



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: Trust

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

Year 17/18 Issue 14
Friday 23rd March

Earth Hour tomorrow

REMEMBER TO TURN LIGHTS OUT AT 8:30PM FOR ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY 24TH MARCH.

WWF's Earth Hour is the biggest movement to protect our planet. Please mark Earth Hour by going 'lights out' for 60 minutes at 8.30pm – a symbolic show of solidarity for the planet.

Thank you Eco Club



Mother's Day Service

On Friday 9th March we held our Mother's Day Service at St Denys' Church. Each class told us about why they love their mum through words, song, prayers and poems. We also enjoyed a musical interval when Isobel and Noa played the piano. Many thanks to all the children and staff for their hard work and to all the mums who came to the service.

Class Collective Worship

Class Collective Worship next term will take place on the following dates:

- Poppy Class—Monday 23rd April @ 2.45pm
- Bluebell Class—Monday 30th April @ 2.45pm
- Orchid Class—Thursday 10th May @ 2.45pm
- Forget-me-not Class—Monday 4th June @ 2.45pm
- Buttercup Class—Monday 11th June @ 2.45pm
- Sunflower Class—Monday 25th June @ 2.45pm
- Snowdrop Class—Monday 9th July @ 2.45pm

Please join your child's class for their Collective Worship in the School Hall. Please remember this is an act of worship not a performance so please be respectful—turn phones off, enter in silence and no costa cups.

FOSS Disco

On Friday 16th March FOSS managed to host their second children's disco of the academic year, after the original disco being postponed due to snow! The children had a great time dancing the night away. They particularly liked the finger lights, which were sold out before the end of the evening! Many thanks to the FOSS committee for organising the event and supplying refreshments and finger lights/glow sticks. Thanks also to the staff who stayed behind to help.

Working Together,



Achieving Together

Parental quotes from the recent questionnaire.

'Behaviour in the school is exemplary and I love the way the older children are encouraged to care for and moderate the younger children.'

'All staff are always friendly and approachable to parents as well as children.'

'Caring, hard working staff who want the best for my child.'

'Creative curriculum that inspires my child.'

Easter Trail

Please support the Easter Trail around the village. Pick up a form for £2.00 from the school, the Vets or the Huddle and hunt the eggs. Complete the sentence to try and win a prize. Runs from 19th March to the 19th April.

School Admission Number for September

Although Oxfordshire County Council were talking about our admission number increasing to 45 in Foundation this is not the case and we will continue to admit 30 children.

Cricket Club

After the Easter Holidays, Mrs Willis will be running a Cricket Club with the help of Mr Alder. The club will be open to Years 3—6 on a Thursday afternoon from 3.15pm to 4-15pm. If you are interested, please let Mrs Willis know.

Diary Dates:

Easter Trail runs from the 19th March to 19th April (info. included)

Saturday 24th March—Earth Hour—please turn out lights from 8.30pm—9.30pm

Monday 26th March—Class Photos

Thursday 29th March—Easter Service in St Denys' @ 9.30am

Thursday 29th March—School Closes at 12.05pm

Monday 16th April—Back to School

Big Pedal runs from 23rd April—4 May (please cycle or scooter to school over these two weeks)

Monday 7th May—No School as a Bank Holiday

Week Beg. 14th May—Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 18th May—Environmental Day focused on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (more info. to follow)

Friday 18th May—FOSS Disco (more info. to follow)

Friday 25th May—Sharing Assembly @ 2.15pm in the school hall (please come and see what the children have been doing)

Week beg. 28th May—Half Term

Friday 15th June—Fathers Day Service @ 9.30am in St Denys' Church

Monday 18th June—Theatre Production of 'The Little Princess' to the whole school.

Netball Achievements

On Friday 9th March, 14 children took part in the Wantage Cluster Schools Netball Tournament. They made up two teams, Stanford A & B, and each team were in a different pool, each playing 6 matches. Stanford A won every game without conceding a goal. Their first scoreline was 8-0! Stanford B won 1 game, drew 3 and lost 2. Stanford A subsequently went through to the Final against Stockham A which they won! Both teams played the best they've ever played and Mrs Edwards and Mrs Leach were very proud of all the children. Well done to Henry, Azaria, Aimee, Tegan, James from Year 5 and Laura, William, Eloise, Holly, Rosie, Olivia, Harriet, Nicholas and Jack from Year 6.



Due to Stanford A Teams success they went on to play in the Vale Netball Tournament Finals on Tuesday 20th March. Seven members of year 5 and 6 took part in the Vale Netball Tournament Finals at Larkmead School, in Abingdon. They played 4 matches in their pool. They won 2 matches, lost 1 and drew the other. Unfortunately, they narrowly missed out on qualifying for the semi-final on goal difference! However, the team played brilliantly and showed great teamwork and resilience. The team were Rosie, Holly, Azaria, Nicholas, William, Jack and Eloise.

Gooseberry Alerts

Gooseberry Parent 'Thoughts' of the week

As parents and carers, you have an important role to play in managing your child's time online.

Use of technology is so common that we can forget the impact it has upon our children's wellbeing.



As parents and carers, you must manage your child's use of digital technology and their lives online.

Encourage your child to participate in more offline, 'real world' activities. Provide them with opportunities to socialise with friends in person and take part in physical activities outdoors.

For your own health and wellbeing, be sure to manage how much time you too spend online!

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Touchscreen Children Cannot Hold a Pencil!

The Times has recently reported on a growing trend that sees young children beginning school without the hand strength and dexterity required to grip and use a pencil. Paediatric doctors believe this is due to children's excessive use of touchscreen technology, such as that of tablets and smart phones.



According to Dr Sally Payne, Head Paediatric Occupational Therapist at the Heart of England Foundation NHS Trust: developing children need lots of practice to gain the fine motor skills necessary to hold and use a pencil.

As the use of tablets and phones to occupy children is on the increase, these important skills are commonly no longer obtained prior to starting school. This has led to many children being delayed in acquiring handwriting skills, sometimes even requiring them to have occupational therapy to correct the problem.

Find out more at:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/touchscreen-children-cannot-grip-a-pencil-wd60g2ln8>