



Newsletter

Value of the Month: Caring

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

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Friday 5th January

Happy New Year



Welcome back and Happy New Year. The staff and I would like to wish you all a successful and prosperous new year.

We hope that this year will continue to build on the strengths and successes of the school. Through partnership, we will enable all the children to develop and shine!

Just like our mission statement states: 'Working together, Achieving together.'

Exciting News!!!!



Mrs Webb, and her husband Will, now have a baby boy. James Webb was born on 22nd December at 4am, weighing 6lb 10oz. We send them all our love.

We are soon saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Cook and Mrs Scott. Mrs Cook goes on maternity leave on Friday 19th January and Mrs Scott leaves on Wednesday 24th January. We can't wait to hear their exciting news.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone for supporting Christmas Jumper Day. The children looked wonderful in all their festive jumpers. We managed to raise £122.17 for the Save the Children Charity.



Our Christmas Festivities

The whole school went to an amazing performance of Peter Pan at The Wyvern. There were some brilliant actors, actresses and the dog was a favourite. Everyone got into the spirit - clapping, singing, dancing, boing and cheering - 'Oh no they didn't.' 'Oh yes they did!'

To recognise the hard work of all the children last term and their brilliant Christmas performances, every class got a visit from a very special person! Father Christmas brought every class some gifts for them to use in their classrooms. Thank you Father Christmas.

We all had a yummy Christmas Dinner before we broke up. Many thanks to Mrs West and Tiny for preparing it.

On the last day of term, we held our annual Carol concert up at St Denys'. The service included Year 5 playing their guitars, the school and parents singing carols, the school band accompanying two carols and some Bible readings. Many thanks to Mrs Dharmasiri for playing the piano and working with the school band.

Diary Dates:

**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

**Monday 5th February and
Tuesday 6th February—
Parents Evening from 3.30pm
to 6.30pm** (booking form will come out)

**Safer Internet Day on
Tuesday 6th February** (more info. to follow)

**Tuesday 6th February—Bags
to school drop off from
3.00pm to 7.00pm**

**Wednesday 7th February -
Bags to school drop off from
7.30am to 9.00am**

**Friday 9th February—Sharing
Assembly @ 2.15pm in the
School Hall** (please come and see some of the work the children have been completing)

**Week Beg. 12th February -
HALF TERM**

**Monday 19th February—
INSET DAY**

**Tuesday 20th February—
INSET DAY**

**Friday 2nd March—FOSS
School Disco** (more info. to follow)

**Friday 9th March—Mother's
Day Service in St. Denys' @
2.30pm**

**Easter Trail runs from the
19th March to 19th April**
(more info. to follow)

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Online Reports

All Year 1—6 parents received their child's online report at the end of the Autumn Term. It highlighted your child's attendance, the current levels they are working at in maths, writing and reading and some of the targets they have met and are working towards in the three subject areas.

Attendance

Last term we gave out certificates to 53 children for full attendance. It would be great if this term we could give out even more of these certificates. Please give your child the best chances to achieve and make sure they attend school regularly. Thank you

SATs Tests

Just to inform you that Year 6 will be sitting their SATs, government set tests, during the week of the 14th May. Obviously leading up to this the children will be very busy revising as well so please ensure they are in attendance every day. Year 2 will also be sitting their SATs towards the end of May. These are administered in a much more informal way so the children do not think they are doing anything differently but obviously their attendance during May is key.

Parking around the school

I have received a few complaints and concerns over the way some parents park when dropping off / collecting their children. It seems that a number of parents are pulling onto the grass verges: endangering lives, restricting the view of pedestrians and drivers while killing off the grass. Please can you stop doing this.

Parking is further hindered with the road works outside the school so please think about where you park and choose a safe place. Please remember we do have permission to use the Village Hall Car Park and the Car Park behind the Co-Op.



Lock Down Procedure

In line with all other schools in Oxfordshire, we now have an emergency lockdown policy. This is to ensure the safety of all members of our school community in the event of an incident. The children will be rehearsing this next week on Wednesday. In order for it not to be in any way distressing for them, we will explain that a "naughty" giraffe has escaped and that we need to all go inside until he starts to behave and go back to his own home.

During this lockdown period we will not be letting anyone into the school or answering the phones so please leave a message on the answer phone if you need to contact us.

Please do speak to us if you have any concerns.

Big Schools' Birdwatch

We are once again taking part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch. The Big Schools Birdwatch runs from the 2nd January – 23rd February 2018 and is an educational activity that gets every class closer to nature. Each class will spend one hour watching and collating what types of birds they can spot in our school grounds. The information collected is then sent to the RSPB to inform the wonderful work they do.

You could also join in with the Big Garden Birdwatch from the 27th - 29th January 2018. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.rspb.org.uk>

So why not put out some bird feeders and get involved!

Thank You



Eco Club

