



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: **Caring**

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

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Friday 20th January

Successes

On Sunday 15th January 3 teams of gymnasts went to the South Regional Milano Trio Competition at Beaconsfield. They all performed really well with the mixed team coming 3rd and some children achieving very high individual scores. Amelie came second overall in the girls section, Dan came fourth in the boys section and Ryan came third. All the children did exceptionally. Thank you to coaches Mr Smith and Mrs Woodyer-Ward and the assistant coaches Rachel and Carys. Well done to the teams—Kyle, Nicholas, Ryan, Billy, Kayleigh, Dan, Solomon, Amelie, Harriet, Olivia and Holly.



On Monday 16th January, Mr Rhodes took the Year 3/4 football team to a tournament at Millbrook School. The team consisted of: Year 3 = Billy, Ryan, Zach, Jade and Year 4 = Iestyn, Rhys, Aimee, Alex, Henry M. They played seven matches, won five and lost 2. The team got through to the semi-final and won 2 - 0 against Grove. Then they got to the final and lost 2 - 1 to Wantage A, coming second overall. Well done to the team and Mr Rhodes their coach.



Open Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Morning and joined in with the interesting investigations going on. 91 people attended. There were lots of positive comments: 'Lovely to see the children learning and having fun.' 'Fabulous! Great to see the kids so engaged with science!' 'All the children could talk about their experiments. Fantastic 'real life' science.' 'Lovely to see the children working together.' 'Great to feel the enthusiasm and 'buzz' in all the rooms.' Following these investigations the children and staff voted on the best investigation, write up and explanation. A Year 2 group (Lexie, Arthur, Alexander, Mia) and Year 6 group (Ollie, Owen, Brandon, Owyn) won.

Community Minibus

We have a school minibus!



With the community minibus no longer running, they offered us first options on purchasing the bus for school so we now have our own bus.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 1st February—Stanford's Got Talent @ 6pm in the school hall

Monday 6th February and Tuesday 7th February—Parents Evening (more info. to follow)

Friday 10th February—Sharing Assembly in the School Hall @ 2.15pm

13th February—17th February—HALF TERM

Monday 20th February—INSET DAY—school closed to the children

Wednesday 15th March—Multi-Cultural Day (more info. to follow)

Friday 17th March—Comic Relief (more info. to follow)

Friday 24th March—Mother's Day Service in St Denys' Church @ 2.30pm

Friday 7th April—Easter Service in St Denys' Church @ 9.30am

Friday 7th April—School finishes at 12.05

World of Work Assemblies

I would like to continue to invite parents in to talk about their jobs. If you can spare 15 minutes to talk about your job on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm please let me know and we will arrange a convenient date. The children do enjoy these!

Parent Readers

We would really benefit from some more parent readers. If you feel you could spare a couple of hours a week please speak to the relevant class teacher about a mutually convenient time.

Our School Ethos

Within our school we teach our children to respect each other and our differences, following the Christian teaching 'Love Thy Neighbour.' We also teach them to use kind words and have kind hands and kind feet. Parents and staff need to be role models for the children, meaning we need to lead by example. We have to teach our children how to be responsible and kind members of the community they live in.

Working Together,



Achieving Together

Illness Procedure

We seem to have had a lot of different illnesses recently. Can I please just remind you if your child has had a bout of sickness and diarrhea they cannot return until 48 hours after their last bout. If your child has chicken pox they can return 5 days after the onset of the rash. If they have conjunctivitis no recommended time away from school.

In and Out

Please can I just give a gentle reminder that we do operate an in and out gate through the Key Stage Two Playground. It would be great if you could all follow it to aid buggies and children getting through safely.

Big Schools' Birdwatch

Eco Club had a visit from Mrs Edwards, who lives in the village. Her husband, John Edwards, is part of Blind Veterans UK and he asked another member of the group, Mr Bert Hallet, who is completely blind whether he would make the village school one of his famous bird boxes. He did just that and we were presented with a bird box and insect box. He has also made bird boxes for the Queen and David Cameron.

**Chicken Helpers**

If you are able to help open up and close up the chickens during the weekends and holidays in February, March and April please let Mrs Willis know a.s.a.p. as only one person has volunteered.

Daily Reading at Home

We want you to read more with your child. And not just the younger children – but the older ones, too. Why? Because brilliant things happen when families read together.

Research shows that a child who reads regularly will do better at school, even in subjects like maths. Not only that, but you will also benefit from an incredibly bonding experience – forming precious family memories, long after the book is put down.

We would like every child to share a book at home daily. This could be reading to you, reading a book together or them listening to you read a book. Please do record these moments in your child's reading record book.

To reward children who read regularly at home we will be giving out reading certificates and prizes. Once you and your child have recorded in each section of a double page spread of the reading record they need to present it to the class teacher. The class teacher will sign off the double page and give your child a certificate. For every fifth certificate the children will be given a prize. So please get reading and remember to record every experience in the reading record book.

If you wish to read more about the importance of reading and some tips to reading please look at:

www.booktrust.org.uk

www.reachoutandread.org

<https://uk.pearson.com/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/why-is-reading-so-important.html>



Past Pupil's Success

Mims, who used to attend our school four years ago, has been selected to represent Great Britain in Estonia and Greece with her Rhythmic gymnastics group. These two competitions form part of the final selection process for the European Championships in May.

Mims started doing Gymnastics in our after school club with Mr Smith. Well done Mims and thank you Mr Smith for inspiring Mims to become the success she has.



Storytelling Schools Accreditation

We have now received our accreditation following all the work we do in school teaching the English curriculum through a story focus. Well done to all the staff for teaching English through this inspiring way. More information about storytelling schools can be found at:

www.storytellingschools.com

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