



# Newsletter

Christian Value of the Term: Community

Stanford in the Vale  
C of E Primary School

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

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. If you are able to look after the chickens any weekend leading up to Christmas or during the October half term please let Mrs Willis know on: [headteacher.3240@stanford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher.3240@stanford.oxon.sch.uk)

### Medical

Please complete the medical form accompanying this newsletter and return by Friday 16th September. If we need to hold an inhaler or any other medication for your child can you please make sure it is in date.

### The remaining Teacher Training Days for 2022/23—when the school is closed to children are:

Wednesday 4th January

Monday 20th February

Monday 5th June

### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest with a service at St. Denys church on Friday 23rd September at 2.30pm. Parents are invited to come and take part in the service. All classes will be leading part of the service.

The donations you send in will be sent to Faringdon Food Bank. Please could you send your donations of food items with your child to carry up to the church for the service, (tins and packets would be ideal, not fresh food please).

Many thanks in advance for your kindness.



## Meet and Greet

Please join us for a meet and greet session with your child's teacher on Monday 12th September. The teachers will run two sessions where they will explain their expectations, homework, reporting.... Each session is the same so you only need to attend one—2.30pm to 2.45pm and 2.50pm to 3.05pm. You do need to be there for the entire 15 minutes. This is not for Foundation parents as Mrs Cook will go through any questions and expectations during your home visit. The presentations will go on the class website pages.

**Love**

**Hope**



**Community**

### Diary Dates:

**Monday 12th 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.

**Tuesday 20th September—**  
**Individual Photographs** All children will have their individual photo taken and we will also photograph siblings within the school together. If you wish siblings outside of school to be photographed alongside their brother or sister please complete the attached letter and arrive at the front door for 8.15am.

**Friday 23rd September—**  
**Harvest Service at 2.30pm in St Denys Church** Please send in donations for Faringdon Food Bank—cans, packets.....  
**Not** fresh food.

**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.

**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.

## Homework

### 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 team points over the days / weeks for good work and behaviour. Certificates are given out for 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 team points. This information is shared on the school website.

Certificates are given out to star writers, readers, spellers and children who are working really hard on their times tables.

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 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 and allow your child to receive their certificates for their hard work.
- Weekly spellings which the children need to practise at home and will then be tested on.
- Weekly maths activity either times table based or linked to class learning, plus 3 minutes of daily Numbots or Times table Rockstars.
- Topic based homework (3 times a year), which the class teachers will explain their expectations.

## FOSS

**Our Friends of Stanford School (FOSS)** worked really hard last academic year even with some COVID restrictions 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, so if you are interested please speak to a member of FOSS.

Please support **100 Club** (information sent home on 6.9.22). Pay £10.00 and possibly win much more! Can be purchased via parentmail or the school office.

#### Dates for the diary:

**Children's School Disco—14th October**

**Non-Uniform Day for Hamper Donations—2nd December**

**Children's School Disco—10th February (Valentine Theme)**

**Easter Egg Trail—27th March to 16th April**

**Children's School Disco—19th May**

**Non-Uniform Day for Tombola Donations—7th July**

**School Summer Fete—8th July 2pm—5pm**

**Bags to School—Dates to be confirmed**

## 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, nut free school and want all our children to be healthy.

**Hair** For health and safety reasons can children with long hair have it tied up please. It is good practise to check your child's hair once a week for unwanted headlice.

**Parentmail Account** Please keep on top of your parentmail account so balances do not escalate. Thanks

**Goodness Gang/Breakfast and After School Club** Please book for these clubs in advance wherever possible otherwise late charges will apply. An extra 50p for breakfast club and an extra £2.00 for After School; Club. Thank you.

## Class Collective Worship

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

Monday 26th September—Year 3 (Bluebell Class)

Monday 3rd October—Year 1 (Snowdrop Class)

Monday 17th October—Year 4 (Poppy Class)

Monday 21st November—Year 5 (Orchid Class)

Monday 28th November—Foundation (Sunflower Class)

Monday 5th December—Year 2 (Buttercup Class)

Monday 12th December—Year 6 (Forget-me-not Class)

## Healthy Lunchboxes

Being an Eco School and wanting the best for the children in our care we really hope you will support us with sending your child in with a healthy lunchbox.

Please try to include more healthy items in your child's lunchbox so that they get the energy and nutrients they need to grow, develop and learn. For example: carrot or cucumber sticks, fruit, yoghurt, wrap.....

Each day a healthy packed lunch should have:

One portion of fruit or vegetable eg. cucumber, tomatoes, apple, raisins.....

A portion of dairy food eg. yoghurt, cheese, milk.....

A portion of starchy food eg. bread, wrap, pasta, rice, couscous.....

A portion of meat, fish, eggs or beans eg. ham, chicken, egg, chick peas.....

A drink eg. water, no added sugar squash....

We request the following should not be included in lunchboxes – sweets, chocolate and crisps. As these foods are high in fat, sugar and salt which can be harmful to the health of your child. If you want to include a small treat add a biscuit, some popcorn, cup cake or piece of homemade cake.

