



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: Respect

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

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Friday 4th May

Environmental Day

On Friday 18th May the whole school will be taking part in an Environmental Day. The children will be learning the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. They will also be reusing some items themselves and doing a Big Tidy Up around the school or village.

Over the lunch hour we would like to celebrate the Royal Wedding that is happening the following day so we are asking every child to bring in a packed lunch (no school dinners will be served that day) so that we can all have lunch together on the school field, followed by a whole school disco.

Communication

For children to be the best they can be it is key that we work in partnership with you as parents. For this to happen communication is key. We communicate with you through various methods—online reports/diaries, parents evening meetings, emails, letters, conversations, newsletters, website, assemblies, on the playground, at different events.....

We need you to speak to us if anything changes in your child's life that could affect their learning / behaviour or if you have questions / concerns about your child or their learning. No matter how small or big we are here to listen and support, please do speak, ring or email us, as and when you need to. We do want every child to reach their potential and every child is extremely important to us.

I know we are in an age of posting everything on social media but this is not always helpful and we cannot work together if we do not know what you are thinking / saying. Please also remember once something is posted on social media it is always out there so please be especially careful if you are posting personal information about your child.

Christian Value Ambassadors

Last month, our Christian Value was:

HOPE

The two children nominated as ambassadors were:

Scarlett in Sunflower Class

Tamara in Orchid Class

This month's Christian Value is: Respect. We will be considering what respect means and how we show respect for God's creation, other people and God.

Big Pedal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Big Pedal by scooting or cycling to school.

100 Club Winners

April Winners

1st Tessa Edwards

2nd Kerry Houghton

Governor Minutes

Please find the latest minutes on the school website under Governors.

Uniform Expectations

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

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 fun family Bingo Race. Taking place on Sunday 17th June.

Entry forms are coming home today.

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

Accountant Needed

FOSS need an accountant to look at their accounts on an annual basis. If you feel you could do this role please speak to Mrs Willis.

Diary Dates:

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 (info. included)

Friday 18th May—Celebration of the Royal Wedding (info. included)

Friday 18th May—FOSS Disco (info. sent)

Wednesday 23rd May—Induction Evening for new Foundation Parents (Sept. 2018) @ 6.30pm in the school hall

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

Healthy Eating Week—Wk. Beg 11th June—we will be promoting healthy eating

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.

Week Beg. 18th June—National Cricket Week—we will be taking part in cricket activities / matches.

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th June—Year 4 residential to Charney Manor

Week Beg. 2nd July—Sport and Science Week (more info. to follow)

Working Together,



Achieving Together

Parental quotes from the recent questionnaire.

'Good community school that puts the children first.'

'FOSS and the way the school works with parents and families to raise money for fun things at school.'

'I believe the staff genuinely care about the children they teach.'

'Brilliant school, lovely teachers and good resources.'

'Happy children.'

Gooseberry Alerts

Gooseberry Parent 'Tips' of the week

It can be difficult to manage and understand your child's life online, including the types of online games they are playing. Amongst other things, the **most popular online games often contain inappropriate content, have features that tempt players to keep playing or that allow players to communicate and connect freely with anyone** who might be playing at the time.

As a parent, you have a responsibility to help **manage and monitor your child's online gaming and promote a healthy balance between time on and offline**. Online games **should be fun and can be a great way for you and your child to interact with each other and with trusted friends, but they must be played safely**.

Some important things to ask yourself...

What online games is my child playing?

Who are they playing the games with?

When and **where** are the games being played and for **how** long?

Is playing online interfering with daily life?

Am I happy for my child to be playing the games?

Our Top Tips for making informed and safer decisions with your child when online gaming:

- Ensure that your child plays games that are appropriate for them. Using age guidelines can be helpful when making your decision.
- If the game requires an online profile, check what personal information is required and how this is shared. When creating a gaming profile, create usernames and avatars to help protect your child's identity online.
- Manage or consider disabling in-game chat; unplug headphones and microphones.
- Take time, with your child, to secure and manage privacy settings within the game or on the device.
- Take time to read the reviews and play the games for yourself to see what they are about.

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App Alert: Fortnite – Battle Royale (PEGI Rating 12, App store 12+)

Fortnite? an interactive, multiplayer military themed, online game where players go PvP (Player vs Player) to compete and battle against each other for ultimate survival and victory.

It's no surprise that this 'free', downloadable, online, 'survival of the fittest' adventure game is the current favourite amongst younger gamers. It is available for all popular consoles and mobile devices and if your child is not playing it, then their friends probably are.

Problems are emerging with **inappropriate in-game chat and contact, costly in-app purchases, wellbeing issues and its addictive game play**. These are common concerns for many online games.

Stay alert for our helpful advice, including tips for safer game play.

Want to know more? Visit us as www.gooseberryplanet.com

Contact us at:

www.gooseberryplanet.com

Email us:

help@gooseberryplanet.com

Sporting Success

Vale Swimming Finals

On Wednesday 25th April four year 6 girls went to Radley College to compete in the Vale Finals Swimming gala. Eloise, Holly, Olivia and Harriet competed in an individual race and two relay races, one freestyle and one individual medley. The girls won some races and lost some races and showed great sportsmanship. Well done



Stanford Football Years 3 & 4

Zach, Billy, Ryan, Jack, Arthur, Spencer and Thobey

Stanford V Harwell 1-1

Stanford V South Moreton 0-0

Stanford V Blewbury 2-0

Stanford V The Hendreds 0-1

Everyone played exceptionally well and encouraged each other. Brilliant respect and teamwork.

Year 3 & 4 Tennis Tournament

On Tuesday 1st May Grace, Jade, Zach, Henry E, Connie, Ella B, Toby and Eddie took part in the mini red Tennis Tournament at Wantage Tennis Club. The children played each of their four matches enthusiastically and with great determination. This resulted in them going forward in the finals against Charlton. Although Charlton won, second place means they represent the school in the Vale finals. Well done

Well done also goes to the staff and parents who attended because I received an email from the organiser to say, 'I wanted to say how amazing your staff and parents in particular were today. It's great to have such positive parents who were an enormous help today and I couldn't have run the competition without them. Please pass on my thanks, a real credit to your school.'

Muddy Run

Some of the staff are once again taking part in the Swindon Pretty Muddy 5K Run at Lydiard Park in aid of Cancer Research UK. The run takes place on the 19th May 2018 and we are booked on the 10.45 slot. If you would like to come and cheer us on please do or if you feel able to donate some money to a very worthwhile cause we have placed a pink box by the main office. Thank you in advance for your support.



Chicken Volunteers

I have only had one family volunteer to look after the chickens over the next five months. If you are able to look after them for a couple of weekends or during a holiday please let me know as soon as possible—thank you. Looking after them requires letting them out into the run in the morning and checking their food and water and in the evenings putting them back into their coop.