



# Newsletter

Value of the Month: Happiness

Stanford in the Vale  
C of E Primary School

Year 16/17 Issue 1  
Friday 9th September

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new year at Stanford Primary. We are sure this year will bring many memorable moments and great successes.

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](http://www.stanford.oxon.sch.uk)

Newsletters will come out fortnightly, normally on a Friday.

### Thank You

It is so lovely to see the children come back to school looking so smart. Please can you ensure we maintain our dress code, so that we portray the great school that we are!

Uniform can be obtained via the school website.

### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest with a service at St. Denys' church on Friday 30th September at 2.30pm. All parents and grandparents are welcome to join us for the service.

The donations you send in will be added to the boxes which are packed to benefit the elderly of Stanford. Please could you send your donations of food items with your child to carry up to the church for the service, (tins, packets or fresh fruit and vegetables would be ideal).

Many thanks in advance for your kindness.

**The remaining Teacher Training Days for 2016/17—when the school is closed to children are:**  
Monday 31st October

Tuesday 3rd January

Monday 20th February

### Many Thanks

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

### Our Friends of Stanford School (FOSS) worked

really hard last academic year to raise much needed funds to purchase 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 Andy Hill or myself.

### School Dinners

Please remember these cost £2.10 a day. Remember to order your dinners for the following week on a Thursday, as this aids the 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, so that we can update our records. Please return by Monday 19th September.

### Diary Dates:

**Tuesday 13th September—Meet and greet your child's class teacher at 2.30—2.45 or 2.50—3.05.** The teachers will run two sessions where they will explain their expectations, homework, reporting.... Each session is the same. You do need to be there for the entire 15 minutes. Not for Foundation.

**Friday 30th September—Harvest Service @ St. Denys' @ 2.30pm** Please send in donations for the village boxes—vegetables, fruit, cans, packets.....

### Class Collective Worship

Throughout the term, classes will be undertaking collective worship sessions on a Monday at 2.45pm. Please come and join in with your child's classes act of worship.

12th Sept – Poppy Class  
26th Sept– Snowdrop Class  
17th Oct – Orchid Class  
Tuesday 1st Nov – Sunflower Class  
7th Nov – Forget-me-not Class  
14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Buttercup Class  
28th Nov – Bluebell Class

### Internet 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.

### Home School Agreement

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## Parent Helpers

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We welcome parent helpers, to assist teachers with displays, readers.... If you are able to help in anyway please speak to Mrs Willis. You will need to be willing to have a Disclosure & Barring Service check.

We also require parent helpers to help Mrs Hayward Leach with cycle training small groups of Year 6 children.

### Use of the local area and photographs

You have previously given us permission or not, to take your child around Stanford in the Vale and use photographs of them on the website and in displays around the school. Please can you now give consent via Parentmail2 + Pay in the payment section, entitled local walks and photographs.

## You might like to know...

### Assembly

Every Friday we have an assembly which celebrates the success and achievements of children during the previous week.

Each class 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 days / weeks for good work and behaviour. Certificates are given out for 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 merits.

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. After School Club runs Monday to Thursday afternoons until 5.30pm in the library.

If you are interested in your child attending please look on the school website or contact Mrs Finney, Ms Scrase, Ms Payne, Mr Collins or Mr Godwin.

I have had a couple of requests to run an After School Club on a Friday. To work out if it would be viable please could you let me know if your child would attend a Friday After School Club. Many Thanks

### Meet and Greet Sessions

If you are unable to come to the Meet and Greet Sessions on Tuesday, class teachers will put the information on their class web page.

**Walking Wednesday**  
Eco Club run a walking bus on a Wednesday from the Village Hall. Mrs Willis and Ms Payne arrive at the hall at 8.30am and leave at 8.40am to walk down to school. We would love lots of children and parents to join us.



## Homework

The first piece of homework will be set next Thursday (15th 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 in school.

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

Topic based homework, which the class teachers will explain their expectations.

## 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.

### PE Kits

Please can you ensure your child has a PE kit in school everyday, as this is a curriculum area. Please name everything!

### 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.