



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: Forgiveness

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

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Friday 2nd October

Please look after us...

Many thanks to everyone for working with us to ensure the children are safe. We would like again to emphasise the following:

- Please keep 2m apart from all other parents / families while coming to and from school.
- Please can parents be responsible for their children while waiting around the school—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.
- 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 means that children and families coming and going from school should not exceed 6. Please stick to this rule and help keep us all safe.
- After collecting your child could I please ask you to promptly leave the school area to make room for the next bubble to leave, especially on the Millennium Green.
- I have had a few complaints about parents smoking and vaping around the school grounds. Please could I ask you not to smoke or vape around the children as the fumes / smoke go all over the children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Christian Value Ambassadors

Last month, our Christian Value was: Happiness

The children nominated as ambassadors were:

Ivy from Foundation (Sunflower Class)

Toby from Year 1 (Snowdrop Class)

Lottie from Year 2 (Buttercup Class)

Harry from Year 3 (Bluebell Class)

Maisie from Year 4 (Poppy Class)

Isabelle from Year 5 (Orchid Class)

Emily from Year 6 (Forget-me-not Class)

They have been given a happiness badge which they can wear for the whole year and keep.



This month's Christian Value is: Forgiveness. We will be considering when and why we should say sorry, the importance of forgiving and starting again and how Jesus teaches us to forgive others.

Working Together,



Achieving Together

Diary Dates:

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

Week beg. 9th November—Remembrance and Anti-Bullying Week more information to follow

Wednesday 11th November—Remembrance Service at 10.45am more information to follow

Friday 13th November—Children in Need more information to follow

Friday 13th November—Sharing Assembly Each class will record their aspect of the assembly and put it on their class web page

Friday 27th November—Christmas Art Day more information to follow

Governor Minutes

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

Chickens

We have a couple of new chickens who need names! Both chickens are brown in colour—see below.



We would like you to come up with names for our new chickens. School Council will then pick the winners. Please write down your name suggestions and give them to Mrs Willis by Thursday 15th October, remember to include your name and class on the back.

Harvest

On Friday 25th September, we held a virtual Harvest Service. Each class presented a recording of them completing their part of the service, please find them on the school website.

Foundation class sang and added some movement,

Year One produced some wonderful scarecrow pictures to go with their song,

Year Two produced an acrostic harvest poem,

Year Three sang 'Cauliflowers fluffy,'

Year Four went around the world and researched how different countries celebrate harvest,

Year Five wrote and recited some poems,

Year Six concluded our service with a harvest prayer.

Many thanks for all the food donations. They have gone to Wantage Food Bank which distributes food to those in need in Wantage and the surrounding villages including Stanford.

School Vision

Working Together Achieving Together

Stanford in the Vale Church of England Primary School takes as its biblical base for its mission statement 'Working together, Achieving together', the Old Testament story of Nehemiah, and the rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

Nehemiah lived in the city of Susa and worked in King Artaxerxes' palace. He was a special helper to the king. Everyday Nehemiah faithfully served the King.

One day, Nehemiah's brother came to visit. He told Nehemiah some sad news about the city of Jerusalem where their family had once lived. His brother said, "The wall and gates surrounding the city are all fallen down. The people are in trouble."

This news troubled Nehemiah. He wanted to help, but he didn't know how—so he prayed and asked God what he should do.

Later, when Nehemiah was serving King Artaxerxes, the king noticed that Nehemiah looked sad. He asked Nehemiah why he was so sad. Nehemiah told the king, "The city where my people lived has been destroyed and the gates are torn down."

The king asked Nehemiah what he wanted to do. Nehemiah prayed and asked God what to say to the king. Then he said, "Please let me go home and rebuild Jerusalem's wall and gates."

The king wanted to help Nehemiah, so he allowed him to go to Jerusalem to work to repair the city. He even helped Nehemiah get the lumber he would need.

When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, he rode around the city to see what needed to be done. Then he told the people he had returned to Jerusalem to rebuild its wall and gates.

He also told them he would need lots of help.

People from all over helped with this huge building project. Imagine it with me. "Bang! Bang! Bang!" went the hammers. "Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!" went the saws. The people worked hard, and in 52 days the wall and gates were finished. The people celebrated and worshiped God because now they had a secure wall and strong gates around their city. Nehemiah was thankful that God had used him to help do this important work.

Anyone seeing the plans of Jerusalem then, or now, would recognise what a huge undertaking it would have been to repair the gates and the walls. However, it is recorded that Nehemiah, and his workmen and women, completed the task in just 52 days! The reason they were able to do this is that each member was responsible for a specific task, which they were skilled in, and each was committed to following out their bit, using their best endeavours, strengths, and skills to perform their particular task, thereby enabling the whole project to be achieved in 52 days by working together.

The story of Nehemiah has huge lessons in leadership and collaboration. It also teaches us lessons about ensuring people are treated fairly and, that whatever gifts our children and community members may have individually, we need to share our skills and talents for the common good – to work together and achieve together!

Over the next few months we will looking at various ways of embedding the biblical story