



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: Friendship

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

Year 16/17 Issue 6
Friday 25th November

Remembrance

We joined the community for an Act of Remembrance. All the children stood beautifully and joined in with the two minutes silence. Dan and Lilly from Year 6 read the Kohima Epitaph and we presented a school wreath and a wreath of poppies produced by The Goodness Gang. The School Choir sang a beautiful rendition of 'The Call (No Need to say goodbye)', while the whole school sang 'We will Remember'.



Prayer and Friendship Week

The week beginning the 7th November was Prayer and Friendship Week. All the classes considered what makes a good friend and as part of this they considered what is inappropriate behaviour and how they should respond to it. All classes wrote prayers for a school prayer book and produced poppy crosses for our outside reflective area.

Sharing Assembly

On Friday 18th November we held our first Sharing Assembly of the year. The children entertained 101 parents and grandparents. Foundation demonstrated their dough disco and flipper flappers. Year One spoke and sang in French. Year Two explained how to fly! Year 3 presented a class acrostic poem about the Iron Age. Year 4 read out different styles of poems that they had written. We even had to guess what they were about! Year 5 explained some interesting facts about the Ancient Egyptians, sang a song and mummified Nicholas! Year 6 performed an amazing poem about their time at PGL. Many thanks to all the children and staff for their hard work.

Working Together,



FOSS Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended the school disco or helped out on the night. FOSS raised £678.20, which is a magnificent amount. Many thanks to FOSS committee members for organising this function and to the staff who stayed behind to help out.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the FOSS AGM.

Please support the Non-Uniform Day on the 29th November and bring in a donation for the Christmas Hampers.

Foundation Class: Sweets and Chocolate Hamper

Class 1: Children's Hamper

Class 2: Christmas Hamper

Class 3: Christmas Hamper

Class 4: Beauty/Pamper Hamper

Class 5: Children's Hamper

Class 6: Drinks Hamper
Do remember it is Art Day!

Reminder

Please send your child in with a coat, hat and gloves as the weather is getting colder and the children are outside for break and lunch.

Achieving Together

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 29th November—
Christmas Art Day

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Non-Uniform Day—please
bring in donations for the
Christmas Hampers (info.
sent)

Thursday 1st December—The
choir sing in the Big
Christmas Sing at Oxford
Town Hall

Friday 2nd December—
Christmas Movie Night (info.
sent)

Tuesday 6th December—Yr 3,
4 & 5 Christmas Performance
at St Denys' @ 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 7th December—
Yr 3, 4 & 5 Christmas
Performance at St Denys' @
6pm

Thursday 8th December—
Dance Club performing at the
New Theatre Oxford

Monday 12th December—
Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2
Christmas Performance at St
Denys' @ 2.00pm and 5.30pm

Tuesday 13th December—
Whole School Panto Trip to
the Wyvern Theatre Swindon
(info. sent)

Thursday 15th December—
Christmas Dinner (order
forms sent)

Friday 16th December—
Christmas Jumper Day for
Save the Children—50p
donation

Friday 16th December—Carol
Service in St Denys' @
9.30am (please join us for carol
singing and readings)

Friday 16th December—
School Closes at 12.05pm

INSET DAY—Tuesday 3rd
January—School closed

Community Lunch

Last week 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.

Children In Need

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause by dressing up in spots and sending in money. We will let you know how much we have raised soon. Many thanks to Mrs Webb, Mrs Dharmasiri, Year 2 and 6 for organising the day and baking the biscuits.

Maths Challenge

On Thursday 17th 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 were all presented with a certificate to recognise their achievement.

Healthy Snacks and Lunchboxes

We have noticed a range of unhealthy snacks and lunchboxes being brought into school. Please can I ask you to only send in healthy snacks eg. fruit, dried fruit, frubes, cheese strings.... Please ensure lunchboxes are balanced and nutritious, with some healthy options. We are trying to encourage healthy living—please support us.

Arrangements in the snow

With our unique and unpredictable weather possibly delivering snow I would like to inform you of the arrangements we have put into place for this winter.

My intention is that we will remain open at all times, providing we can maintain sufficient cover for those children that can make it here. When making my decision I have to consider whether I will have enough staff to provide adequate levels of care and support, even if we can't keep to the normal pattern of a school day. I also have to consider whether we can provide food and if the site is safe.

I could take the easy view when things are uncertain and make an early decision to close, but I do appreciate the impact this has on parents and carers and other services/workplaces, when you yourselves are unable to attend work.

I will therefore make decisions by 7.30am with the information that is available to me and if that decision is to close will publicise this through our website, parentmail's text facility and via the radio stations – Heart, Jack FM and Radio Oxford.

As a number of our children live outside of the village, I will of course be understanding in cases of absence, should you make the decision that it is too dangerous to travel, similarly registers will not be marked as 'late' if your arrival takes longer than expected or you delay your journey. I am also happy for the children to wear footwear and clothing more suited to these conditions rather than their normal school shoes and clothes but would ask that you ensure that they have a change available for inside; plimsolls / normal school shoes and another set of clothes.

I believe that I have a social responsibility to keep the school open and will strive to do so, up to the point where I feel safety is compromised. I know as parents you will also exercise your own judgement as to whether it is sensible to attempt to get to school.

I hope this helps, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who always rise to the challenge and help to ensure that the school can remain open.

Christmas is coming.....

From Monday 5th December there will be a Christmas Postbox in the school foyer if you want to write some cards to your friends. Remember to include the class name on the envelope though!

From Monday 5th December the children are able to wear Christmas hats or headbands to school, although they will be asked to take them off when we go to St Denys'.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16th December we are taking part in Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day so on the last 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 50p. Please help us support this worthwhile charity.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**