



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: *Respect*

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

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Friday 19th May

Well done Year 2 & 6

Well done to Year's 2 & 6 for working so hard on your SATs. You all demonstrated great resilience and perseverance.

Year 6 we are looking forward to your Robin Hood production.

Good Luck and Goodbye

At the end of this academic year we are saying goodbye to Mr Pearson. From September, he will be starting a new job teaching Key Stage 2 and 3 children. He will also become a father, having his first child later that term. We wish him every success in his new school and in his new role as a father and thank him for all his hard work at our school.

Uniform Expectations

Please remember our uniform requirements and the need for black school shoes or sandals.

Cards and Spinners

Children are bringing in Sainsbury's Lego cards. Please be advised there is no way we can identify whose cards belong to who or whether they have swapped fairly so if children bring them in it is at their own risk. We are also seeing a lot of children with fidget spinners. They are being used as a toy. We do not encourage personal toys being brought into school as it can cause issues if they get broken or lost. We have in school fidget toys in school for those children who need them so I would ask that fidget spinners do not come into school. Thank you

Well done Gardening Club

The club have been chosen as finalists for RHS Gardening Club of the Year Award. We all wish you every success.

Parental quotes from the recent questionnaire.

'Relationship with parent's very good.'

'The teachers and teaching assistants. They are friendly and have encouraged my son to enjoy school and learning. He is starting to build a good bond and that is priceless.'

'Encouragement of older children to support younger children.'

'Focus on spiritual development.'

'The relationship with the local community.'

Environmental Day

On Friday 12th May the whole school took part in an Environmental Day. All the children learnt about some animals and plants that are endangered, what endangered means and how we can help protect endangered species. As part of the day all classes had a workshop with Bassistry Arts, moving, singing and playing instruments to songs about the environment. Thank you to FOSS for financing this.

Bingo Race

That time of year is fast approaching when we would like you to get your running shoes on and join FOSS and staff on Stanford Football Ground for a family Bingo Race. It is great fun!

Taking place on Sunday 18th June.

Entry forms are coming home today.

If you feel unable to run maybe you could marshall, if so please let Nina or Richard Stillion know.

Working Together,



Achieving Together

Diary Dates:

Friday 26th May—Sharing Assembly at 2.15pm in the school hall

Week Beg. 29th May—Half Term

Week Beg. 12th June—Healthy Eating Week

Friday 16th June—Fathers Day Service @ St. Denys' - 9.30am

Sunday 18th June—Bingo Race (entry forms sent out)

Monday 19th June—Book Day based on The Wizard of Oz (more info. to follow)

Week Beg. 3rd July—Sports and Science Week (more info. to follow)

Friday 7th July—Sports Day (more info. to follow)

Wednesday 12th July—Class Swap Day

Thursday 13th July—Thank You Lunch (invitation only)

Thursday 13th July—Open Evening 5.30—7.00—Pop in and have a look at some of the marvellous work the children have completed.

Friday 14th July—Non-Uniform Day—Please send in a donation for the Summer Fete raffle or tombola.

Saturday 15th July—Stanford School Summer Fete from 2.00pm—5.00pm

Monday 17th July and Tuesday 18th July—Year 6 Production of Robin Hood in the School Hall at 6.00pm

Thursday 20th July—Leaver's Service at St Denys' Church @ 6.30pm—For all current Year 6 and their families

Supporting FOSS

As I am sure you are aware, school budgets are becoming tighter and tighter. This year that has become notably evident and for the first time since I have been headteacher, I have had to ask FOSS to raise £4000 to help support the school for general resources / IT. This is quite an ask for a group of volunteers so please support them in all the events they organise, either by attending, donating or helping.

Chicken Helpers

Please can you help look after the chickens over the next five months. Currently I have had three parents reply to my email. We need your support! Thank you.

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.

Parental School Improvement Plan

We have produced our new School Improvement Plan, which runs from April 2017 to April 2018. Attached is a parental version for you to see the key areas / aspects we are working on this year.

School Dinners

If you order termly please get your form into the school office by Thursday 25th May for Term 6.

Sporting Events

Basketball

Six children from Year 6 took part in the Vale Primary Basketball Festival in Wantage on Thursday 4th May. Playing in teams of 3 at a time, they played a number of matches winning two matches 16-2 and 16-5, drawing one 8-8 and losing two matches 0-3 and 2-4. Despite the magnificent wins, they did not make it through to the semi-finals. It was a great team effort and they spent a lot of time discussing tactics and thinking about strengths and weaknesses in the opposing teams. Well done Amber, Finley, Josh, Leo, Molly and Nikita.

Tennis

On Wednesday 10th May, two teams of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Wantage Tennis Competition. Twelve teams took part from seven different schools. All the children played three games, some won, some lost and others drew. Stanford A came joint first in their league but second over points. Stanford B came fourth in their league.

Well done to Finley, Molly, Nikita, Leo, Eloise, Alex, Freddie and Laura who all tried really hard and were very supportive of each other.

Disco Time

Thank you to everyone who attended the Adult 80's Disco on Saturday 6th May - a great night was had by all. We had delicious food to eat, great songs to dance to, our own photo booth plus a well stocked bar.

Thank you to everyone who attended the children's school disco on Friday 12th May. It was great to see so many of you dancing the night away! Many thanks to all the staff who attended and all the year five pupils and parents who helped during the discos.

Thank you to FOSS for organising these discos and raising money for the school, including the cost of the coach to take Year 6 on their residential in October.



Competition Time....

Stanford in the Vale Parish Council have been in contact with a request. They are concerned by the amount of litter around the village and would like to raise the profile of keeping Stanford in the Vale clean and tidy. They would like some of the children in our school to design A4 size posters which they will then put up around the village. If you are interested in designing a poster about—picking up litter or keeping Stanford litter free please send in your posters to Mrs Willis by Friday 16th June. The Parish Council will then judge the posters and the winning designs will receive a prize and be put up around the village.

Good Luck!