



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: Happiness

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

Year 20/21 Issue 2
Friday 18th September

Please look after us...

Many thanks to everyone for working with us to ensure the children are safe. The children have been very positive in the way they have adapted to the new safety measures and from their smiley faces they are clearly enjoying being back in school. You will be aware that the rate of infection has increased nationally and this means that we need to continue to work hard on fully embedding all our safety and control measures that reduce the potential risk of spreading infection. We all want to be able to keep working and learning in a safe school environment and through our shared vigilance we can achieve that and minimise the impact. We would like again to emphasise the following:

- We have staggered start and end times at different locations around the school so that different year group bubbles do not need to come into contact with each other. It also means the parent bringing that child can social distance from other parents. Please keep 2m apart from all other parents / families.
- Due to the staggered end times I know that some parents and siblings are having to wait around the school. During this time parents need to be responsible for their children—please do not let them run around especially in the car park or near the main road and please do not let them mix with different year groups. Ideally it would be helpful if you could go on a short walk around the village.
- A lot of cars are currently pulling up outside the front of the school where it gets very busy. If you possibly can, it would be helpful if you could walk or if this is not possible, park in the Village Hall Car Park and walk down to school.
- The Rule of 6 that has been brought in does mean that children and families coming and going from school should not exceed 6. Please stick to this rule and help keep us all safe.
- I hope you found the document we sent home about 'What to do if your child is unwell' helpful in understanding when children should not attend school and when they should get tested. Please do inform us if your child is displaying symptoms and the outcome of the test. (Please find the document on our website home page)
- We have produced a remote learning plan for different scenarios—please see attached and on the home page of the website. The plan includes home learning packs that will initially be sent home until the results of the test are known, then as a school what we will do if a child is home longer than three days, or if a group of children are sent home, or if a bubble (year group) is sent home for two weeks.

Whilst we appreciate that these measures can place inconvenience on families, it is vital for everyone's safety and our ability as a school to remain open, that these processes are followed without exception.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Working Together,



Achieving Together

Diary Dates:

**Monday 21st September—
Individual Photographs** Due to COVID I am afraid we cannot do family photos with children outside our school. All children will have their individual photo taken and we will also photograph siblings within the school together.

**Friday 25th September—
Harvest Service** Due to COVID this will be a virtual in house service. Recordings from each year group will be put on each class web page for you to view. Please do send in tinned food or packets of food—our donations this year will go to Wantage Food Bank which benefits some of our families.

**Monday 19th October and
Tuesday 20th October—
Parents Evenings 3.30pm—
6.30pm** These will be virtual meetings via zoom. Information will be sent via Parentmail nearer the time to book a time slot.

Bags to School is an opportunity to get rid of your unwanted clothes and raise money for the school. Bags of clothes can be dropped off **Tuesday 20th October from 3.00pm to 7.00pm and Wednesday 21st October from 7.30am to 9.00am** outside the school.

**Friday 23rd October—INSET
Day.** School closed to children

**Week Beg. 26th October—
HALF TERM**

**Monday 2nd November—
Back to School**

100 Club

Please support F.O.S.S in raising funds for our school by taking part in the 2020/21 '100 Club' Revised format continues with bigger monthly cash prizes and a bonus super draw at the end of the school year. £10 membership fee will enter your allocated number into the 10 monthly draws (Oct – July) £30 first prize, £20 second prize for each draw and a bonus draw in July will see one prize-winner scooping £100 * To enter, please complete the '100 Club' registration form attached and return it to the school office by Friday 2nd October
*example prize fund above based on 100 members

School Uniform and Expectations

Thank you to everyone for sending in your children in appropriate school uniform or PE kit. The children look so smart.

Please can you not dye your child's hair as it distracts the other children and is against school policy. Please could I also remind you that children should not be coming to school wearing make up or nail varnish. Thanks

Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest with an in house Zoom service on Friday 25th September at 9.15am. I am sorry that we cannot invite you to attend but we will film what each class did in the service and put it on the class page of the website.

We would still like food donations because we are going to send them to Wantage Food Bank. Please can you only send in tinned or packaged food, no fresh food. We use the Food Bank to support some families so it will be nice to give something back to them. Please send in food donations with your child on the morning of Friday 25th September.

Many thanks in advance for your kindness.



School Council and Leaders

School Council this year includes: Year 1 AJ and Mary, Year 2 Isla and Lewis, Year 3 Scarlett, Tommy and Ethan, Year 4 Tommy and Toby, Year 5 Ruby and Orlaith, Year 6 Alex, Heidi and Whitney

They will be working with Mrs Willis and later Miss Bowden, on ways to improve the school and writing our section of the Parish Newsletter.

Sports Leaders this year include: Year 3 Merryn and Harry, Year 4 Lily and Lewis, Year 5 Jack T and Zoe, Year 6 Ella H and Harvey

They will be working to develop sports within the school supported by Mrs Warner-King.

SPS Leaders include: Year 3 Tessa and Harvey, Year 4 Owen and Maisy, Year 5 Jack and Sophie, Year 6 Sonny and Evelyn Will work closely with the Springline Partnership of Schools (Stockham, Uffington, Grove, Ridgeway, St Amands, The Hendreds Primary Schools & Fitzwaryn) to improve our school supported by Mrs Cook.

**Meet and Greet Sessions**

I hope everyone got to read the meet and greet presentations sent out last week. If not they can be found on your classes web page at:

www.stanford.oxon.sch.uk

Thank you

New Staff Member

We are happy to welcome Miss Jess Taylor as a 1:1 teaching assistant in our Foundation Class.

Sport Relief

It seems a long time ago now that the children took part in a sponsored bike / scooter ride, however, some parents have kindly brought in the sponsor money. We have raised £398.00 for the charity. Well done everyone.