



# Newsletter

Christian Value of the Term: Community

Stanford in the Vale  
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Wednesday 20th December

## Foundation, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

On Wednesday 13th December Foundation, Year One and Year Two performed their Christmas Play 'The Big Little Nativity.' The children did an amazing job. They spoke confidently, sang beautifully and remembered all their actions. Well done to all the children involved, the staff, Mr Bailey, Owen and Jayden for the lights and sound, Mrs West for refreshments and the St Denys Team. From all the Christmas performances we raised £357.63 for the charity SANDS so thank you for your support.



## Christmas Hampers

Many thanks to everyone for their hamper donations and buying hamper tickets. The hampers raised £513.50. The hampers were won by:

Children's 1 - Mia M

Children's 2—Jessica P

Alcohol—Christopher S-B

Chocolate—Aiden T

Pamper—Lily P

Christmas 1—Dylan G

Christmas 2—Alfie C

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 8th December we had a Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for Save the Children. We raised £118.39 for the charity. Thank you for your support.

## December 100 Club Winners

1st Olivia Lambert

2nd Poppy Edwards

## Elf Trail

Please support the FOSS Elf Trail which runs until the 1st January. Follow the map and walk around the village looking for the elf's and their letters. Use the letters found to construct a sentence and also pick your favourite decorated house. Forms can be purchased from the Coffee Shop, Co-Op or school office at a cost of £2.00.



Love

Hope

Community

## Diary Dates:

**Monday 8th January—Back to school**

**Thursday 25th January—Stanford's Got Talent in the school hall @ 6pm** FOSS will be serving refreshments

**Wednesday 31st January—Coffee Morning on Developing resilience from 8.45am—9.45am in the school hall** Please come along and find out how to develop resilience within your child.

**Friday 2nd February—School Disco.**

**Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 from 5.15pm—6.15pm**  
**Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 6.30pm—7.30pm**  
More information to follow

**Week beg. 5th February—Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day**  
More information to follow

**Monday 5th February and Tuesday 6th February—Virtual Parents Evening from 3.30pm - 6.30pm**

**Bags to School—Monday 5th February from 3pm to 7pm and Tuesday 6th February 7am to 9am** Please bring in bagged unwanted clothing.

**Friday 9th February—Sharing Assembly @ 2.15pm in the school hall**

Please come and see some of the children's learning

## Congratulations

Well done to Robin who achieved a distinction in his recent horn exam. Fabulous result!

## Stanford's Got Talent



## Cycling

Congratulations to Tessa, Poppy, Abigail, Roni, Darcey and Megan who all passed their cycling proficiency test last week.

### URGENT HELP REQUIRED.....

Up until now children in Stanford in the Vale Primary School have been very fortunate to complete a cycle safety training course in Year 6 due to the support of parent and community volunteers. Unfortunately we will have to stop this training from January 2024 if we cannot find more adult volunteers to help with these sessions. These sessions take place on a Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm. If you feel able to help or you know a grandparent or member of the community who can help please contact the school office. The role does not involve riding a bike, you supervise and support from the side of the road. Please help us ensure we can keep delivering this crucial training.

## Christmas Panto

On Thursday 14th December the whole school went to watch the pantomime Snow White at the Wyvern Theatre.

We all had a great time, clapping, singing and dancing along.

Oh no you didn't! Oh yes we did!



## Carol Singing at The Grange

On the last day of term we all went up to the Grange to sing carols to the residents. The children did a brilliant job especially the choir who sang their song from the Christmas Big Sing. The residents were very impressed with the children's singing and even gave the children some chocolates.



## Team Point Winners

After achieving the most team points during the Autumn Term, Yellow Honey Bees got to wear their own clothes and spent an hour playing board games during the afternoon of Friday 15th December.

Great fun was had by all!



