



Love, Hope, Community

Newsletter

Christian Value of the Term: Community

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

Year 22/23 Issue 5
Friday 4th November

Year 6 at PGL

During this week, Year 6 had a fabulous time at Liddington PGL. The children should be proud of themselves for their behaviour and enthusiasm when tackling the activities, pushing themselves, plus the support that they showed each other. Many thanks to Mrs Dharmasiri, Mrs Miozga and Ms Scrase for giving up their own time to accompany the children and me and helping create some lifelong memories.



Diary Dates:

**Thursday 10th November—
FOSS AGM @ 7.30pm in Year
6 Classroom**

**Friday 11th November—
Village Remembrance
Service at 10.45am** Please
join us at the Remembrance
Memorial

**Week Commencing 14th
November—Prayer Space
and Anti-Bullying Week**

**Monday 14th November—
Odd Socks Day** Please wear
odd socks to launch the week

**Monday 14th November—
Open Morning from 9.30am-
11.30am** Please pop in and
see the school in action.

**Friday 18th November—
Children In Need Day** Please
dress in spots or if not rainbow
colours for £1.00. Please bring
in change for the Pudsey trail.

**Tuesday 22nd November—
Community Lunch @ 1.30pm**
Invitation Only

**Friday 25th November—
Christmas Art Day** More
information to follow

**Friday 2nd December—Non-
Uniform Day for Hampers**
More information to follow

**Wednesday 7th December @
6.00pm and Thursday 8th
December @ 2.00pm and
6.00pm - Year 3, 4 and 5
Christmas Performance at St
Denys** Tickets will be
allocated

**Friday 9th December—
Christmas Jumper Day for
Save the Children** Please
bring in £1.00 for wearing a
Christmas Jumper or your own
jumper with your school
uniform

School Disco & Bags to School

We held our first school disco of the year on Friday 14th October. Lots of children came and enjoyed music, dancing and games. A big thank you to FOSS for organising and running the event and many thanks to the staff who stayed to help.

Many thanks to everyone who donated their old clothing for Bags to School. £193.20 was raised for the school.

Please support the FOSS AGM on Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm in Year 6.



Parental Support

We would really like to have adults in to hear children read. If you feel able to offer your time please let the office staff know and they will co-ordinate with the relevant teacher over day and time.

We also need adult helpers to help with cycle proficiency on a Tuesday afternoon. If you feel able please let Mrs Miozga know.

We also need forest school helpers. If you feel able please let Mrs Finney know.

Adult helpers do need to have a DBS (Disclosure Barring Service Check) to support children. If you do not have one you would need to supply an email address and three forms of identity for us to carry out the check.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Sharing Assembly and Parents Evening meetings. It is lovely to be able to come together to 'work together and achieve together' for the benefit of the children.

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Parking Concerns

I have recently received the following email:

I am the grandmother of two pupils at Stanford in the Vale School and am very worried about the random, and illegal, parking I regularly witness when picking up my grand daughters. Selfish, aggressive and careless parking is in danger of causing a serious, possibly fatal, accident to children/parents. An urgent review of the area is needed.

1. At pick-up time several parents park on the pavement on Hunter's Field near the junction with the High Street (often leaving their engines running producing noxious fumes for everyone to breathe). This reduces the width of pavement, making it especially difficult to negotiate with younger children.
2. Opposite the Coop, drivers have been parking on the north side zig-zag lines (protecting the zebra crossing) leading up from the same junction. If heading on the High Street in a westward direction, visibility of the crossing is dangerously impeded.
3. There is a two-car space opposite the school main entrance, between the Coop and the vet's car park. Cars often park there on both sides of the road which reduces the space available on the road for through traffic, especially buses and makes it dangerous exiting from the school gate.

If you need to drive to school could I please ask you to park in the Village Hall Car Park to stop all these issues and a possible accident or death. Thank you

Attendance

Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School seeks to ensure that all its pupils receive a full-time education which maximises opportunities for each pupil to realise his/her true potential. The school will strive to provide a welcoming, caring environment, whereby each member of the school community feels wanted and secure. All school staff will work with pupils and their families to ensure each pupil attends school regularly and punctually.

To meet these objectives we will send home your child's attendance figures every half term so you are aware of whether they are at 96% or above—the recommended attendance figure for every child. If your child's attendance differs greatly we will send home further letters and invite you in to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's attendance.

Every term certificates will be given to children who achieve 96%+ attendance, plus a badge will be given to those who achieve 100% attendance.

Respect

We spend a lot of our time teaching and reinforcing respect with the children. I have to say that on the whole the children in our school are very respectful. It is a shame that recently some of my staff have been treated with disrespect by some parents of the school. My staff work extremely hard for the benefit of the children so it is unfair and inappropriate to be aggressive towards them, intimidate them or question their professionalism. If you are upset about something or want to question something this needs to be done in a respectful manner. We will not condone 'bullying' behaviour and will enforce a parental contract if needed.

If you still have concerns or a complaint after speaking to the relevant member of staff, then please speak to myself or follow the complaints policy on the school website.

Welcome Back and Thank You

It is lovely to welcome back Mrs Dharmasiri. She returns to us after recovering from her operation.

Many thanks to Ms Mothersill and Mrs Warner-King for changing their working pattern to teach Year 6 in Mrs Dharmasiri's absence.

A huge thank you to Mr Drew for stepping in at short notice to cover PPA time.