



Newsletter

Value of the Month: Friendship

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

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Friday 17th November

Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week runs from the 20th to the 26th November 2017. During this week we would like you all to think about and talk about keeping safe on the roads. Think about and use the Green Cross Code - Stop, Look and Listen. Talk about and use safe places to cross the road - the zebra crossing, at traffic lights, where it is clear and you can see in all directions. Road Safety Week is the UK's biggest road safety event, coordinated annually by Brake, the road safety charity.

In the UK speeding is still a major problem. It causes needless crashes, untold suffering and stops people living safe and healthy lives. Driving is unpredictable and if something unexpected happens on the road ahead - such as a child stepping out from between parked cars - it is a driver's speed that will determine whether they can stop in time and, if they can't stop, how hard they will hit. We all live busy lives and there is a temptation to speed up in the hope of saving time, where in fact we could be costing lives. That is why we are encouraging everyone to Speed Down, Save Lives for Road Safety Week 2017 (20-26 November). We can all play our part in raising awareness about the dangers of driving too fast and this year's campaign will focus on:

- speed causes deaths and serious injuries
- rural roads are not race tracks
- 20mph is the only safe speed in heavily built-up areas used by pedestrians and cyclists
- going slow = stopping in time



New Staff

I am pleased to say we have appointed two experienced teachers to cover Mrs Cook's and Mrs Scott's maternity leaves. Mrs Sue Walton will be teaching in Foundation Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs Seijido teaching on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Kanta Mistry will be teaching Year 1 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday alongside Mrs Turner.

Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you for your support with this charity work. As a school we created 32 boxes and alongside the boxes from St Denys' 55 in total.

FOSS

Thank you to the small number of people who attended the FOSS AGM. Many thanks to all the committee members who work hard to support the school budget and purchase things for the children - music stands, planetarium, visiting music group, new reading books plus much more.

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped at the recent school discos. The evening raised over £750.00.

Diary Dates:

**Week beg. 20th November—
Road Safety Week**

**Wednesday 22nd and
Thursday 23rd November—
Book Fair in Year 6 from
3.15pm to 4.15pm**

**Tuesday 28th November—
Christmas Art Day**

**Friday 1st December—Non-
Uniform Day for hamper
donations (info. attached)**

**Monday 11th December at
2.00pm and 6.00pm in
St. Denys' - Year 3, 4 & 5
Christmas Performance**

**Tuesday 12th December at
6.00pm in St Denys' - Year 3, 4
& 5 Christmas Performance**

**Thursday 14th December at
2.00pm and 5.30pm in St
Denys' - Foundation, Year 1
and 2 Christmas Performance**

**Friday 15th December—
Whole School are off to the
Pantomime (letter sent)**

**Monday 18th December—
Christmas Jumper Day in aid
of Save the Children—£1.00
per child**

**Monday 18th December—
School Christmas Dinner**

**Tuesday 19th December—
Carol Service in St Denys' at
9.30am**

**Tuesday 19th December—
School finishes at 12.05**



Anti-Bullying Week

The theme was 'All Different, All Equal.' Leading up to the week all classes visited the prayer spaces in the hall. Many thanks to the St Denys' team who ran them. Every child enjoyed a yoga session with a mixture of stillness and movement. Some Year 5 and 6 children also joined children from our SPS schools at Fitzwaryn to consider the theme and their similarities and differences.

Working Together,



Achieving Together

Community Lunch

On Tuesday we invited some members of the community for lunch and a tour of the school. Year 4 were brilliant hosts, talking about the school, serving lunch and entertaining the guests, singing songs.

Remembrance Service

On Friday 10th November the whole school went up to the memorial for a Remembrance Service. It was a very moving service with words, prayers, songs and silence. The children showed great respect as they stood in silence for 2 minutes. A big well done to the choir who sang a beautiful song of remembrance and to the whole school who sang and stood beautifully.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Monday 18th December we are taking part in Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day so on the penultimate day of term children can come into school in their Christmas jumpers or jumpers that are Christmassy colours. Please still wear school trousers or skirts with the jumpers. For this privilege and to support the charity we are asking for a donation of £1.00. Please help us support this worthwhile charity.

Successes

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday, most of the year 6s went to a Tag Rugby competition at Grove rugby club. There were 24 teams in total. We had 2 teams - red and green. The red team only lost 1 game in the heats, making it through to the quarter finals. Unfortunately, the green team only won one game in their heats.

In the quarter finals, the red team played Milbrook in the pouring rain, but lost this game 7-2. Both teams had improved immeasurably from the last competition we took part in and despite getting very wet and cold, we all enjoyed the experience.

Nicholas



Football

10th November against St Nicholas primary school Abingdon. 1st half, St Nicholas kicked off, for the first 10 minutes the football was very good between both sides passing and moving. The first goal was to Stanford with a pass from Solomon in our half to Nicholas who scored. St Nicholas came back at Stanford from the kick off and quickly equalised, and before halftime they scored a second (HT 2-1 St Nicholas).

2nd half, Stanford kicked off and lost the ball with St Nicholas scoring to make it 3-1. Again both sides showed their strength's with the ball, when St Nicholas shot and scored to make the score 4-1. Each side gave each other plenty of ball time with a few corners, Stanford created another goal to make the score 4-2. Just before full time St Nicholas scored to make the final result 5-2.

Stanford team was Bailey, Max(captain), Haydon, Nicholas, Harvey, Alex, Finlay, Ethan, William and Man of the match was Solomon. Well done to all who played.



Bulb Painting at the Grange

There was a lovely turn out of Year 5 children - who did a fantastic job at planting bulbs around the grounds of the Grange.

They even managed to carve pumpkins with their creative individual designs and they were judged by Dorothy who said they were all winners.

We ended the planting session with eating cakes made by the children. The weather was just perfect.

Thank you for your great community spirit and to Mrs Finney for taking you.

Maths Challenge

On Tuesday 14th November we had a group of children from Years 2 to 6 take part in the Primary Maths Challenge. This is a National Challenge aimed at the top 60% of Year 5 and 6 children. The children did exceptionally well and will be presented with a certificate to recognise their achievement.