## Attendance

100% Attendance for the Autumn Term

Congratulations to the following children:

Sunflower Class—Jackson, Oscar

Snowdrop Class—Arthur, Elise, Jasmine, Skylar, Chloe S, Jonathon

Buttercup Class—Luis, Christina, Archie, Mia, Jessica

Bluebell Class—Holly, William, Emily, Connor, Penny, Eva, Ronnie, Sapphire, Daisy, Ivy, Saffron

Poppy Class—Elodie, Phoebe, Melody, Tilly, Joshua, Rosie, Lachie, Dylan G, Evie, Molly, Conway, Holly

Orchid Class—Evie, Olivia, Lewis, Evan, Apea

Forget-Me-not Class—Esmay, Grace, James, Lucca, Ethan, Lilly, Lily, Darcey, Keira

96% + Attendance for the Autumn Term:

Sunflower Class—Charlie, Ava, Ruby, Eliza, Fran, Louis, Emily, Barnaby, Albie, Alli, Zainab, Teo, Regan, Ella

Snowdrop Class—Esther, Isabella, Sophie, Aubree, Rokas, Pippa, Henry, Toby, Lola, Aiden

Buttercup Class—Jack, Lily, Harry, William, Eleanor, Eira, Millie, Eriana, Tyler, Christopher, Lincoln

Bluebell Class—Georgina, Lamiya, James, Archie, Nefaine, Jack

Poppy Class—Imogen, Renesmae, Annie, Bethany, Ollie H-R, Dylan S, Alice, Mary, Ollie, Toby

Orchid Class—Owen, Alfie, Bella, Poppy Ec, Jake, Frank, Toby, Robin, Harry, Isla, Benji, Lottie

Forget-Me-Not Class—Jasmine, Kaitlin, Scarlett, Sophie, Tessa, Abigail, Roni, Munashe, Imogen, Caitlin, Megan, Merryn

## Rocksteady

On Wednesday 13th December, the sound of 3 rock bands filled the hall as the children who take part in Rocksteady Music lessons performed a short concert for parents and the school. Led by their music teacher, the children performed on guitars, drums, keyboard and vocals to show us the songs they have been working on this term. Well done to all of them for a confident and enjoyable performance. If your child would like to learn a musical instrument through being part of a rock band or through individual lesson, please look at the Music section of the school website or contact Miss Stott.



## Goodbye Mrs Cook



Today we said a very fond and sad farewell to Mrs Cook. She has been at the school for over 17 years as a student teacher, newly qualified teacher, class teacher and assistant head. She has touched the lives of hundreds of children and many staff. Mrs Cook has helped make Stanford school the success it is. She will be greatly missed around the school but we know she will be a fabulous headteacher and will be a great success in her new school. Good luck Mrs Cook

Thank you Mrs Cook for the kind gift you presented the school—it will be cherished.



## Christmas Dinner and a Special Visitor

We all had a yummy Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 19th December. Many thanks to Mrs West and Mrs Jones for preparing and cooking it.



To recognise the hard work of all the children this term and their brilliant Christmas performances, every class got a visit from a very special person! Father Christmas brought every class some gifts for them to use in their classrooms. Thank you Father Christmas.

## Christian Value Ambassadors

Our Autumn Term 2 Community Value Ambassadors:

Sunflower Class - Zainab and Jackson

Snowdrop Class - Henry and Willow

Buttercup Class - Lincoln and Ava

Bluebell Class - Bella and Saffron

Poppy Class - Conway and Tilly

Orchid Class - Toby and Evie

Forget-me-not Class - Lily P and Lola



## Believe and Achieve

Our Autumn Term 2 Believe and Achieve Winners are:

Sunflower Class - Ruby and Ella

Snowdrop Class - Aubree and Esther

Buttercup Class - Archie and Mia

Bluebell Class - Georgina and Jack

Poppy Class - Finley and Holly

Orchid Class - Frank and Finley T

Forget-me-not Class - Lilly L and Megan



## 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 -

- 'Efficient and easy to get hold of.'
- 'Good communication with parents. A happy and welcoming environment for children and parents alike.'
- 'Approachable. Child-centred. Safe environment. Supportive environment.'
- 'Good communication.'

## Units of Enquiry

Please find attached the units of enquiry for next term.