



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Term: Community

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

Year 23/24 Issue 5
Friday 10th November

Year 6 at PGL

Last week, Year 6 had a fabulous time at Liddington PGL. The children should be proud of themselves for their behaviour and enthusiasm when tackling the activities, pushing themselves, plus the support that they showed each other. Many thanks to Miss Stott, Mrs Miozga and Ms Scrase for giving up their own time to accompany the children and me and helping create some lifelong memories.



Sharing Assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended our Sharing Assembly on Friday 20th October.

It was lovely to see so many of you in the audience.

Foundation retold an Autumn story and sang some songs about Autumn.

Year One sang some Autumn songs.

Year Two taught us about the continents through song and images.

Year Three demonstrated their French greetings through song.

Year Four sang an ABBA song they have been learning in their music lessons.

Year Five taught us some facts about Ancient Egypt through song and dance.

Year Six demonstrated some of their WWII work, learning and homework projects.

FOSS AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the FOSS AGM last night. It was lovely to see so many people in attendance. Please see the FOSS committee below:

Chair- Graham Parker

Vice Chair—Karin Williams-Cuss

Treasurer—Stephen Els

Secretary— Laura Raggatt

Members: Nev Williams Louise Gregg Julie Wark Ed Sanders

Rosie Murby Andy Smith Natalie Hudson Linzi Esplin

Amanda Willis Lucy Conder Emma Payne Jude Pontin

Wendy Williams

The next FOSS event will be the Christmas Hampers. Please can children bring in a donation for a hamper on Friday 1st December when they can wear their own clothes....

Foundation Class : Sweets and Chocolate Hamper Class 1 : Children's Hamper

Class 2 : Christmas Hamper Class 3 : Christmas Hamper

Class 4 : Beauty/Pamper Hamper Class 5 : Children's Hamper-

Class 6 : Drinks Hamper



Love

Hope

Community

Diary Dates:

Week Beg. 13th November—Anti-Bullying Week During the week the children will be thinking about what makes a good friend and Faringdon Stagecoach will be running a workshop with every class on the Thursday.

Monday 13th November—Odd Socks Day to launch Anti-Bullying Week. Please can all children come into school in odd socks.

Monday 13th November—Open Morning from 9.30am—11.30am Please pop in to see the school in action.

Friday 17th November—Children in Need Day Please come in dressed in spots for a £1.00 donation. Please bring in £1.00 for a cake and change for the money trail.

Thursday 23rd November—Community Lunch—Invite Only

Friday 24th November—Christmas Art Day. The whole school will be involved in making Christmas arts and crafts.

Friday 1st December—Non Uniform Day for Christmas Hampers. Please can all children bring in a donation for a Christmas Hamper.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to the three parents who attended our second Coffee Morning on the 8th November 2023. The parents in attendance heard about Emotional Health.

It would be great if more people could attend the next Coffee Morning which focuses on Positive disciplining and boundary setting. The next coffee morning is on Wednesday 6th December 2023 from 8.45am to 9.45am.

What we want for our children.....

When children, young people and adults feel comfortable, cared for and safe, we feel a sense of 'wellbeing' – we can cope with all sorts of challenges – we can learn.

Positive relationships are key for this to happen.



Welcome to our
Informative Coffee Mornings



Please join us in the school hall or virtually via TEAMS to discuss the following topics:

6.12.23 – Positive disciplining & boundary setting

31.1.24 – Developing resilience

28.2.24 – The benefits of a growth mindset

27.3.24 – Managing meltdowns

8.5.24 – Preparing for transition

19.6.24 – Knowing Me – Confidence building

The sessions will be run by Miss Jamison, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Willis and members of Oxfordshire Family Learning Team. Please come along and listen, ask some questions and network with other parents.

8.45am – 9.00am – Tea & Coffee

9.00am – 9.15am – Presentation

9.15am – 9.45am – Questions / Networking.

There is the option for you to attend further training / workshops run by Oxfordshire Family Learning Team.

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Reading and Vocabulary

It is key that children have access to books and reading. Reading is the gateway to the curriculum and academic success. If a child reads daily their vocabulary will include over one and a half million more words than those who do not read daily.

Reading books also reduces stress, helps you sleep better, improves health, develops your imagination and above all: it is just fun to do. Reading has a tremendous effect in fueling all aspects of our personality and enhancing our linguistic prowess. In fact, it wouldn't be wrong to say that the entirety of human life depends on it. Whatever we grow up to become in our lives, no matter where we stand, reading has somehow shaped it.

Daily reading will:

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| 1. Improves vocabulary | 2. Better comprehension | 3. Develop critical thinking skills |
| 4. Improve memory | 5. Improve results at school | 6. Improve analytical skills |
| 7. Build confidence | 8. Helps you socialise | 9. Broaden horizons |
| 10. Improve writing skills | 11. Improve focus and concentration | 12. Makes you empathetic |

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to one of our ex pupils, Oliver Braddy. He has been offered a medical scholarship with the Army. This is a fantastic achievement because the standard is very high for this prestigious award. He demonstrated the necessary attributes: high intellect, developed fitness, strong personality and leadership potential to become an Army Officer.

Questionnaire Responses

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire. Please find some of the written responses about the strengths of the school from the recent parental questionnaire -

'Teaching children to be responsible, mature and independent.'

'Leadership and curriculum.'

'Friendly, understanding and take genuine care over my children.'

'Supportive staff and teachers around the school and good education.'

Cyclists

Well done to Merryn, Lily, Imogen, Caitlin and Keira from Year 6 who all passed their cycling proficiency test. Many thanks to Mrs Miozga and her band of helpers for allowing us to offer this opportunity.