



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: Peace

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

Year 20/21 Issue 8
Friday 4th December

Christmas is coming..

This week we have been busy recording each bubbles part of their Christmas Play to put together to create the whole Christmas play—watch this space!

This year we will not be able to have a central Christmas postbox. If children want to write a Christmas card for children in their class they can do **but** only for children in their own class. Please can they come in on a Monday (7th or 14th) we will then quarantine them and send them home on the Friday of that week.

On the 14th December, please send your child in wearing a Christmas jumper or brightly coloured jumper with a £1.00 donation for Save the Children.

On the 17th December, please send your child in with a small packet of sweets to eat while watching our Online Panto.

On the 18th December, children can come in wearing their own clothes for the year group discos. Please can they bring in £1.00 for FOSS.

On the last day (18th December), Year 1 and 2 will finish at 11.45am. Year 6, 4 and Foundation will finish at 12.00pm. Year 5 and 3 will finish at 12.15pm.

Diary Dates:

Christmas Raffle—Tickets on sale until Thursday 10th December. Draw to take place on Friday 11th December

Monday 14th December—Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children wear a Christmas jumper or brightly coloured jumper with your school uniform and bring in £1.00 for the charity

Wednesday 16th December—Christmas Dinner If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner please book it via parentmail

Christmas Elf Trail—Thursday 17th December—Tuesday 5th January Buy a map and find the elves around the village. Maps on sale for £2.00 via parentmail or the Coffee Shop.

Thursday 17th December—Online Panto We will all be watching an online panto. Please send your child in with a small packet of sweets.

The Christmas Plays this year will be recorded and put on the school website—watch this space!

The Christmas Carol Service this year will be recorded and put on the school website—watch this space!

Friday 18th December—Non Uniform Day & Disco. Please bring in £1.00 for FOSS. Each child will be given a packet of sweets.

Friday 18th December—School Finishes at....
Year 1 & Year 2 = 11.45
Year 6, 4 & Foundation = 12.00
Year 5 & Year 3 = 12.15

FOSS Christmas Raffle

- * SMEG red cake stand mixer
- * FOSS Christmas Hamper
- * Well Being Hamper
- * 2 Roves Farm Tickets
- * Birdland Family Ticket
- * Blenheim Palace Family Palace, Park & Gardens Ticket
- * Child's mini dogs suitcase set & lunch bag

Tickets cost £2 each via ParentMail or cash in named envelope with number of tickets you would like can also be dropped in a box at Stanford Coffee Shop or school office. Draw will take place at school on Friday 11th December 2020



Next Term

Thank you for all your support this term following the procedures put in place to keep the children and staff safe. We will need to keep all the same procedures in place next term. So staggered start and end times will continue at the times your children are currently doing. The different entry and exit points will stay in place as this term. We would like parents to continue wearing face coverings in the vicinity of the school. We will continue to have doors and windows open for ventilation so please layer up under school uniforms if it is cold and send in an extra fleece to wear over school jumpers. We would still like your child to come into school dressed for PE or Forest School on the relevant days. Year 1 will no longer attend Forest School after Christmas. Foundation will start going to Forest School on a Friday but only 10 children at a time. Mrs Cook will inform you which dates your child is attending. PE days may change after the Christmas holidays but you will be informed about this soon.

Christian Value Ambassadors

Last month, our Christian Value was: FRIENDSHIP

The children nominated as ambassadors were:

Eva in Sunflower Class

Conway in Snowdrop Class Poppy Ec in Buttercup Class

Lily P in Bluebell Class Beth B in Poppy Class

Ella in Orchid Class Jayden in Forget-me-not 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.

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.



Goodbye and Good luck

On Friday 11th December we say goodbye and good luck to Ms Middleton who has been working with us since March. Ms Middleton has been covering Year 4 in Miss Bowden's absence. She will be missed around the school and I would like to thank her for all her hard work. This does mean we are welcoming back Miss Bowden on Monday 14th December.

