



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

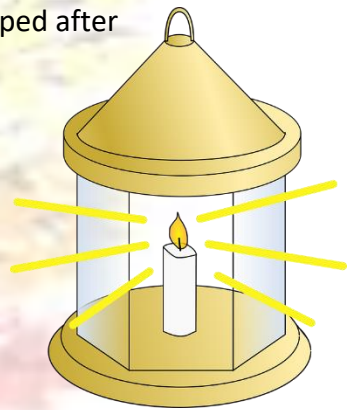
This Week's Worship Value is "justice"

As we reflect on "I" for Include this half term

On Monday, we welcomed the "Open the book" team as they performed the story of the Centurion's servant. The Centurion was upset because his servant lay dying. He asked Jesus for help, even though he didn't feel he could because he was Roman. Jesus healed his servant to show that he would help all equally. As we reflect on healing, we are grateful for our NHS service, which developed after World War 2 with the remit of healing all equally.

As part of our reflection on justice for all, we learned about the life of Florence Nightingale, whose values of healing others inspired the founders of the Red Cross charity. Not only did this lady carry a lamp she also allowed her light to shine as a dedicated healer of others. This is an example to us all as we allow our lights to shine.

Year 5D were able to take the themes of this week to produce an assembly about the value of healing others equally. Thank you children for producing a very thoughtful assembly.



National Time of Mourning

Last week, we heard the very sad news that our much beloved monarch, Queen Elizabeth II passed away and since this time many have shown their respects to a dedicated monarch.

Our diocese have produced a video where bishops Philip and Jill paid tribute to the Queen. You can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gLYDkkEdo>

The diocese have also produced a powerpoint to explain more about the state funeral, which takes place on Monday. Staff have used the powerpoint, where appropriate, to help the children understand more of the national significance of this state funeral. As you know, school is closed on Monday and as the period of mourning comes to an end, we can reflect on the new beginnings for King Charles III as he carries on the work of Queen Elizabeth II, whose life we have celebrated in school.

Thank you for signing the book of condolence and for donations of flowers and tributes for the school railings. It is wonderful to see the level of respect for the longest-serving British monarch.



Meet the Teacher Dates:

We have planned to invite families into school to meet with class teachers on the dates shown below. Staff will explain what and how children will be taught and you can find out more about how you can support your child in their new classroom. This will not be a 1-1 meeting but will be an opportunity for families to meet the staff in your child's classroom. Individual Parents' consultations will take place later in the term.

Please see the dates below:

Monday 26th Sept – Parents of Lower Junior pupils' "meet the teacher meeting" 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.

Tuesday 27th Sept – Parents of Reception pupils' "meet the teacher meeting" 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.

Wed 28th Sept – Parents of Upper Junior pupils' "meet the teacher meeting" 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Thursday 29th Sept – Parents of Key Stage 1 pupils' "meet the teacher meeting" 3.30 – 4.15 p.m

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 30th September

The Macmillan Coffee Morning returns on Friday 30th September and it's time to get baking for charity. As in previous years, we ask for donations of cakes to arrive in school on Thursday 29th September or first thing in the morning on Friday 30th September. Our classes are hoping to bake cakes and snacks using the apple harvest from our grounds and we will be providing tea and coffee in the hall – selling refreshments to raise funds for charity.

Children will also be able to buy cakes on the day. They should bring their favourite mug or cup to school too so that they can fill up with a nice cup of juice and without the need to put paper or plastic cups in landfill.

Adult volunteers are requested to help serve refreshments on the day. We hope that many families will join us in this wonderful 1st get together of the year!



Applications for High School and Primary School

Parents of pupils in Year 6 need to apply for a High School Place for their child before 31st October. It is vital that families select 3 separate schools for consideration on the application form and this must be done online. Late applications may result in your child failing to be granted a place at their chosen school.

