



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 "Wisdom" as we continued to explore "S" for Succeed

Value of the Week

We have continued to think about the health of the planet, and our own health during Lent. On Monday, Curate Barbara came to lead assembly and where she explained that **"The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it"** 1 Corinthians 10:26 We threw an inflatable world around the hall and thought about what we could do to make better choices for the planet. Many of our families do a great job of walking to school and also think about the packaging brought into school. We continued to think about this in our worship this week as well as marvelled at the beauty we can find on our planet. We also watched a video of King Charles, who is a great advocate for the planet. He invites children to think about writing and drawing to make a difference to the world. You can watch the video [here](#)



For World Book Day, children explored the brilliant work of authors who have written books to celebrate the wonders of the earth and to invite us to protect it. We hope that this will inspire change for the better.

As Ramadan also approaches, many in our community will be fasting and taking the time to deepen faith, consider others and respect the earth. When Easter arrives, we will be able to celebrate the spring and to enjoy the beauty of new birth. Our commitment to care for the earth is valued by all of us so thank you for doing your small bit, whatever it is that you do!

Easter is Coming!

We are still in the period of Lent and, as Easter draws near at the end of March, we will, in every class, celebrate the festival with our annual Easter enrichment work. During our R.E. lessons, we will be learning themes from the Easter story. Each class will also be "getting vocal" in their learning, using oracy skills (speaking and listening) to share their understanding of a small section of the story.

We are using a text called The Easter Story by Brian Wildsmith. You can read it with your child [here](#) The Easter story is told through the eyes of a donkey and we are celebrating this in our Easter Enrichment this year. The classes will be creating some artefacts for a special treasure hunt in the Environmental

Area and which will be signposted with donkeys. The donkeys and artefacts when found, reveal a letter which will spell out a message (when written in the order of the Easter story). Here is the Y4 donkey, decorated to celebrate their learning of the Iron man story. There will be 15 donkeys to find altogether and we look forward to seeing families come down for the fun!



During the last week of term families are invited to do the trail for themselves after school on Wednesday 27th March. A small Easter prize will be given to those who complete the trail and staff will be on hand to help. This will be Ms Wright's last community event before leaving at the end of term.

Junior pupils will also visit church for a special Easter experience. A "Question Time" panel of Easter characters will tell them more about the Easter story and children will receive a drink and a snack. The Easter experience is always a real treat!

On the final day of term, Maundy Thursday (28th March), Bishop Jill will visit school for our Easter assembly. We are hoping for good weather and to celebrate Easter in the new worship area outdoors. We shall also reveal a wonderful mosaic which is currently being worked on in school. Mrs Garstang has done a tremendous job to design the mosaic and to use the ideas of some of our children, as well as their crafting skills. As this will be positioned in the outdoor worship area, families will be able to view the work when visiting the Easter trail on Wednesday 27th March. The mosaic is coming along really well!



Sports News!

Here are our girls' football team wearing their brand new kit which has been donated by the Premier League Primary Stars. We have also been supplied with some sporting hijabs. Last night they played 2 matches in the league. Both were very close games which we unfortunately lost 1-0. Our final 2 matches are on the 21st March.



World Book Day – what a success!



Thank you for getting into the spirit of celebrating books yesterday! There were some fantastic costumes and clues as to who our book characters were! The children will be receiving a book through school and we hope they enjoy the opportunity to read.

World Book Day Competition Winners

The World Book Day competition was a close-call but the winners are:

EYFS – Wildaan Kazee

KS1 – Jayden Eccles-Walton

LKS2 – Luna Elliott

UKS2 – Pavan Patel



Well done everyone!!!

Attendance Update

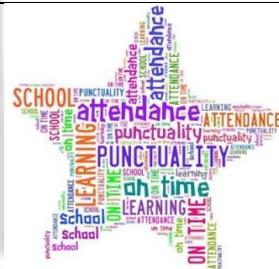
ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Welcome to our attendance update!

If your child is too unwell to attend school then please ring the school office on 01772 556306 before 9am. You can also leave a voicemail when reporting an absence but please include your child's name, class **and reason for absence**.

Last Week's Attendance w/c 26 th February 2024	
Our School Target is 96%	
Class Reception Explorers	94.5%
Class Reception Inventors	82.7%
Class Y1	90.0%
Class Y 1/ 2	95.8%
Class Y2	96.1%
Class Y 3	92.0%
Class Y3/ 4	90.3%
Class Y4	95.3%
Class Y5	89.4%
Class Y 5/ 6	93.8%
Class Y6	93.0%



Well done class Y2!

Almost there with Class Y1/2 and Y4,
maybe next week?

Dates for Your Diaries

Tues and Wed 19th and 20th March: Hothersall Lodge trip for Upper Key Stage 2 Pupils

Monday 25th March: Easter Enrichment week begins

Wednesday 27th March: Easter Treasure hunt for families after school in the environmental area
Easter experience for KS2 at St Stephen's Church.

Thursday 28th March: Bishop Jill to visit for our Easter Assembly and to unveil our Mosaic in the outdoor Worship Area

School finishes for the end of Term at 2 p.m. on Thursday 28th March



VIP Winners who have "Aspired to Greatness"

These children "Achieve Highly" and Trust God for the future

Teniola B - Reception Inventors Sidney S - Reception Explorers

Patrick G - Y1 Hauwa G - Y1/2

Zahra K - Y2 Alisha S - Y3 Muneerah B - Y3/4

Layla-Mae S - Y4 Annabelle W - Y5 Salma A - Y5/6 Serenity M-B - Y6

Golden Book winners who have "Aspired to Greatness" in their Work

Eva G - Reception Inventors Lilly G - Reception Explorers

Roisin C - Y1 Alfie R - Y1/2

Mirelle O - Y2 Nihal O - Y3 Paul B - Y3/4

Tommy W - Y4 Lacey J - Y5 Raheem A - Y5/6 Ella I - Y6

Lunchtime VIPs - who have "Aspired to Greatness" and excelled at lunchtimes in their behaviour

Nathan M - Reception Inventors Muhammad S - Reception Explorers

Kaiyan P - Y1 Shray L - Y1/2 Ezra K - Y2 Ariella I-I - Y3

Rayhan A - Y3/4 Mikaeel D - Y4 The Whole Class - Y5

Charlotte R-L - Y5/6 Atiyah S - Y6