

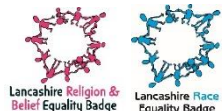


# St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024



At St James' Church of England Primary School, we reflect many Christian Values. We also focus on our 'Core Values' of **Endurance, Forgiveness, Friendship, Koinonia, Peace, Thankfulness** and **Trust**.



Our School Motto is based on Matthew 13 – Parable of the Sower,  
'Growing in God's love, learning as we go.'



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you to all our families and pupils for their understanding and support with school having to work around different routines at the start and end of the day due to snow and frost this week. We hope that all our families had the chance to enjoy the snow safely. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed playtime in the snow with some fantastic snowmen and smiles in the cold.

Best wishes

Frances Brady & Gary Lloyd

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher



## ★ Stars of the Week ★

R – Archer	5 – Aisha
R – Rocky	5 – Ayana
1 – Aryan	6 – Rayan
1 – Eshaal	6 – Emmie
2 – Theo	Well done to
2 – Jake	all our winners
3 – Joseph	this week.
3 – Musa	Keep up the
4 – Sophie	great work.
4 – Sufyan	



Values Golden Tie	Kindness Award
R Mahla	R Ismaeel
1 Azim	1 Dennis
2 Aliyaah	2 Isaac
3 Eneida	3 Ajay
4 Aleena	4 Saif
5 April	5 Raahiba
6 Obi	6 Sufian
	Maliha J – Yr3

## The School's Attendance

Target is 96%

Class	Attendance
Reception	88%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	89%
Year 4	82%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	90%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90%</b>

This week's winner is...

**Year 5**

## Linking Schools Project – Year 4

Year 4 are taking part in an exciting 'Linking Schools project'. They have been linked with two schools close by, Edenfield CE Primary School and St John's Stonefold CE Primary School. They have shared artwork with the two classes already and this week Yr4 joined them on a video call. The children played some games to get to know the children more. They really enjoyed this and had great fun! Yr4 are now looking forward to their class trip to Burnley Youth Theatre with both Edenfield CE Primary School and St John's Stonefold CE Primary School.



## Interhouse Dodgeball

Throughout the week, All our Key Stage 2 children have been taking part in a number of Interhouse Dodgeball matches to win points for their houses. The competitions have been closely competed with a superb display of enthusiasm and sportsmanship in each game. Mr Lloyd is busy calculating the final scores to reveal the winners next week.



## PASTA After-school Club

This week, saw the start of our PASTA club. It was fantastic to see pupils and parents gather to create some fantastic meals and then play games whilst their meals cooked. All children attending received a free apron, bag to keep their food warm and to take home to enjoy. All children showed superb patience when measuring ingredients, cutting their vegetables, and cooking some amazing smelling curries. Next week, they are making pizzas with some delicious toppings planned. We will be running this club again next half term for those interested.



Look at EYFS' number caterpillars that they have made; and all done independently! In Maths this week, EYFS have been subitising and representing numbers to 5 and identifying 1 more and 1 less than a given number to 5. The children created their own caterpillars with the number of decorations on the correct sections of their own work. Mrs Molloy was very impressed!



Dear God,  
He is among the snowflakes. He is here in your heart. He is here in our classroom. He is in your home, when you leave. When God is present, there is no fear. Only unconditional love.



*"Growing in God's love, learning as we go"*

Whether it'll be your first ever phone or upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

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# SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

## for young people

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Are you from Texas looking to enjoy a few hours unplugged at a smartphone or a PC? Well, you might be surprised to learn that you can't even use your smartphone for the first hour after you turn your phone on or upgrade to your new model. It's simply added to Texas's reputation for not letting its users without the getting to be very specific – and it's not always for good reasons. With some sense, these rules exist to help you enjoy your smartphone to the fullest in your own way.

### NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Never share your passcode with anyone, even if they're a friend or family member. Your passcode is the only way to unlock your phone, so if someone else knows it, they can access all your information, including your contacts, messages, and apps. If you're having trouble remembering your passcode, use a secure app to store it, or a secure note on your phone. Never write it down or tell anyone else.

### RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls are designed to help parents manage their child's smartphone use. They can limit screen time, restrict app downloads, and filter content. It's important to respect these controls and talk to your parents if you have any concerns. They're there to protect you and your privacy.

### TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

If you're having trouble with your smartphone, talk to a trusted adult. They can help you troubleshoot problems, explain the rules, and provide support. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Your parents, teachers, or other adults are there to support you.

### STAY ALERT

When you're using your smartphone, stay alert and aware of your surroundings. Don't get so absorbed in your phone that you forget to look up. This is especially important when you're walking, driving, or in a public place. Your safety is the most important thing.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr. Sarah Johnson is a leading expert in smartphone safety and digital literacy. She has authored several books and articles on the topic and is a frequent speaker at conferences. She can be reached at [sarah.johnson@smartphone-safety.org](mailto:sarah.johnson@smartphone-safety.org).

**CAUTION**

### ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Not all apps are created equal. Some are designed for children and are safe and fun. Others are for adults and may contain inappropriate content. Always check the age rating and reviews before downloading an app. If you're unsure, ask a trusted adult for advice.

### REMOVE UNWANTED APPS

If you have an app that you don't use or that you don't like, it's okay to remove it. This helps keep your phone clutter-free and ensures that you're only using apps that you want. To remove an app, go to your home screen, long-press the app icon, and tap the 'X' in the top corner.

### THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Remember that your smartphone is a tool that can be used to connect with others. Be kind and respectful when you communicate online. Don't post anything that could hurt or embarrass someone else. Think before you post or send a message.

### SWITCH OFF LOCATION

Location services can be useful for finding places and tracking your location. However, they can also track your movements and share your location with others. If you're not using a location-based app, consider turning off location services to protect your privacy.

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**24<sup>th</sup> January** – Yr4 Altogether  
Now Meet Day at Burnley Youth  
Theatre  
**31<sup>st</sup> January** – Yr4 Class Assembly  
**9<sup>th</sup> February** – Finish for Half  
Term  
**29<sup>th</sup> February** – Rossendale  
Dance Festival  
**7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day  
**20<sup>th</sup> March** – Yr2 Class Assembly  
**WC 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Lent Super  
Learning Week  
**28<sup>th</sup> March** – Finish for Easter

*Further dates will continue to be added when planned.*



Picture News

Is an e-reader better than a book?

British Values

**Individual Liberty**

We are all provided with the

## Individual Liberty

We are all provided with the opportunity to learn to read. Sometimes learning to read can take perseverance and resilience, which we can be responsible for.

Each week we celebrate our amazing staff and the hard work they put in for everybody at school. Our winner this week is.....



**Mr Lloyd**  
because he is very  
approachable and  
helps with everything  
across school.

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