



St. Stephen's C.E. Primary School

Aspire to Greatness

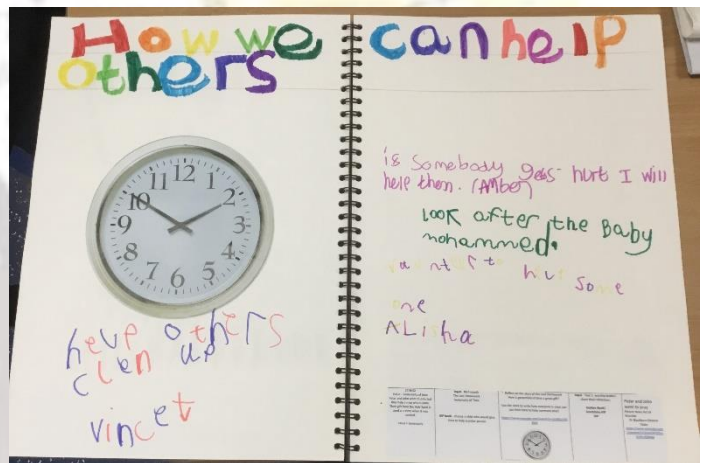


For we are the handiwork of God, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

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 reflected on generosity of time this week. On Monday, Vicar Dave told us the story of Peter and John who helped a man who was lame. Spending time with him, enabled the lame man to see the goodness of God. We have reflected on how sharing our time is important. Our Y1 worship leaders reflected in Thursday's assembly how they could help others, using their time. The children spoke of jobs they can do at home and caring for other members of the family or people who get hurt on the playground at school. Well done Year 1 for sharing your reflections!



There are lots of ways to be generous – we can make things for others, do jobs, message or phone someone to brighten their day. At school, we have been overwhelmed with the generosity in our community who have donated many gifts for the Summer Jubilee Fair next Thursday. Local partners are also joining in to raise funds for local charities too. We are looking forward to the event next week and aim to support a local charity called "Sparkle Bean" throughout the week. Wrist bands are now on sale for this organisation who support schools and families after the tragic death of a child. We also hope to donate some funds to this worthy cause after the Summer Jubilee Fair.

<https://sparklebean.co.uk/>



On Tuesday, children in our school from the Roma Gypsy Traveller community led an assembly where they shared how they support one another in the community. June has been Roma Gypsy Traveller month and we learned more about the Christian values within the community and how they support one another. Thank you to parents and carers and Gill Cookson (Ethnic Minority Achievement Support Worker) who came to support the assembly.



A particular well done to Leanne Gavin who spent hours preparing materials for the assembly and brought in resources which explain more about RGT culture. These are on display in school.

Jubilee Fair and Community Fun – Next Thursday from 3.30 p.m.

We are so excited to be hosting a community fundraiser with a Jubilee theme this summer and the event will be opened by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, **Mr Gulab Singh MBE DL**. 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 or can help on a stall then please contact the school office or Mrs Goodwin (Vicki.goodwin@st-stephens.lancs.sch.uk).

There will be bouncy castles, an ice cream van, Jubilee treasure hunt, crown-making crafts, face painting, glitter tattoos, Y6 magicians, hook-a-duck, raffles, tombola, toy stall, cake stall, Sari crafts, drinks and hot dogs and much more!

This year we will be operating a cashless event and Mrs Holloway, our Business Manager, is organising for families to purchase tokens for the fair through ParentPay. The tokens will be available in bags of £5, £10, £15 or £20. If you would like to order a bag of tokens then please order through ParentPay as soon as possible. Pre-orders will be available for collection from the office from Monday the 4th of July and Mrs Holloway will also have a token stand on the day of the fair for families that haven't pre-ordered. Tokens are non-refundable.







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Jubilee Community Fair

Thursday 7th July 3.30 - 5pm.





Sparkle Day

As explained, 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. Sparkle day is taking place in the locality on 4th July but we will be raising funds for the charity on Thursday 7th 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 7th July and children will be able to buy sparkly wrist bands from the school office from today for £1. Donations for the non-uniform day, next Thursday, 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 7th in non-uniform and 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 day for EYFS has been rained off this week but we are hoping the sun shines next week on Tuesday morning! If the weather does not allow for the field to be dry enough then we carry out an event in the school hall, just for the pupils. This event will begin at 9.30 a.m.

