



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Term: Community

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

Year 23/24 Issue 3

Friday 6th October

Harvest Service

On Friday 22nd September the whole school went up to St Denys to lead a Harvest Service.

Buttercup Class and Orchid Class recited Harvest poems. Sunflower, Snowdrop, Bluebell and Poppy Classes sang songs.

Forget-Me-Not Class read a prayer.

The children donated lots of tins and packets of food for Faringdon Food Bank.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the service and for all the kind donations.



Year 6 at Coleshill

On Tuesday 26th September Year 6 went to Coleshill for a Secrets and Spies workshop.

The children learnt about the role of Coleshill during WWII and the work of the Auxiliars. The children were trained as auxiliars- learning to break codes, learn about dead drops, moving in stealth mode, working out traitors and much more. Thank you to Katie for organising the day and to all the volunteers for running the workshops. Many thanks to the parents who helped with transport.



Morning Routine

Thank you to everyone for making the effort to be on the playground from 8.30am to 8.40am. It is really important children are on time and enter through this route.

Please remember that in the morning Mr Rhodes and myself are on the gates so that you can just drop and go, especially if your children are in the older classes.

Welcome

We welcome Lucy Conder as our new teaching assistant for Year 2. She will start in Year 2 after the October half term. We hope she enjoys working with us and settles in quickly.

Many thanks to Jane Lawson-Smith who has been covering this role. We are extremely grateful.

New Menu

There is a new menu coming out for after October half term. Please look on the school website to look at the new menu.

Diary Dates:

Friday 13th October—School Disco 5.15pm—6.15pm—Foundation, Year 1 & 2. 6.30pm—7.30pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Information sent

Monday 16th October—Bassistry Music Group in all day to work with every class

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October—Parents Evening in person between 3.30pm—6.30pm. Booking via parentmail.

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October—Bags to School. Please bag up any unwanted clothing and bring to school between 3pm—7pm on the Tuesday or 7am—9am on the Wednesday.

Friday 20th October—Sharing Assembly at 2.15pm in the school hall. Please come and see some of the things the children have been learning.

Week beg. 23rd October—Half Term

Monday 30th October—Back to School

Week beg. 30th October—Year 6 PGL Residential Please look at the blog on the website to see what Year 6 have been up to.

Wednesday 8th November—Coffee Morning from 8.45am to 9.45am in the school hall. Focus—Emotional Health

Love

Hope



Community

Coffee Morning



Welcome to our Informative Coffee Mornings



Thank you to the five parents who attended our first Coffee Morning on the 27th September 2023. The parents in attendance heard about the SEN Framework, the graduated approach and the support children receive.

It would be great if more people could attend the next Coffee Morning which focuses on Emotional Health: You and Your Family. The date of the morning is the 8th November 2023 from 8.45am to 9.45am.

We are working with Oxfordshire Family Learning to deliver these informative mornings. They would like us to send out this survey to find out what you are interested in:
<https://forms.office.com/e/fkaB2q1GG0>

Please could you complete this survey as soon as possible.
Many Thanks

Please join us in the school hall or virtually via TEAMS to discuss the following topics:

8.11.23 - Emotional Health: You and Your Family

6.12.23 – Positive disciplining & boundary setting

31.1.24 – Developing resilience

28.2.24 – The benefits of a growth mindset

27.3.24 – Managing meltdowns

8.5.24 – Preparing for transition

19.6.24 – Knowing Me – Confidence building

The sessions will be run by Miss Jamison, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Willis and members of Oxfordshire Family Learning Team. Please come along and listen, ask some questions and network with other parents.

8.45am – 9.00am – Tea & Coffee

9.00am – 9.15am – Presentation

9.15am – 9.45am – Questions / Networking.

There is the option for you to attend further training / workshops run by Oxfordshire Family Learning Team.

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Special Visitor

It was wonderful to be able to welcome our special visitor into school on Monday, to hear about her work and life in North Africa. She shared some of the ways that her community is similar and some of the ways it is different to ours, we found out that the children have to go to school on Saturday, which was not a popular idea and that football is the sport that most people play, which lots of the children liked. We learnt that they speak Arabic and Sophie* taught us how to say some words, which included some new sounds that we do not use in English. She also told us about some of the food that she enjoys, Cous Cous is very important and can be eaten as a savoury dish, but also as a sweet dish for breakfast. We also heard about what animals are native including the Desert Fox which has big pointy ears to enable it to hear the mice running around in the sand. The children had a lovely time hearing from Sophie* and then in smaller groups enjoyed being able to ask her lots of questions.

Respect

Please can I remind you that in Stanford School we are respectful towards each other. We teach the children to speak kindly to each other and to the adults in the school. We also listen carefully to each other and encourage a discussion. Unfortunately, my staff and myself have had to put up with some disrespectful behaviour towards us from some parents. The language used and shouting / raised voices in front of the children are totally inappropriate and unacceptable. Remember we are meant to be working together, achieving together. If parents can not follow these school values we will need to enforce they cannot enter the school premises.

School Car Park

Please can I remind all parents that the school car park is only for the use of staff. This is to ensure the safety of everyone. Our school car park is very small and busy so it is hard to sometimes see if children are moving around. We will sometimes give permission to certain families to use the car park and this is usually when they have disabilities that mean they struggle to walk a great distance.

Thank you for your cooperation.