



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Term: Community

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Business Name

Year 24/25 Issue 4
Friday 18th October

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 8th October a group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a tag rugby competition amongst other Wantage schools. The whole team were amazing, they won every game and ended up as winners! Well done to them all and Mrs Smith for taking them especially in such wet conditions!



Diary Dates:

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October—Parents Evening in person between 3.30pm—6.30pm. Booking via parentmail.

Bags to School— Please drop off any unwanted clothing in bags on Tuesday 22nd October between 3.30pm—6.30pm and Wednesday 23rd October between 7.00am—9.00am

Friday 25th 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. 28th October— Half Term

Week beg. 4th November— Year 6 Residential at PGL Liddington Please look at the blog on the school website

Week beg. 11th November— Choose Respect and Prayer Week During the week each class will visit the prayer spaces and will complete some work on the theme: Choose Respect.

Monday 11th November— Remembrance Service at The Memorial @ 10.45am Please join us at the memorial to remember those who died or were injured in the wars.

Wednesday 13th November—Open Morning from 9.30am to 11.30am Please pop into school during this time and see the school in action.

Stone Age and Iron Age

On Monday 14th October Year 3 had an excellent morning learning about the Stone Age and Iron Age! They discovered how they would have caught their dinner, farmed and got to hold some real Stone Age and Iron Age tools! They then spent some time making their own tools. It was lovely to see the children so engaged.



FOSS

Help

Unfortunately the FOSS AGM was not well attended. Only 10 parents were in attendance and two staff members. FOSS do an amazing job running events that bring the school community together (discos, fete, bingo...)and raise much needed funds for the school. FOSS need a new Chairperson! This requires someone to attend 3 meetings throughout the school year and possibly helping some school events. Please let Mrs Willis know if this is a role you could do asap.

October 100 Club Winners

1st Jane Lewis

2nd Bethany Houghton

Congratulations

OxTrail

£101,111.00 has now been raised for Sobell House Hospice through the OxTrail Learning Programme. This extraordinary amount of money can pay for a nurse for two years and cover the catering bill for over 5 weeks!

Aphea—Year 5

For achieving her Grade 1 in piano. Well done you



Love

Hope

Community

Inspirational

During our first INSET day in September we listened to an amazing speaker called Dr Maryhan. For over 20 years Dr Maryhan has been supporting children with anxiety and helping parents raise confident, resilient children. She is a straight talker who offers non-judgemental, real advice.

Having been inspired by her talk in September I have gone on to listen to her podcasts 'How Not To Screw Up Your Kids.' It is aimed at parents and they are amazing. I would really recommend them to you all. There are episodes on:

- Managing emotions
- Anxiety—taking children from angst to courage
- Morning routines / Bedtime routines
- Managing Tech and Digital Devices

And much more. If you have ever thought why is there no instruction manual when you become a parent—these are the podcasts for you!

Curriculum Overview & Books

Please find attached to this newsletter curriculum overviews for next term. The Year Groups will be focusing on:

Foundation—How do people celebrate at this time of year?

Year 1—What was in our village?

Year 2—How has keeping in touch changed in the last 100 years?

Year 3—Would I rather live in Normandy or Oxfordshire?

Year 4—Were Vikings ruthless killers or peaceful settlers?

Year 5—Why is the Earth's position in the solar system important?

Year 6—Where would you visit on an American road trip?

If you think you could help with any of these enquiry questions please do speak to the class teacher.

Many thanks to the parents who purchased the key text required by their child this term. It has been really helpful. If you could purchase the book required for next term—that would be amazing. The books needed are:

Year 1—We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Year 2—The Owl Who Was Afraid of the dark by Jill Murphy

Year 3—Wolves by Emily Gravett

Year 4—How to train your dragon by Cressida Cowell

Year 5—Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Year 6—Holes by Louis Sachar

Please could we request that your child does not read the book at home beforehand because we like to read it in class and make some predictions along the way. Thank you

Start of school

Just a reminder that the school gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. Please can everyone come in through the gates on the Key Stage Two playground, not the front door. Remember as parents you can just drop and go, you do not need to stay.

It is important for children to arrive at school on time so that they do not miss any learning and do not feel awkward having to walk into the classroom when everyone is busy working.

Reminders / Updates

Reminder

Please could we ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. We are starting to see a number of necklaces coming into school! Apart from getting lost, these could easily get caught on equipment and hurt your child.

Long hair needs to be put up while at school. This is to prevent the possible spread of headlice and to help ensure the safety of your child. We do not want hair caught in equipment or pulled by another child.

Update

We have been informed by Oxfordshire County Council that school dinners will be increasing to £2.90 on the 1st January.



Community Value Ambassadors

Two children from each class were chosen for demonstrating the Christian value of Community the best in their class.

Sunflower Class -Ana and Arthur O

Snowdrop Class - Tosia and Ella

Buttercup Class: Jasmine and Toby

Bluebell Class - Harry and Millie

Poppy Class - Ronnie and Freya

Orchid Class - Toby and Alice

Forget-me-not Class - Lottie and Evan

Believe and Achieve Awards

The Believe and Achieve Award went to two children from each class for living by our School Vision and Christian Values.

Sunflower Class -Bobbi and Luke

Snowdrop Class - Louis and Marshall

Buttercup Class - Arthur and Skylar

Bluebell Class - Ava and Christopher

Poppy Class - Sophia and Mara

Orchid Class - Molly and Mary

Forget-me-not Class - Isla and Lewis



Reading Winners

The following children have won a token for the reading vending machine.

Sunflower Class = Mukundi

Snowdrop Class = Alexcia

Buttercup Class = Jasmine

Bluebell Class = Luis

Poppy Class = Freddie

Orchid Class = Molly

Forget-me-not Class = Poppy Ec

