



# Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: Forgiveness

Stanford in the Vale  
C of E Primary School

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## 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."

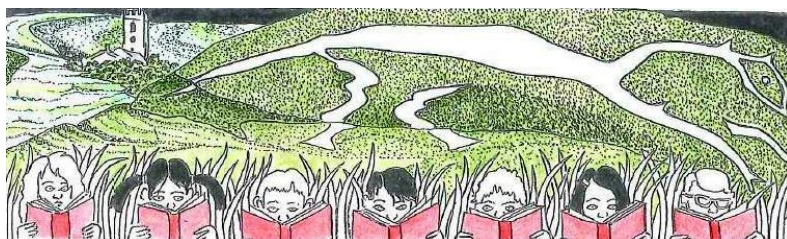
The king asked Nehemiah what he wanted to do. Nehemiah prayed and asked God what to say to the king. Then he said, "Please let me go home and rebuild Jerusalem's wall and gates." The king wanted to help Nehemiah, so he allowed him to go to Jerusalem to work to repair the city. He even helped Nehemiah 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.

We would like to set up a competition to design a new image to accompany our mission statement 'Working together, Achieving together,' so that it reflects the mission statement and also the Old Testament story of Nehemiah. The image could be created by a child or parent from the school. We need the design to be created electronically as well so please consider this when producing your design. Below is our current design which incorporates our white horse logo, locality and children working together. The competition will close on Friday 27th November. Please send your designs in to Mrs Willis and include your name on the back.



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.

**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** during the week the children will complete activities to understand the bravery of people who fought in the wars and what it means to be a good friend.

**Wednesday 11th November—Remembrance Service at 10.50am** this will only be for the children in school because of keeping bubbles safe

**Friday 13th November—Children in Need** Please wear your own clothes and bring in £1.00 for the charity. Also bring in some coins for the money trail.

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

**Chickens**

Thank you to everyone who suggested names for our two new chickens. The chickens will be named: Rosie and Sunshine. Sunshine has the tag on her leg. The names were chosen by— Lily P, Bella, Caitlin and Esmay in Year 3.

**FOSS**

FOSS have decided to cancel the circus due to the current COVID pandemic.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Please attend the FOSS AGM on the 17th November at 8pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. The log in details will be sent out nearer the time.

**Class reps for this year are:-**

Foundation - Jessica Clark  
 Year 1 - Linzi Esplin  
 Year 2 - Jenna Forth  
 Year 3 - Rachel Swanborough  
 Year 4 - Emma Richardson  
 Year 5 - Amanda Mathews  
 Year 6 - Leanne Burgess

# Harvest

We received a letter from the Wantage & Grove Food Bank:

'Thank you very much for supporting the work of the Wantage and Grove Foodbank by donating food received from your recent Harvest Festival collection. Please pass on our thanks to everyone who kindly contributed.

Your generous donations play a vital role in enabling the continued provision of much needed help to those in our immediate community who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves in difficulty and struggling to provide food for themselves and their family. Your donation is particularly valued and important during these unusual and trying times.

On behalf of the Wantage and Grove Foodbank committee, and on behalf of those whom have benefitted, our grateful thanks.'

# Online Bookings

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club Bookings and the School Dinner Menu Selections will all be available on Parentmail in the coming weeks. We are going to use the next half term (November & December) to help get parents accustomed to using this system, with the aim to go "completely online" from January 2021. From this date we will require ALL parents to make their bookings for either club, or their child's meal selections, online. The main aims behind this are to reduce contact from a virus point of view, and reduce everyone's paper consumption, as well as improve our systems.

If your child has free school meals or is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2, you will still be required to use this system to book your child's meals, but there will be no payment due. For all other children please be advised that payment will be required at the time of booking.

Bookings can be made up to 10 weeks in advance, and all bookings will close a week before the actual date occurs. This will allow us to plan staffing and food orders accordingly. We are aware that there may be the odd exception – these will be charged at the higher rates for Breakfast & Afterschool club and any adhoc dinner order will need to be settled promptly.

We are aware that some people pay for the Breakfast & Afterschool club via childcare vouchers. We will update your balances accordingly as these payments are received in our bank account.

We are also aware that some parents will have a balance to carry forward from this term. These will also be updated ready for the start of next term. And if you have a payment outstanding for any of the above we would appreciate prompt settlement so that we can transfer over to these new ordering systems as quickly and smoothly as possible.

If you have any problems or queries during the next few weeks with how to use these, please contact Kate on [kate@stanford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:kate@stanford.oxon.sch.uk) and she will help you to resolve them.

**REQUEST FOR CHRISTMAS ART WEEK**

We would like to ask for some resources for our Christmas crafts the week of the 23rd November. We need:

- clean, empty jam jars—no lids needed
- old newspapers or magazines
- kitchen rolls

If you have any of these items please send them into the school office. Thank you