



# Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: **Love**

Stanford in the Vale  
C of E Primary School

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Friday 24th February

## Football Success

On Thursday 9th February nine children took part in the Vale Football Tournament. They played five matches, won three, drew one and lost one. They all played superbly, although they did get a bit chilly by the end! Well done to the team who are now through to the County Finals. Many thanks to Mr Rhodes for coaching the team and to the parents who helped with transport.



Tuesday 7th February, Sutton Courtney vs Stanford in the Vale Football Match. The final score was 6 - 0 to Stanford. Team Players - Max, Ethan M, Solomon, Ethan P, Harvey, Nicholas, William G and Bailey played extremely well.

**Please remember to let us know about your personal sporting achievements outside of school in our weekly Friday Collective Worship.**

## Reading at Home

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.

**Working Together,**



### Sharing Assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended Sharing Assembly and saw some of the creative work the children have been doing.

### Wantage Silver Band

We were fortunate to have a visit from two members of the Wantage Band. The children loved listening to the notes the various instruments could reach.

### Parking

We have had an email of concern from a member of the community, reference unsafe parking opposite the footpath into school. Some parents are parking on the path and grass verge opposite the footpath entrance. This is illegal and is making it more hazardous. Please remember you can park in the Village Hall Car Park or in the car park behind the Co-Op.

### 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 diarrhoea 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 it is recommended that no time is taken off of school.

**Achieving Together**

### Diary Dates:

**Friday 3rd March—FOSS Children's Disco** (info. sent)

**Wednesday 15th March—Multi-Cultural Day** (please wear PE/Sports kit)

**20th—31st March—Big Pedal—please ride your bike to school**

**Tuesday 21st March—Community Lunch** (invite only)

**Friday 24th March—Comic Relief** (please wear something 'funny')

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

**Saturday 25th March—Earth Hour—please turn off lights at 8.30pm for an hour**

**Thursday 30th March—Class Photographs**

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

**Friday 7th April—School finishes at 12.05**

**Back to School—Monday 24th April**

### 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.

### 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.

**Governor Minutes**

The last set of governor minutes will be put on the website under Governors.

**Chicken Helpers**

If you are able to help open up and close up the chickens during the weekends and holidays in March or April please let Mrs Willis know a.s.a.p. Thank you to everyone who have volunteered so far.

**Parents Evening**

Thank you to everyone for attending Parents Evening we hope you found them useful. Many thanks to the staff for staying late to run them.

**FOSS Disco**

Please support the FOSS Disco on Friday 3rd March. Foundation and Key Stage One from 5.15pm—6.15pm and Key Stage Two from 6.30pm—8.00pm. Tickets available from the office or door.

FOSS have kindly purchased for the children and school some new music stands, an assembly box, some dictionaries and thesaurus', candy floss for the Stanford's Got Talent performers and stage hands, plus they are paying for a music workshop for the whole school. Please do support this hardworking committee and watch out for the Easter Egg Trail—coming soon.....

**School Website**

Please do remember to look on our school website to find out lots of information about the school and what the children have been up to. There are also some great useful links to help you and your child.

## Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed a parental questionnaire. Governors are currently compiling all the data. The Governors will send home a letter once the data has been collated and analysed. We have been really pleased with the response—the most returns ever so thank you.

We have decided to include some of the parental quotes from the questionnaires in each newsletter so that you can all get a view of what other parents are saying. Here are some examples:

**'Lovely community feel – all ages supportive and kind to each other'**

**'Extremely friendly and caring teachers and staff'**

**'Kids are so happy and confident'**

**'Wide ranging curriculum'**

**'Happy environment'**

## Swimming

As I am sure you are aware we take Years 1 to 6 children swimming for half an hour ten weeks every academic year, however in this time your child will not learn to swim unless they are taken by you as well. We believe swimming to be such an important life skill and form of exercise that we dedicate a lot of time and resources into organising these lessons. Please support us and your child by helping them learn to swim. Some of the reasons why swimming is key are listed below:

Teaching your child to swim and encouraging them to swim regularly can have significant benefits for both their health and safety. Especially on a hot day, swimming is a way to keep cool while encouraging a healthy level of physical and social activity. Take your kids to indoor pools in the colder months to promote an active lifestyle all year long. Swimming provides a more effective workout than some other activities.

**Safety**

According to KidsHealth.org, drowning is the second leading cause of death for people between the ages of 5 and 24. By teaching your child to swim, they will not only become a stronger swimmer, but also gain valuable experience in the water. This experience greatly reduces the risk of an emergency if your child accidentally falls in an unguarded pool or gets pulled into deep water by a rip current at the beach.

**Physical Health**

According to 24 Hour Fitness, swimming is an excellent cardiovascular workout that promotes heart and lung health, improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture. In addition, swimming is a way to prevent childhood obesity, which has been linked to juvenile diabetes, notes the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Swimming also puts less strain on joints and connective tissues than other forms of exercise.

**Emotional Health**

Encouraging your child to swim can also improve his mental and emotional health. The natural buoyancy of the water is more relaxing than other types of exercise and it can also improve overall mood, and help combat depression.

There are so many benefits to swimming please support your child by taking them regularly.