



# Newsletter

Value of the Month: Caring

Stanford in the Vale  
C of E Primary School

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Friday 19th January

## Best Wishes

We wish Mrs Cook, her husband Dave and their son Ollie all the best and hope they enjoy every moment with their new daughter / sister.



We also wish Mrs Scott, Mr Scott and their son Herbie all the best with their new son / brother. We hope Mrs Scott is feeling better soon and is resting.

### Staff Changes

Just to inform you that Ms Nicki Rogers will be joining us as a teaching assistant in Year One. She will be taking over from Mr Collins who will be finishing his teaching assistant duties after February half term. We hope Nicki will enjoy working with us and being part of our great team. Mr Collins will continue to work alongside us in After School Club.

### Gym Coach—Mr Smith

Mr Stewart Smith has been coaching gymnastics for 37 years and for nearly 10 years at Stanford School. He has decided it is now time to retire so will stop working with the children after the next competition on the 28th January. Stewart has worked with so many children and developed their gymnastic skills and talents. He has been so determined and enthusiastic to encourage every child to achieve their potential. It will be sad to see him leave. I personally have worked alongside him for 20 years. We will present Mr Smith with a thank you card and present. If you would like to sign the card and contribute to the present please pop into the school office before next Friday, the 26th January. Thank you.

Working Together,



Achieving Together

### Diary Dates:

**Wednesday 31st January—**  
**Stanford's Got Talent @**  
**6.00pm in the School Hall.**  
Refreshments available at a cost

**Monday 5th February and**  
**Tuesday 6th February—**  
**Parents Evening from 3.30pm**  
**to 6.30pm** (booking form will  
come out)

**Safer Internet Day on**  
**Tuesday 6th February** (more  
info. to follow)

**Tuesday 6th February—Bags**  
**to school drop off from**  
**3.00pm to 7.00pm**

**Wednesday 7th February -**  
**Bags to school drop off from**  
**7.30am to 9.00am**

**Friday 9th February—Sharing**  
**Assembly @ 2.15pm in the**  
**School Hall** (please come and  
see some of the work the  
children have been  
completing)

**Week Beg. 12th February -**  
**HALF TERM**

**Monday 19th February—**  
**INSET DAY**

**Tuesday 20th February—**  
**INSET DAY**

**Friday 2nd March—FOSS**  
**School Disco** (more info. to  
follow)

**Friday 9th March—Mother's**  
**Day Service in St. Denys' @**  
**2.30pm**

**Easter Trail runs from the**  
**19th March to 19th April**  
(more info. to follow)

**Tuesday 20th March—**  
**Community Lunch** (invitation  
only)

**Friday 23rd March—Sports**  
**Relief** (more info. to follow)

**Nutcracker**

On Wednesday 10th January a group of children went to watch The Nutcracker at the Oxford Playhouse. They had a wonderful time and were amazed by the beautiful ballet dancing, clothes and orchestra. Thank you very much to Mrs Adamson for organising this once in a lifetime experience.

**School Uniform and Shoes**

Please can I remind everyone about our school uniform policy. Children are to wear dark grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses. It is an expectation that all children wear proper school shoes. No trainers please.

**Healthy Snacks**

Please can I remind you about the importance of healthy snacks—fruit, vegetable sticks, cereal bars etc. Attached to this newsletter is a healthy snack leaflet.

**Kindling Request**

Forest School would really appreciate any kindling for the fires they make, to heat their hot chocolate on and cook their popcorn, and toast on.

**Gardening Club**

It is really important that gardening club members wear appropriate clothing and footwear—they will get muddy and cold!

## Log Cabin

On Friday 12th January Mrs Willis officially opened the newly constructed 'log cabin' at the school's Forest School site.

The log cabin was the brain child of Harvey in Foundation who suggested it would be good to have a cabin to shelter in.

The cabin was designed and constructed by Darren Smith, a parent of the school and he was assisted by Gerry Smith, a grandparent of the school. The framework timber, plywood boarding, plastic guttering and water butt were all kindly supplied by another parent, Michael Littlechild and Jewsons at Challow kindly gave us a discount on the boarding and roofing felt. Many thanks to everyone involved in its construction especially to Darren Smith for all the hours he put into building it and the materials he supplied. The cabin is a great addition to this wonderful learning environment.



## New Chickens

We welcome four new chickens. All four chickens are of a brown colour. To be able to distinguish them three of the chickens have coloured tags on their legs. We would like you to come up with four names for our chickens—it would be great if the names linked in some way. Please hand in your name suggestions and your name on a piece of paper to Mrs Willis. Eco Club will then pick the winner and present a prize.



## Boccia and Football

On Wednesday 10th January, 9 children went to Wantage Leisure Centre to take part in the U11 Vale Boccia Competition.

We had a Year 3 team, a Year 4 team and a Year 5 team. The Year 5 team won 1 match and drew 2. The Year 4 team won 2 matches and lost 1, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-final by one point and the Year 3 team won all of their matches, making it into the semi-final against St Michael's A. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful and then played Botley school and came 4th out of 16 teams. Well done to Olivia, Tessa, Heath, Henry, Monty, Charnz, Sophie, Sam and Caden.



On Wednesday 17th January the football team played Harwell. The boys played exceptionally well and won 6-0. The team consisted of: Max, Nicholas, Harvey, Solomon, William, Henry, Alex and Haydon. The goals were scored by Max, Alex, Harvey and Solomon. Well done to the whole team and thank you to Mr Rhodes for all his hard work coaching the team.