The link for applications online is here: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2023

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2022.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport
Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE
31 OCTOBER 2022

Lancashire County Council

lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Open Morning for Families of Reception Pupils 2023

Parents and carers of nursery-aged pupils who are 4 this year must apply for a primary school place before 15th January. The link for applications online is here: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

In order to help families with this process, we are hosting an open morning on Tuesday 8th November from 9-11 a.m. This will be an opportunity to find out more about how to apply as well as to visit school. We do hope that many of our nursery families will attend the open morning!

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2023

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

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15 JANUARY 2023

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Family Fun Club

St Stephen's Church are providing an after school club at Hartington Rd Courts from 20th September until half term. The club will offer children a space to meet together and to have fun as well as receive snacks and a drink. Parents and carers should accompany the children and there is no need to book.

Further information can be sought from Kate Traynor (Tel: 07380140647) or email: kate:traynore@ststephenspreston.org.uk



Tuesdays 3.30-5pm
Hartington Rd Courts, PR1 8PP
from 20th Sept-Oct Half Term

Families are welcome at this FREE LOCAL weekly afterschool club being run by St Stephens Church!



No need to book but children should be accompanied by parent/carers. We have shelter in event of rain but please note there are no toilets on site! Ends with a short Christian reflection.

For info Kate on 07380 140647 or kate.traynor@ststephenspreston.org.uk

St Stephen's
LEARNING TO LOVE AS JESUS DOES



Apple Harvest

We have an abundance of apples here in school. Many are cooking and eating apples. Our school council and family volunteers are picking these and bagging them up to share with our community. Please take what you can and families are more than welcome to visit the area after school to collect apples if they wish!

Harvest at St Stephen's

Our school harvest takes place on Tuesday 4th October. Each year, the Lower Juniors present worship for the school and where we celebrate donations for the Foxton Centre, the Salvation Army and the Bishop's Harvest appeal.

We will be collecting food for the food banks (tins and packets) as well as toiletries. We shall also be running another conker fundraiser for the Bishop's harvest appeal this year which is supporting a charity in Burundi.

If you find any conkers whilst out and about, please bring them into school. Ms Wright is looking for donations!



Paul Cookson Returns!

We are excited to welcome Paul Cookson back to school on Tuesday 18th October. Paul is a lively and fun performer of poetry and we hope the children will enjoy workshops and where they create poetry of their own. There is a sporting theme to the week and we hope to spruce up our use of creative language in order to create poems that we can all enjoy.

You can enjoy a video of Paul Cookson here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLaOFAmgl0Y>

Paul will be signing his books after school and we hope the children enjoy a fantastic day with this nationally-known poet.



Dates for your diaries:

W.B. 26th September – Meet the teacher after school meetings

Friday 23rd September – Junior Zumba Workshop day

Tuesday 27th – Thurs 29th September – Upper KS2 Trip to Uclan for an electrifying Science day!

Friday 30th September – Macmillan Coffee morning

Thursday and Friday 6th and 7th October – Yoga for kids workshops in school

Tuesday 18th October – Paul Cookson Poetry Day

Wednesday and Thursday 19th and 20th October – Parents' evenings (individual consultations)

Friday 21st October – Diwali Enrichment day.

Don't forget that school is closed on Monday. We re-open on Tuesday 20th September.

VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness” These children show a forgiving attitude

John D - Y1, Zara Y- Y1/2

Subhan A – Y2, Summer B - Y 3 Sophie A – Y3/4

Fatima A – Y4 Zoe D - Y5C

Diane G – Y5D Danika F – Y6

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

Zahra K - Y1, Amber F - Y1/2

Evangeline T – Y2, Amelia C - Y 3 Ellie B – Y3/4

Annabel B – Y4 Elon K - Y5C

Leanne G – Y5D Harshey R – Y6

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

Logan B - Y1, Seth L -Y1/2

William G – Y2, Rayhan A - Y 3 Umar Y – Y3/4

Jacob L – Y4 Villo H - Y5C

Diane G – Y5D Zahra R – Y6