On Tuesday afternoon, we took a team of 10 children from Year 6 to take part in the athletics competition. The children took part in a variety of track and field events including javelin, long jump, speed jump, bean bag throw, sprints, 400m and relays. Our children were excellent competitors and proceeded to win 5 out of the 6 events and took home the gold medal! What a way to end their Year 6 sporting experience! Well done to all involved.

**Nursery Induction**

On Tuesday 12th July, at 5 p.m., there will be an induction meeting for prospective Nursery parents. Mrs Goodwin will send out the Zoom link for this meeting and she is arranging for children to visit the nursery for an open afternoon on Tuesday 19th July.

Jubilee Book For Pupils

All families will receive a beautiful book as a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Children will bring home their book next Friday. This gift has been awarded to all schools by the DFE and is a rich retelling of the amazing life and times of our Queen.



Attendance and Punctuality

On Wednesday evening, the governors met to consider the start and end times of the school day, after considering the legislation within the DFE's White Paper and which relates to the timings of the school day. From September, learning time will begin at 8.50 a.m. and the school day will finish at 3.20 p.m. The doors will be open earlier, to allow children to settle into class and for registers to be taken.

Many children already come into school from 8.50 a.m. to complete introductory learning and lessons formally begin at 9 a.m. However, a proportion of pupils are continually late for lessons and are missing vital learning because they attend school after 9:00 a.m. This was a matter of concern discussed by governors at the meeting. From September, **all** children **must** attend school promptly for learning as lessons will begin at **8:50 a.m.** Children will be gathered from the playground at 8.45 a.m. by class teachers and the doors will close at 8.50 a.m. Please note that children arriving to school after 8.50 a.m. will be considered to be late for school from September.

Governors have also considered the reasons for increased absence this year, and taken into account the impact of the pandemic and various viruses which have circulated since. From September, we will begin afresh with the prospect of better attendance for one and all. We need to advise families that we cannot authorise holidays and permissions must be sought for all types of leave. Please contact the school office for further advice on leave of absence. The current policy is also displayed on the school website.

Dates for your Diaries

Thursday 7th July – After school Summer Fundraiser – Jubilee theme

Monday 11th July – School Reports to go home to parents and carers this week

Tuesday 12th July – KS1 Victorian Funfair event at school

Tuesday 12th July – Nursery induction on "zoom" at 5 p.m.

Wednesday 13th July – Y3 trip to the Lake District

Thursday 14th July – Y6 Production of "Cinderella Rockafella"

Friday 15th July – Y4 trip to the Lake District

Tuesday 19th July – children move up to meet their new class teacher

Thursday 21st 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



Aliyah Hussain - F. Inventors Alys Duckworth – F. Explorers

Kishen Nayee - Y1, Alice Dinnigan -Y1/2

Khadijah Ajmal – Y2, Daniella Olalekan Orishabiyi – Y3 Aisha Musa – Y3/4

Holly Johnston – Y4 Shirley Stevens - Y5/6 Aminah Miah - Y6

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

Teon Carlos De Lima Comber - F. Inventors Johnny Doran – F. Explorers

Luna Butland - Y1, Kathleen Stevens -Y1/2

Alex Podlodowski – Y2, Safiya Hassenjee - Y 3 Khadijah Timol– Y3/4

Crystal Iddon – Y4 Lucian Andrei - in 5/6 Dahiru Hammajam - Y6

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

Ivy Taylor - F. Inventors Zahara Idele-Iyen - F. Explorers

Alisha Shah - Y1, Patrik Csabai -Y1/2

Khadijah Ali – Y2, Samantha Keshavarz - Y3 Lily Cocks – Y3/4

Atiyyah Shaikh – Y4 Loki Yates - Y5/6

Farzanah Feroz - Y6

Some of our families may remember a teacher from the past, Mrs Holding. Sadly, her funeral was held this week.

She was a much loved teacher and inspiration to many pupils. Many thanks for a wonderful life were reflected upon at her funeral this week.

