



# Newsletter

Value of the Month: Happiness

Stanford in the Vale  
C of E Primary School

Year 17/18 Issue 2  
Friday 22nd September

## Council & Leaders

### School Council

School Council for this year include:

Lily—Year 1  
Noah—Year 1  
Beth—Year 2  
Jack—Year 2  
Connie—Year 3  
Rhook - Year 3  
Jade -Year 4  
Noa—Year 4  
Tammy -Year 5  
Heath -Year 5  
Kelsi -Year 6  
Haydon—Year 6

They will be working with Mrs Webb on ways to improve the school.

### Sports Leaders

Sports Leaders this year include:

Mia—Year 3  
Arthur—Year 3  
Katherine—Year 4  
Henry—Year 4  
Amanda—Year 5  
Alex—Year 5  
Olivia—Year 6  
Bailey—Year 6

They will be working to develop sports within the school.

### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest with a service at St. Denys' church on Friday 29th September at 2.30pm. All parents and grandparents are welcome to join us for the service.

The donations you send in will be added to the boxes which are packed to benefit the elderly of Stanford. Please could you send your donations of food items with your child to carry up to the church for the service—tins, packets or fresh fruit and vegetables would be ideal.

Many thanks in advance for your kindness.

### School Uniform

It is so lovely to see the children come back to school looking so smart. Please can you ensure we maintain our dress code, so that we portray the great school that we are!

### Meet and Greet Sessions

Thank you to everyone who attended these sessions, if you were unable to come the information can be found on your classes web page at:

[www.stanford.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.stanford.oxon.sch.uk)

### World of Work Assemblies

I would like to continue to invite parents in to talk about their jobs. These collective worships have been inspirational for the children, who now want to be doctors, travel abroad, be vets and calculate tax! If you can spare 15 minutes to talk about your job on a Monday afternoon at 2.45pm please let me know. Thank you

### Christmas Panto

This year we will be taking the whole school to the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon to see Peter Pan—just in case you are booking up a family panto.

### Menu Changes

A few changes have been made to the school menu:

Week 1—Wednesday the Roast will now be Gammon

Week 2—Tuesday will now be meatballs

Week 3—Tuesday and Thursday—the vegetarian options have swapped over

### Diary Dates:

**Friday 29th September—Harvest Service @ St.Denys' @ 2.30pm** Please send in donations for the village boxes—vegetables, fruit, cans, packets.....

**Saturday 30th September—FOSS Family Bingo Night @ School. Doors open at 6.00pm** £5.00 a ticket (includes 10 games, a dabber and a drink). Food available.

**Thursday 12th October—Year 6 Parents Evening** (letter to be sent)

**Week Beg. 16th October—Year 6 PGL Residential** Please watch the blog on the school website to see what they are doing.

**Monday 16th October—Parents Evening for Foundation to Year 5 from 3.30pm—7.00pm** (letter to be sent)

**Tuesday 17th October—Parents Evening for Foundation to Year 5 from 3.30pm—7.00pm** (letter to be sent)

**Wednesday 18th October—Bags2school drop off in the school hall from 3.00pm to 7.00pm** Please bring in any unwanted clothing.

**Thursday 19th October—Bags2school drop outside the school entrance from 7.00am to 8.45am** Please bring in any unwanted clothing.

**Week Beg. 23rd October—Half Term**

**Monday 30th October—INSET DAY—Staff only**

**Tuesday 31st October—Children Back to School**

## SPS Leaders

SPS Leaders include:

Maisy—Year 2  
Finley—Year 2  
Sophie - Year 3  
Sam - Year 3  
Poppy - Year 4  
William - Year 4  
Mia—Year 5  
Liam- Year 5  
Harriet - Year 6  
Jack—Year 6

They work closely with the Springline Partnership of Schools (Stockham, Uffington, Grove, Ridgeway, St Amands, The Hendreds Primary Schools & Fitzwaryn) to improve our school.



**FOSS Family Bingo**



Please support our first fundraising event of the year. Come and enjoy a night of bingo while having a drink and enjoying a meal.

£5.00 a person (includes 10 games, a dabber and a drink)

Please pop into the school office to put your name down and pay for your place so as to avoid disappointment.

Thank you

**OFSTED Visit**

Thank you very much to all the parents and children who spoke to the inspector or filled in an online questionnaire. We will soon receive the report and be able to share it with you.

**Waitrose tokens**

If you do shop at Waitrose in Faringdon please remember to put the tokens in the Friends of Stanford School collection pot and support your school.

**Why is high attendance important?**

By law, all children of compulsory school age must receive a suitable full-time education. Once your child is registered at a school, you are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly. This means your child should not have sessions of unauthorised absence.

If your child misses a lot of school it can:

mean that they fall behind in work;

affect their motivation;

affect their enjoyment of learning;

lead to poor behaviour;

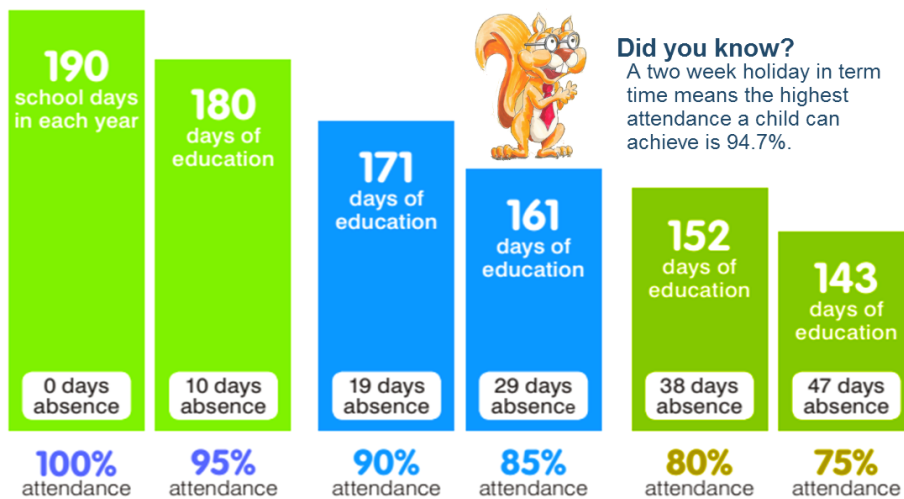
affect their desire to attend school regularly;

affect their confidence in school;

mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences;

affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

Children have 13 weeks annual holiday from school and school holiday dates are published well in advance online. As such, all parents/carers are expected to plan and take their family holidays at this time so as not to disrupt their children's education. Education law states that parents do not have a right to take their child out of school for a holiday during term time.



**Did you know?**

A two week holiday in term time means the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%.

"Well Done"

"I'm worried"

"I'm seriously concerned"

Best chance of success

Poor attendance—less chance of success

Very poor attendance—serious impact on education and reduces life chances

Please give your child the best chances to achieve and make sure they attend school regularly. Thank you