



Newsletter

Value of the Month: Happiness

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

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Friday 4th September

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a slightly different year at Stanford Primary. We are excited to have everyone back and it was lovely to see so many smiley faces. This year is going to be challenging and different but it will also be memorable and successful.

We are especially pleased to welcome those families who are receiving this newsletter for the first time. Copies are placed on the notice boards outside school and on the school website:
www.stanford.oxon.sch.uk

Newsletters will come out fortnightly, normally on a Friday.

Many Thanks

To the brilliant volunteers who kindly cared for our chickens over the Summer Holidays.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest slightly differently this year as we cannot use the church or mix year group bubbles. Further information to follow.

The remaining Teacher Training Days for 2020/21—when the school is closed to children are:
Friday 23rd October

Monday 4th January

Monday 22nd February

Exciting News

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Warner-King and Mrs Webb are pregnant. This is exciting news but does also mean I will be advertising for maternity cover teachers very soon.

Today we also employed a new teaching assistant, Mr Henry Ash. He will be joining us on Monday and will be working in Year 5 alongside Mr Scott and Mrs Peel.

Our Friends of Stanford School (FOSS)

worked really hard last academic year to raise much needed funds to purchase IT equipment plus various curriculum resources.

Many thanks to the team and we wish them lots of success this year. FOSS are always looking for new members, if you are interested please speak to either Diane Kirkman or Pippa Clark.

School Dinners

Please remember these cost £2.30 a day. Remember to order your dinners for the following week on a Thursday, as this aids ordering of food. A copy of the menu is posted on the school website and will be sent home with your child when it changes. The order forms are outside the main office or on the school website. Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a free school dinner, please still order these on the official forms.

Medical

Please complete the medical form accompanying this newsletter and return by Friday 11th September (not Foundation). If we need to hold an inhaler or any other medication for your child can you please make sure it is in date.

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 8th September—Meet and greet presentations. Obviously this year we cannot meet in person due to COVID therefore the teachers will parentmail home their presentation as well as put it on their class web page. The presentation will explain their expectations, homework, PE sessions.... Not for Foundation.

Monday 21st September—Individual Photographs Due to COVID I am afraid we cannot do family photos with children outside our school. All children will have their individual photo taken and we will also photograph siblings within the school together.

Friday 25th September—Harvest Service Due to COVID this will be a virtual service. More details to follow

Acceptable Use Agreement You will receive a parentmail containing the school's policy on internet use. Please read and give your consent (under the payment section) that you will support the school and your child. Not Foundation.

Home School Agreement You will receive a parentmail containing the school's Home School Agreement. Please read and give your consent (under the payment section) that you will support the school and your child. Not Foundation.

Parent Helpers

Although we would love to have parent helpers in the school we are currently saying no to any helpers in the school building. We do need helpers for our Year 1 forest school session on a Tuesday afternoon—please speak to Mrs Finney if you can help.

Panto

I am afraid to say due to COVID the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon have decided to cancel the panto this year so we will not be going to the panto.



Working Together,



Achieving Together

You might like to know...

Assembly

Every Friday we have an assembly which celebrates the success and achievements of children during the previous week. (We are currently doing this virtually).

Each class teacher presents certificates for the star or stars of the week. These are displayed in the hall, as a star display and also on the school website.

Children also build up merit awards over the weeks / months for good work and behaviour.

Certificates are given out for 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 merits.

If children have completed 11 reads at home they are presented with a certificate and stand up in the assembly.

Children's birthdays are remembered and recognition for team achievements in the sporting area are also celebrated.

If children receive awards outside of school, we would also like to share and recognise their success in our Friday assemblies, so please let class teachers know.

The Goodness Gang

'The Goodness Gang' Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8.00am, in the library/hall. After School Club runs Monday to Thursday afternoons until 5.30pm in the library/hall.

If you are interested in your child attending please look on the school website or contact Ms Payne in the school office.

Walking Wednesday

Unfortunately Walking Wednesday cannot resume due to COVID and mixing year group bubbles. We will let you know when we can start walking together again.

Change of Name

Just to inform you that Mrs Laura McEachern our school SENCo has gone back to her maiden name Miss Laura Jamison.

COVID Restrictions

Thank you for working with us as we follow guidance from the Government and the Department for Health. I do understand that the staggered start and end times are inconvenient but it is what we need to do. We may adjust things as we move through the term if guidance changes or we do not think things are working. So far two days in, we are very impressed with how sensible the children have been and we are very grateful to you as parents for working with us positively.

Homework

The first piece of homework will be set a week Thursday (17th September), apart from Foundation. Homework books will come home on a Thursday and need to be returned on a Tuesday.

Homework consists of: Daily sharing of a book, to help children develop

their reading strategies and comprehension.

Even when children are fluent readers it is still important to read and question them regularly. Please use the Reading Record to communicate how your daily reading has gone.

Weekly spellings which the children need to practise at home and will

then be tested on.

At least 30 minutes of Mathswizz a week (Year 2—5), which teachers will check on a Tuesday. Plus maths sheets for Year 6.

Topic based homework, which the class teachers will explain termly.

Focus times tables to learn.

Expectations

Healthy Snacks

Please could I remind Key Stage Two children that they should bring in a healthy snack for morning break, not crisps or chocolate.... Some appropriate healthy snacks would be a fruit bar, piece of fruit, dried fruit...Thank you

for co-operating with this request, we are a healthy school and want all our children to be healthy.

Coats

As the weather becomes cooler and we start to see more rain, please can you ensure your child has a rain coat in school.

Long hair

For health and safety reasons can children with long hair have it tied up please.

Hair

It is good practise to check your child's hair once a week for unwanted headlice.