



Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: **Caring**

Stanford in the Vale
C of E Primary School

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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.'

School Expansion Update

In recent months there has been much speculation about the future growth of the school, in the context of the housing growth planned for the village.

The county council is working with us to plan how it could expand (on its current site) to 1.5 form entry. This would mean that 45 children per year could be admitted rather than the current 30 per year. This would be sufficient for the scale of the population growth expected in the village. The nature of the school's existing buildings and site present challenges to such expansion, and these are being worked through by the council's property consultants. As per the council's current timescale, it is expected that enough space could be created for the school to take 45 foundation children in 2018, with building work being completed by September 2019. When the expansion proposals are more detailed, the county council will carry out the normal statutory consultation before any expansion is confirmed.

Stanford's Got Talent

Stanford's Got Talent is nearly upon us! If your child would like to sing, dance, perform gymnastics or jokes, do a magic trick in front of a large audience, this is their opportunity. First auditions are on Wednesday 18th January. Second auditions on 25th January. Technical rehearsal on Wednesday 1st February. Final performance in the school hall on Wednesday 1st February in the evening at 6.00pm. All welcome.

After School Clubs

Clubs will begin again next week. Please check the website or noticeboards to make sure they are running on a week by week basis. Mrs Warner-King has organised for a sporting company to run an athletics club on a Tuesday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. This club is open to KS2 so if you are interested please let Mrs Willis know. Places are limited. Many thanks to my dedicated staff for running all these clubs.

Open Morning

Please pop into school on Wednesday 18th January to have a look at what the children are doing and maybe even join in with their activities! It is a drop in session between 9.30am and 11.30am.

RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch

It is currently RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch until 17th February 2017. All classes will have a session counting the types of birds they see. This data will then be sent to RSPB to aid their important work. We even have the Oxford Mail visiting on the 18th January to see what Eco Club and Gardening Club are doing linked to Big Schools' Birdwatch.

Diary Dates:

3rd January—17th February—**Big Schools' Birdwatch**

Wednesday 18th January—Open Morning from 9.30am—11.30am (please pop in and see the school in action)

Wednesday 1st February—Stanford's Got Talent @ 6pm in the school hall

Monday 6th February and Tuesday 7th February—Parents Evening (more info. to follow)

Friday 10th February—Sharing Assembly in the School Hall @ 2.15pm

13th February—17th February—HALF TERM

Monday 20th February—INSET DAY—school closed to the children

Wednesday 15th March—Multi-Cultural Day (more info. to follow)

Friday 17th March—Comic Relief (more info. to follow)

World of Work Assemblies

I would like to continue to invite parents in to talk about their jobs. If you can spare 15 minutes to talk about your job on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm please let me know and we will arrange a convenient date. The children do enjoy these!

Last Day of Term

Thank you to everyone who supported Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £126.40 for Save the Children. Many thanks to everyone who attended our Carol Service. The children sang, played and read beautifully.

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