

# Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: Trust

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

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# Voice in a Million

On Thursday 9th March, Stanford school choir went to VIAM (Voice in a Million) at the Wembley SSE Arena for the second time. They sang multiple songs which ranged from slow to energetic and also saw performances from Roadtrip and Reggie and Bollie. There were over 5000 children in the VIAM choir and the schools that took part came from all over the UK. It was a wonderful evening for all of the choir. Thank you to Mrs Turner for preparing and taking the choir and the parents who came along to support.



#### Football Team

We played in the semi-finals, against Our Lady's on the 8th March. The team consisted of Solomon, Harvey, Ethan P, Ethan M, Max, Bailey, William G & Nicholas. We played well but unfortunately we lost 6-1. Our only goal was scored by Nicholas.

### Gardening Club Success

I am absolutely thrilled to let you know that Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School's Gardening Club has won the Wilkinson Sword Gardening For Schools Campaign! Wilkinson Sword, and the judges, were very impressed with both the design, and the great application letter, which embodied exactly what they wanted to achieve with the campaign – encouraging children to be passionate about gardening, which we are all doing a great job at! Well done!

Working Together, 🌉



# Parental quotes from the recent questionnaire.

'Family atmosphere'
'Teachers and staff are
always approachable'
'Support children in
making good progress
both academically and
emotionally'

'Learning is interesting and fun'

'Community spirit'

### FOSS

#### **Easter Trail**

FOSS are organising an 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 27th March to the 28th April.

## Adult Disco—Back to the

FOSS are organising an adult disco on Saturday 6th May in the school hall. Please come and support this event. Tickets are available from the school office at £10.00 a ticket. Doors open at 8pm and food is included in the price of the ticket. If you fancy dressing up that would be great too!

**Achieving Together** 

#### Diary Dates:

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

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

Saturday 6th May—Adult Disco 'Back to the 80's' Please support this FOSS event. Tickets available from the school office.

Week Beg. 8th May—SATs Week Good Luck Year 6

Friday 12th May— Environmental Day— Protecting Endangered Species (more info. to follow)

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Children's Disco (more info. to follow)

#### 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.

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#### **Big Pedal**

The Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. Powered by Sustrans and funded by the Bike Hub, the 2017 challenge will run from 20 to 31 March. Eco Club would like as many children as possible to cycle or scoot to school from the 20th to the 31st March. Please support this initiative and help the environment.

#### Earth Hour

Earth Hour is the world's largest demonstration of support for action on climate change. Last year, millions around the world across 178 countries came together to show support for action to protect our amazing planet. Now, more than ever, it's crucial we show support for action on climate change. You can be part of it.

Join us at 8.30pm on Saturday 25 March by switching off your lights for one hour.



#### **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 would be interested in attending, please let Mrs Willis know.

### **Multi-Cultural Day**

On Wednesday 15th March, we celebrated our first Multicultural Day at school. All children and staff came together to mark the importance of cultural diversity. KS1 and KS2 were split into groups and were given the opportunity to explore the world in one day! The children were each given a passport to travel with, in which they excitedly collected and stuck a flag sticker for each destination they travelled to. Throughout the day, the children explored many aspects from different cultures including dance, sport, art, food and language.

KS1 visited the following countries: Thailand, Japan, India, Australia and Greece. They tasted Thai food, learnt some simple Japanese, learnt a Bollywood dance, created some Aboriginal art and took part in a mini Olympics.

KS2 visited the following countries: Sweden, China, Poland, Kenya and Brazil. They learnt a traditional Swedish dance, created Chinese lanterns, cooked and tasted traditional Polish pancakes, learnt some Swahili and practiced Brazilian drumming. It was a fantastic experience for all involved and was thoroughly enjoyed by all members of our school community. Thank you to Mrs Scott for having the



# **Community Lunch**

On Tuesday 21st March, we invited in 24 members of the community to have a tour of the school, enjoy a lunch and be entertained by Year 3 on their recorders and our school pianists. They were very impressed by the children and our facilities: 'Such a joy to see your beautiful, creative school and thank you for a delicious lunch and our delightful escorts—Henry and Ed.'

'The meal, the entertainment were excellent. A special thank you to the three children that took us around the school. We enjoyed it all very much.'

'My husband and I wish to thank you and your staff for inviting us to the lunch and tour of your school. The lunch was delicious and the children of year 3 did a wonderful job of serving all the food etc. We were very impressed with the behaviour of all the children and all the facilities you have.'



