



# 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 "Compassion"** **as we explored A for Achieve**

#### Values of the Week

This week we launched "Trust" as the theme for the week. Curate Barbara led worship on Monday and where we learned about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who trusted God at a really difficult time. The three men were required to worship the King (and his golden statue) but refused. Their punishment was to be put into a fiery furnace. God protected them and Nebuchadnezzar, the King, realised that there was a true God who had power over everything.

It is often difficult to trust when we are going through difficult problems. Praying to God is the solution and we have to trust that the long term plan is known and understood by Him. Trusting in God's plan for our lives means we don't have to worry, we can have faith in him.

We have been learning a great song this week and you might like to share this with your child at home. There are actions and some fantastic air guitar opportunities! Just click on the picture to get to the link!



"Trust in the Lord with  
all your heart and lean not  
on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit  
to him, and he will make  
your paths straight."

**PROVERBS 3:5-6**

## Staff News

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Crowe at half term when she moves to Chester to live and work nearer to her family. We are so sorry to lose Miss Crowe but we know that this is in her best interests. Happily for us and Year 4, Mrs Gorman will be taking the class from half term until the end of term and Mr Barnes will cover the work which Mrs Gorman does in school. We have a few weeks to enjoy being with Miss Crowe in the meantime.

On Tuesday next week, Mr Coxhead, the new headteacher from Easter, will visit school in the afternoon. He will be introduced to children and staff in assembly. He is very much looking forward to leading the school in the Summer term and beyond.

## Upper KS2 have been stargazing!

The current weather has provided us with clear skies at night. This meant that Years 5 and 6 could stargaze on Monday – finding the planet Jupiter and its 2 moons! They were kept warm with an open fire and hot chocolate on the night. The children have also been learning about our amazing galaxy and the tremendous findings of a scientist based at UCLan. We hope these experiences inspire children to learn more about our place in the galaxy and consider studying this form of science in the future.

The children have been introduced to the work of Alexia Lopez, a PhD student at UCLan who has made an enormous discovery and which reveals a cluster of galaxies (named the big ring). You can learn more about that here: <https://www.uclan.ac.uk/news/big-ring-in-the-sky>

or

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-67950749>

How fantastic to have a local scientist make world wide news!



**Snow Days can be the best days!**

The weather supplied us with the best snowfall we have seen in years. Children were excited to plan and sculpt – developing social skills, problem solving and developing language. Whilst it has been a cold week and too slippery in recent days to play out for long periods, we have really enjoyed the clear skies and wintry weather.



**Privileged PNE Goal Shooters and Sports News**

7 of our Year 6 footballers were invited to Deepdale on Saturday for the match against Bristol City. They all had a fantastic time and were lucky enough to take a penalty on the pitch at half time and even saw PNE take all 3 points! Well done!

Our girls’ football team had a match on Friday evening up at UCLan in a cup match against St Andrews. Although we didn't win, the girls all played tremendously well and enjoyed the experience. Our league campaign starts at the end of February.



**Attendance Update**

**ATTEND TODAY**  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



**Welcome to our attendance update!**

BRR! It has been a chilly one this week, thank you to everyone for getting the children (and staff) to school safely during this cold spell.

**REMINDER - Medical appointments**

Routine dental check-ups or non-emergency doctor’s appointments should, where possible, be made outside of school hours or, if this is not possible, at the very end of the school day.

For appointments that cannot be made out of school hours then your child must be collected before 12pm or after 1pm, not during lunchtime.

Please call into the school office in advance of any medical appointments to show your appointment letter/text confirmation in order for school to authorise this absence.

### Parking



We have noticed recently that some parents have been parking on the school car park to drop off and collect their children. We politely request that parents refrain from parking on the school car park as this is for staff and visitors **only**. Also it is dangerous for children to be walking across the car park. Please could parents also refrain from parking on the zig zag lines directly outside school as this is another hazardous area. Thank you for your understanding.

### Clubs

Staff are again offering clubs this term. The following activities will be taking place in school and the adults leading can be contacted regarding places at the club.

<b>Club</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Staff Leading</b>
Mosaic Art (Values Leaders)	Monday Lunchtimes	Ms Wright and Mrs Garstang
Maths SATs Booster	Monday 3.20 – 4.20 p.m.	Mr Scott
Maths More Able SATs Booster	Friday Lunchtime	Mr Scott
Lunchclub	Every day	Mrs Haughton, Miss Livesey and Mrs Kasmierska
Dodgeball Disco	Wednesday 3.20 – 4.20 p.m. Lower KS 2	Mr Haydock and Mrs Buxton
School council	Tuesday Lunch	Mrs Cheetham
Maths Club	Wednesday 3.20 – 4.20 p.m.	Mrs Cheetham
Book Club	Monday after School	Mrs Harlow
Girls Football	Wednesday Lunchtime	Fishwick Rangers
Chinese Club	Thursday Lunchtime	Mrs Gorman
Eco council	Thursday lunchtimes	Mrs Cookson

Chess	Tuesday lunchtimes	Mrs Cookson
Y6 Reading Booster	Tuesday 3.20 – 4.20 p.m.	Mrs Devitt

**Dates for Your Diaries**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> February: Young Voices Trip to Manchester

**Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Wed and Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Parents’ and carers’ evenings after school

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Enrichment Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: School finishes for the end of Term at 2 p.m.

**VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”**

**These children “Achieve Highly” and Trust God for the future**

Teniola B - Reception Inventors Lilly G - Reception Explorers

Thomas-James G - Y1 Mariah T - Y1/2

Inaaya A – Y2 Nihal O – Y3 Destiny E – Y3/4

Aida I – Y4 Yoma T - Y5 Lilly M-C – Y5/6 Aayma A - Y6

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

Nathan C - Reception Inventors Zaynah B - Reception Explorers

Frankie G - Y1 Raul L - Y1/2

Wayne Z – Y2 William G - Y 3 Muneerah B – Y3/4

Hedva V – Y4 Taylah-Jo H – Y5 Khadijah T - Y5/6 Ella I - Y6

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

Grace M - Reception Inventors Ayesha A - Reception Explorers

Maya Spfia B - Y1 Zaynab M - Y1/2 Adinath N – Y2 Rizwaana S - Y3 Luna E – Y3/4

Layla-Mae S – Y4 Annabelle W - Y5 Daniella O O – Y5/6

Olivia S – Y6

