



Newsletter

Value of the Month: Peace

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

Year 17/18 Issue 7

Friday 1st December

Good luck and farewell

We wished Mrs Webb a fond farewell and good luck for the imminent arrival of her first baby. We look forward to seeing photographs of your baby boy and learning of his arrival.



Classroom Monitor

Years 1 to 6 will soon be sent their online reports through Classroom Monitor. Please can you make sure you know how to access these reports and that all your children can be seen through the pupil drop down arrow.

You will be sent an email from Classroom Monitor when the online reports are ready for viewing. These reports will show you some of the key National Curriculum objectives your child is working on and how they are progressing in them.

Christian Value Ambassadors

Last month, our Christian Value was:

FRIENDSHIP

The two children nominated as ambassadors were:

Jamie in Sunflower Class

Kayleigh in Orchid Class

This month's Christian Value is: Peace. We will be considering what peace means and why peace is important within the school and wider world.

Working Together,



Achieving Together

Christmas Art Day

Thank you to all the parents who helped out with the creative activities. The day was an amazing success and the children produced some wonderful art work. The school hall now looks very Christmassy!

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.

Sharing Assembly

On Friday 17th November, we held our first Sharing Assembly of the year. The children entertained over 100 parents and grandparents.

Foundation wore their Gruffalo masks and sang a song;

Year One spoke in French; Year Two sang songs about friendship;

Year 3 presented work linked to landscapes;

Year 4 performed a poem;

Year 5 explained mummification;

Year 6 sang an amazing song about their time at PGL.

Many thanks to all the children and staff for their hard work.

Diary Dates:

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



Thursday 4th January—Back to school

Wednesday 17th January— Open Morning from 9.30am—11.30am. Please pop in and see the school in action

Wednesday 31st January— Stanford's Got Talent @ 6.00pm in the School Hall. Refreshments available at a cost

Children In Need

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause by dressing up in spots and sending in money. We raised £340.00. Many thanks to Mrs Webb, Mrs Dharmasiri, Year 2 and 6 for organising the day.

Christmas is coming.....

From Monday 4th 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 4th 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' as a sign of respect.

100 Club Winners

November Winners

1st Maria Barnett

2nd Jade Wilson

Full Governor Minutes

You will find the latest governor minutes on the Governor page of the school website.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the fair, it raised £34.00 for school to purchase books.

Successes

Boccia

On Friday 17th November, a group of Year 4 and 5 students took part in the Wantage Area Schools Boccia Competition. Both teams lost their first matches and won their second resulting in getting through to the Quarter Finals. Again, both teams won their matches convincingly. In the Semi-finals, Stanford A (Casper, Scarlett and Mylie) won their match but Stanford B (Isabella St, Tessa and Olivia) lost. Stanford A went through to the final where they lost 3-1 to St James, and were deserving runners up. Stanford B came a deserving 4th place. All the children had lots of fun and represented the school brilliantly.

**Girls Football**

On Monday 27th November, six girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a Girls Football Tournament. Eight schools from the Wantage area took part. The team consisted of Grace, Laura, Olivia S, Harriet, Olivia M and Niamh. They played three games, drawing 0-0 against Charlton B, losing 4-0 against Wantage A and winning 2-0 against St Nicholas. The girls made it through to the quarter finals against Wantage B but, although they played exceptionally well, they lost 2-1 in extra time. Well done to the whole team and Mr Rhodes, the coach.

**Football**

The boys team played Sonning Common on Wednesday 22nd November at home. They all played exceptionally well and got the first goal in, scored by Nicholas, however by the end of the game they lost 6-2. The team consisted of: Bailey, Solomon, Max, William G, Harvey, Nicholas, Finlay, Alex M and Haydon. Well done to the team and Mr Rhodes, the coach.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the Christmas Hampers. FOSS have created some wonderful hampers. Tickets for the hampers will be on sale after school today, next Friday the 8th December and before and after all the Christmas Performances up at St Denys'. The winners of the hampers will be drawn after the Foundation, Year 1 and 2 performance on Thursday 14th December. Please support the wonderful work of FOSS by purchasing some tickets.

Request

John Travis who came in to speak to our Year 6 children about World War 2 would like to see any photographs of Stanford in the Vale during World War 2, in particular photos of the school during that period. You will get your photographs back. If you have any photographs please pass them to Mrs Dharmasiri. Many thanks

**Class Collective
Worships for next term**

If you would like to join your child(ren)'s class for a collective worship session next term, the dates are below:

Monday 8th January—
Foundation (Sunflower Class)

Monday 22nd
January—Year 1
(Snowdrop Class)

Monday 29th January—
Year 3 (Bluebell Class)

Monday 5th
February—Year 2
(Buttercup Class)

Monday 5th March—
Year 4 (Poppy Class)

Monday 12th March—
Year 6 (Forget-me-not Class)

Monday 19th March—
Year 5 (Orchid Class)

All of these are on a Monday at 2.45pm. The dates are also on the school website.

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.

Road Works and Parking

I have been informed that some parents are not parking sensibly or considerately and therefore endangering children's lives. Please do not park on corners or on the path or grass verges. Please remember you can park in the Village Hall car park and walk down to school, it only takes about 5 minutes.

I have also had notice that road works will be taking place outside the front of the school. This is going to cause major issues outside the school so please can you refrain from parking on the High Street. Either use the Village Hall car park, Co-Op car park or walk. Thank you for helping to keep our school and children safe.

