the school and being part of this friendly group has helped me meet people and also contribute something positive to my son's school. I have enjoyed doing practical jobs and learning new things in the nature garden like willow weaving and making bird feeders! I would encourage others to get involved and help make a difference in the school!"



"This is a creature found in the school's environmental area. It's a bit of a mystery but I like to think it's a baby dragon, like toothless. It's amazing to think we had the fun of designing and creating trap doors to provide the pupils with a window onto the wildlife, and discovered this newt the next week!"

We're really looking forward to meeting more of you at the school fair on 7th July and showing you what we've been doing.

**If you are keen to join the group, you can contact Jenny Reddell for more information:**

**Email: [jreddell@lancswt.org.uk](mailto:jreddell@lancswt.org.uk) Tel: 07738 102274**



### **EYFS Induction**

We held a successful Zoom meeting on Wednesday to welcome our Reception Class families to main school. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., we are inviting families to visit the classroom and to meet staff. If your child is in the current Reception classes, we will need for them to be collected on time so that we can sign in families for this face-to-face meeting.

There will be an induction “Zoom” meeting for prospective Nursery pupils on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 5 p.m. Links to the meeting will be sent out in due course.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new children and their parents and carers to our happy school family!

### **Attendance**

Since the pandemic regulations have been relaxed, we have been urged by the DFE to encourage excellent school attendance so that children can catch up in their learning. Our office staff work hard to support families with the right information about what types of absences school can authorise. We are unable to authorise holidays, even though we know that many families have not been able to travel and appreciate the increased cost in school holiday periods makes planning breaks abroad a challenge. We remind families that all expected absence must be reported and permissions sought before trips are taken. Forms can be collected from the office. We also encourage families to contact us if your child is unwell so that we can advise you further about attendance.

The school office would like to say a huge well done to Y1/2 and where no child was absent this week. Maintaining brilliant punctuality and attendance will help children to develop strong friendships and to make greater strides forward in their education. The end of year school report will identify the attendance percentage for your child. These will go home during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Garden Party – payments may be made on ParentPay

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

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – School Reports to go home to parents and carers this week

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 Victorian Funfair event at school

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery induction on “zoom” at 5 p.m.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Y3 trip to the Lake District

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Y4 trip to the Lake District

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 – Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly at 1 p.m.

School closes for the summer holiday at **2 p.m.**

VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”  
These children “Achieve Highly” and are generous in spirit



Layla Ronald - F. Inventors      Halimah Feroz – F. Explorers  
Ciara Tapsell - Y1, Layla-Mae Singleton -Y1/2  
Aliza Desai – Y2, Pearl Gavin – Y3 Taylah-Jo Hambleton – Y3/4  
Katie Hobson – Y4      Eric Wilbraham - Y5/6      Farzanah Feroz - Y6

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

Mark Miller & Ramaya Costello - F. Inventors      Mariah Tapsell – F. Explorers  
Ellie Johnson - Y1, Delilah Ryan -Y1/2  
Hedva Victor– Y2, Ira Shameer - Y 3      Blake Duckworth – Y3/4  
Penelope Ward – Y4      Akemi-Mae Knight - in 5/6      Mumtaaz Badat - Y6

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

Ella Butler - F. Inventors      Henry De Sousa Corrin - F. Explorers  
Joseph Graham - Y1, Jamie Miller -Y1/2  
James De Sousa Corrin – Y2, Fatima Ali - Y3      Hannah Domokos – Y3/4  
Panna Balint – Y4      Danika-Leigh Fox-North - Y5/6  
David Olalekan Orishabiyi - Y6