



# Newsletter

Christian Value of the Term: Love

Stanford in the Vale  
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Friday 28th March

## Comic Relief

On Friday 14th March we raised money for Comic Relief. We all came into school in non-uniform, decorated and brought a cake and designed a 'red nose.' As a school we raised £254.40 for the charity. Thank you to everyone who donated.

## Community Lunch

On Thursday 20th March we held a community lunch. Residents from the village were invited in for a tour of the school, afternoon tea and some entertainment. Year 4 did a brilliant job of hosting the afternoon. A big thank you to Ms Payne, Mrs Moore, Ms Scrase and Mrs Jones for helping to prepare the afternoon tea. Our guests had a lovely afternoon.



## Netball

On the 18th March a squad of eight children took part in a netball competition. All the children had to rotate around different positions. They played with great team work and encouraged each other. They demonstrated great defending and attacking skills. Well done Rosie, Imogen, Elodie, Phoebe, Bethany, Renesmae, Lewis and Owen.



On Tuesday 25th March, a team of Year 6 and 5 children took part in a netball tournament at Wantage Primary School. Toby, Evan, JB, Lottie, Bella, Poppy Ed, Isla and Mollie were amazing and worked so well as a team. They played four games and only conceded one goal. They lost their first game 2-1. Drew their second game 0-0. Won their third game 2-0 and won their final game 2-0. Overall they came third in the tournament of seven schools.



## Quotes from our recent questionnaire

Below are some quotes about the strengths of the school from the parental questionnaires sent out in October.

'Strong leadership.'

'Managed well.'

'The size - everyone knows everyone.'

'A small community school with strong values.'

Love

Hope



Community

## Diary Dates:

**Friday 28th March—  
Mother's Day Service in St  
Denys at 2.30pm** Please come  
and join us while we show our  
love for our mums.

**Friday 4th April—Easter  
Service in St Denys at  
9.30am** Please come and join  
us while we tell the Easter  
Story.

**Friday 4th April—Easter  
Bonnet and Egg Parade at  
11am** Please can children  
design and make a bonnet or  
egg to parade to the school  
and judging panel. There will  
be winners from every class.

**School finishes on Friday 4th  
April at 12.05pm for the  
Easter Holidays**

**Tuesday 22nd April—Back to  
School**

**Tuesday 22nd April—Earth  
Day** During the day we will be  
learning about our planet and  
how we can protect it for the  
future. As well as that no  
electricity will be used during  
the day in the classrooms and  
all classes will do a litter pick.

**Friday 25th April—Easter  
Bingo in the school hall.  
Doors open at 6pm for a  
6.30pm start.** Cost of £10 to  
take part in every game. There  
will be a bar and snacks to  
purchase.

**Monday 5th May—Bank  
Holiday Monday—School  
Closed**

**Week beg. 12th May—Year 6  
SATs Week**

## Key Texts for next term

If able, please purchase the following text for your child to use in class next half term. Thank you for your assistance.

Year 1—Sleeping Beauty Ladybird Tales by Vera Southgate

Year 2 – Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty

Year 3 – The Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson

Year 4 – The Rhythm of the Rain by Grahame Baker-Smith

Year 5 – The Adventures of Odysseus by Hugh Lupton

Year 6 – Kensuke's Kingdom Michael Morpurgo

## Christian Value Ambassadors

Our Spring Term 2 Christian Value Ambassadors for Love

Sunflower Class Sky and Aurelius

Snowdrop Class Maita and Barney

Buttercup Class Scarlett and Chloe L

Bluebell Class Luis and Lexie

Poppy Class Emily and Amelia

Orchid Class Elodie and Ollie J

Forget-me-not Class Toby and Poppy Ed



## Believe and Achieve Winners

The award is to recognise those children who live by our School Vision and Christian Values. They try hard at everything they do: they work to the best of their ability, listen carefully, have resilience and determination, play nicely with their friends and so believe in themselves therefore allowing themselves to achieve.

Our Spring Term 2 Winners are:

Sunflower Class Catherine and Amelia

Snowdrop Class Teo and Tariq

Buttercup Class Florence and Mia CF

Bluebell Class River and Millie

Poppy Class Freddie and Daisy

Orchid Class Bethany and Tilly

Forget-me-not Class Bella and Apha



## Goodness Gang Success

The Goodness Gang were excited to receive a gift from a recent colouring competition. The children are now the proud adopters of a Giant Panda and are members of the WWF team. The children received a fluffy Panda toy and some colouring books, it was such a lovely surprise.

## Inappropriate word choices

We are seeing an increase in the number of children who are using unkind words towards each other especially during lunchtime play. Please can you remind your child about our rules—kind hands, kind feet and kind words and what that means. Please explain to them how their words can upset others especially if they criticise someone's appearance, or their ability to do something or if their words then mean that person is isolated and not included in a game.



## Foundation at Farmer Gowes

Foundation had fun at the farm. They spent a day learning about growing, animals and all signs of spring.



## Artwork to celebrate 150 Years of Stanford School



In 2023 we celebrated the school being 150 years old. We thought it would be nice to create a piece of artwork to commemorate this occasion. We were fortunate to obtain an arts grant to finance it.

We worked closely with a local blacksmith artist called Hazel Moore to create a piece that incorporates the flower names of the classrooms and some minibeasts to represent us being an Eco School and loving the outdoor environment.

It has this week been installed at the front of the school. We hope you love it as much as we do!

Can you spot the seven flowers—sunflower, snowdrop, buttercup, bluebell, poppy, orchid and forget-me-not?

What about the butterfly, damselfly, bumble bee or ladybird?

## World Maths Day



On Friday 21st March we celebrated World Maths Day. Year 5 and 6 took part in countdown and blookey, Year 3 and 4 undertook a maths pirate treasure hunt around the school and blookey. Year 1 and 2 were lost in the forest, where they solved tasks to crack the code. Year 6 and 2 also played maths games together. Foundation made doubles, looked at odd and even, practiced their number formation, and made 3D nets of spring mini beasts. They also used pegboards to make patterns and ordered numbers using a game on the bbc website. A great mathematical day was had by all.



## Goodbye and Thank You

A big thank you and goodbye to Mrs West who has decided to leave after many years of working at Stanford School. She is leaving to have more time to herself and to spend more time with her family. We wish her all the best for the future.

## 100 Club

Our 100 Club winners for March are:

1st Freya K

2nd Riley T