Please remember we are a **Nut Free School** so **NO** nuts, nut bars, Nutella... Thank you. This is due to allergies in school.

## Uniform

Many thanks for sending your child back into school in the correct school uniform, they look wonderful. Please can I remind everyone that school uniform consists of:

Winter

- Black/grey pinafore, skirt, culottes, trousers
- White polo shirt
- Red school sweatshirt/cardigan
- Sensible black shoes

Summer

- Red and white checked dress, black/grey pinafore, skirt, culottes, tailored shorts, trousers
- White polo shirt
- Red school sweatshirt/cardigan
- Sensible black shoes/sandals

PE Kit consists of black shorts / tracksuit bottoms, team coloured t-shirt, red school jumper (no hoodies) & trainers.

# Attendance



Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School seeks to ensure that all its pupils receive a full-time education which maximises opportunities for each pupil to realise his/her true potential. The school will strive to provide a welcoming, caring environment, whereby each member of the school community feels wanted and secure. All school staff will work with pupils and their families to ensure each pupil attends school regularly and punctually.

The school will establish an effective system of incentives and rewards that acknowledges the efforts of pupils to improve their attendance and timekeeping and will challenge the behaviour of those pupils and parents who give low priority to attendance and punctuality.

To meet these objectives Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School will establish an effective and efficient system of communication with pupils, parents and appropriate agencies to provide mutual information, advice and support.

Pupils can come into school from 8.40am and the school day starts promptly at 8.55am. If a child arrives at school after 8.55am without prior arrangements having been agreed, he/she will be deemed late. Registers close at 9.05am and arrival at school after this time, without prior approval or extenuating circumstances, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Pupils arriving at school after 8.55am must enter through the main entrance and report to the school office to be signed in by an adult. Pupils leaving school for any reason must report to the office before they go so that we can ensure that they are signed out. Registers are also taken when the children return to classes after lunch. Unexplained absences will be investigated.

### Parents/carers are expected to:

Ensure their child's regular attendance at school as it is their legal responsibility

Make sure their child attends every day on time, for the whole school day

Call the school to report their child's absence before 9am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence (please do not report via Class Dojo)

Provide the school with more than 1 emergency contact number for their child

Ensure that, where possible, appointments for their child are made outside of the school day. If not possible proof of the appointment is required.

Family holidays need to be taken during school holiday periods. They are not allowed during term time.

Work closely with the school to resolve any attendance issues.

### Pupils are expected to:

Attend school every day on time

### Leave of Absence Procedures

As detailed in our Attendance Policy, and in line with DfE guidance, we do not authorise leave of absence during term other than when exceptional circumstances permit.

If you wish to take your child out of school, during term time, it is important to discuss this with us as much in advance as possible. Any request should be submitted as soon as it is anticipated and, where possible, at least 6 weeks before the absence via [headteacher.3240@stanford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher.3240@stanford.oxon.sch.uk)

The headteacher may require evidence to support any request for leave of absence.

However, where absence is unauthorised, it could lead to further action being taken including a penalty notice being issued.

Attached is our Attendance policy and Holiday Warning letter. These apply to the whole school, including Foundation.

### Every School Day Counts



### Every Minute Counts

**LATENESS = LOST LEARNING**  
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

## Team Points

Thank you to everyone for sending their child back with a PE t-shirt the colour of their team.

Our four teams are:



Tamarin Monkeys (red) – We work together to take care of each other. We also like to play, have fun and protect one another.



Arctic Wolves (blue) – We are excellent at sharing responsibilities, understanding that success relies on great teamwork.



Sea Otters (green) - We are resilient, determined and intelligent. We cooperate and support each other to strengthen the team.



Honey Bees (yellow) - We are very social and communicate very well. We are excellent at sharing and swapping responsibilities.

## Our Vision

### Working together, Achieving together

**At Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School, we aim for everybody to flourish in a loving community by 'working together to achieve together', with all achieving their individual potential to be the best they can be through the values of love, hope and community.**

Our vision is linked to the story of Nehemiah and the Building of the Wall (Nehemiah 3:1-32), and was picked because it clearly shows the significance of our key values of **Love, Hope and Community**.

#### Community

We are all members of the same family and if we combine our strength, work will be achieved and problems shared, celebrating the value of every individual in achieving our aims, regardless of gender, race, ability and beliefs. This is just like Nehemiah and the people who rebuilt the walls and gates in just 52 days. We are all needed and valued and each person is important to the whole.

#### Love

We love each other and all people of the world. We are patient, kind, helpful and trusting and never fail each other, valuing learning in a safe, happy, stimulating environment. This is just like Nehemiah when he heard his people were in trouble and rushed to their aid.

#### Hope

Hope gives us energy and helps us through difficult times, just like Nehemiah when he wanted to help his people but didn't know how to. He never gave up hope and eventually solved the problem. We believe we can make the world a better place by working together, supporting one another with our Christian ethos, whilst respecting spiritual beliefs of others.

## Parent / Community Volunteers

We would really welcome the support of parent or community helpers, to assist teachers with displays, readers, forest school.... This help is invaluable and really aids the children's development, especially in reading. 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.