

# Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

"Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 12:31)

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



'For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.' **Psalm 1:6** 

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Our Christian Value for the Summer Term 1 is – Service



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and managed to enjoy the somewhat mixed weather. Summer term newsletters have been sent out to all parents and I hope you manage to find some time to read about what the children will be learning over the coming months. This is always a busy term but also most enjoyable. I look forward to hearing the traditional country music being played and the children practising their dances around the May Pole. We also send our good wishes to our Year 6 children who will be taking their SATs assessments week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please look at the diary dates below to ensure you don't miss any of the upcoming events!



# Diary Dates (Summer Terms)

W/c 13<sup>th</sup> May Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May W/c 20<sup>th</sup> May Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm-5pm W/c 10<sup>th</sup> June Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 5:30pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 6pm – 9pm Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1:45pm Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July (am) Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 5:30pm – 7pm Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm & 6pm Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2:15pm Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Year 6 SATs assessments (Monday to Thursday) Mufti Day – PTA tombola donation Year 2 assessments (Monday to Thursday) May Day celebration followed by PTA picnic on the field (weather permitting) Children break up for half-term. Children back to school Year 3/4 trip to Woburn Safari Park Year 1/2 trip to Twycross Zoo PTA Summer Fayre at Stanion Village Hall Year 1 phonics check New Reception intake evening Year 5/6 residential trip to Frontier Centre PTA Music Bingo at Stanion Village Hall School Sports Day (weather permitting) Shuffle up morning to new classes. PTA Summer Disco Year 5/6 end of year production Year 6 Leavers assembly Children break up for the summer. School closed – Training Day School closed – Training Day School closed – Training Day Children back to school



# Head Teacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from this week:

Reception – Charlie for his confidence when working independently with writing activities.

- Year 1 Natalie for working well with a partner to research Space well done.
- Year 2 Alfie for working well with a partner to research our Space topic.
- Year 3 Edie for using her atlas skills effectively to locate cities.
- Year 4 Esmee for her great understanding telling the time to the minute.
- Year 5 Jake T for his fantastic effort and understanding in Maths this week.
- Year 6 Eunice for being an excellent role model and being so dedicated and motivated.



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The class teachers have selected the following children from last week:

Reception – for all of Kestrel Class for being so brilliant on our trip to West Lodge.

- Year 1 Isaac for his super concentration and care during our drawing lesson.
  - Year 2 Daniel for working hard to take care with his handwriting.
  - Year 3 Maja for her fantastic ideas for her setting description.
  - Year 4 Emmanuel for a huge improvement in his presentation and punctuation.
  - Year 5 Jake L for showing lots more confidence in all areas of his learning.
  - Year 6 Sophia for her beautiful descriptive writing in our new unit of Literacy work.



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	95.4%	0	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 1/2	91.1%	0	4 <sup>th</sup>
Year 3/4	96.7%	0	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 5/6	95.5%	1	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 96%, which is below our 97% target!

Please remember that holiday requests **cannot** be authorised and parents risk receiving a fixed penalty fine from the Local Authority. The school has a statutory duty to inform the Local Authority of any holiday requests for 5 or more days. It is important that the children attend school every day to avoid falling behind their peers.



# Merit Badge Awards

The following children have been working exceptionally hard and have achieved their merit awards.

# Bronze Award (50 Merits):

Silver Award (100 Merits): Daisy D, Noah J, Dexter, Jody, Abigail, Max, Natalie, Matei, Isla G, Noah M, Isla S, Grace, Zachary Gold Award (150 Merits): Marija

Platinum Award (200 Merits):



#### **PTA - Lucky Stars April Draw**

Congratulations to Kelly McLean, the winner of our Lucky Stars draw with star number 40. Kelly will win a £27 cash prize.

## Awards and Certificates outside of school



Stirling Kelbie Florence Elsie KUMON Mathematics Programme – Level A Award Activate Idol Award for being so kind and thoughtful. East Midlands Highland Dancing – x2 gold, x1 silver, x2 bronze medals Corby Town FC – Player of the Week

#### Safeguarding and Online Safety



If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, please contact the school and ask for Mr Jones, Mrs Hankins, or Mrs Findlay (Designated Safeguarding Leads). Please read our latest Online Safety Newsletter on the school website www.stanionprimary.co.uk School telephone 01536 204896 Wayne Jones – head@stanionprimary.org.uk Sarah Hankins – Shankins@stanionprimary.org.uk Rachael Findlay – Rfindlay@stanionprimary.org.uk





#### **Reception Class - (Kestrel)**

For the last two weeks we have been following a topic about 'Animal Lifecycles'. Last week we used the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' as a basis for our literacy, science and creative activities. We are very excited to have live caterpillars which we are busily watching grow and change.

This week we have used the stories 'Tad' and 'Tadpole's Promise' to explore the life cycle of a frog, and as a basis for our literacy, science and creative activities.

Last week we visited West Lodge Farm Park to see all the animals. We all loved seeing all the animals especially the lambs. This linked well with our topic on life cycles as we saw animals at different stages of their lives and found out what they need to be able to grow and change. The farmer who showed us round thought that our behaviour and knowledge were excellent.

In maths last week we were looking at the 'teen numbers', and finding out how they are made up of one ten and some more. This week we have been exploring the hundred square, thinking about how it is made and recognising and finding numbers up to 100. We also continue to practice our counting, ordering and recognition of numbers up to and beyond 20, counting in 2's and 10's.

In phonics we have been reviewing all the sounds we have learnt so far and doing lots of practice reading books that use our phonic knowledge.

In R.E. we are now following the Understanding Christianity topic on Creation, 'Why is the word 'God' important to Christians?' Last week we were thinking about respecting God's name and looking at the prayer 'Our Father' especially the line 'hallowed be thy name'. This week we listened to the story of 'Creation' from The Bible.

On Tuesday this week Suzanne from the local council safety team and PC Gemma came to talk to us about staying safe when we are out and about, and the importance of wearing bright clothing and holding an adult's hand when we are near roads.

We are very excited about our trip to Peterborough Cathedral on Friday.

## Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

The children have started the new term well and have produced some pleasing work. We have particularly enjoyed:

- Working on number bonds in Maths and finding related facts.
- Reading Astro Girl and finding out facts about space.
- Learning about physical features and using google earth to explore these.
- Using body percussion and our voices to make fire sounds in music.
- Working on our rolling and receiving skills in PE.
- Learning about healthy eating and planning a healthy lunch in PSHE.

## Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite class we have been learning to tell the time to the nearest five minutes and the nearest minute. This was an area that many of the children found tricky and we will be revisiting throughout the rest of the year. Some children that were confident with this moved on to use the 24-hour digital clock and they were able to convert to this format from the analogue format.

In our literacy learning we have been reading the story 'Escape from Pompeii'. We have been using the story to help use create vivid descriptions of the volcano erupting. We also focused on the two characters in the story, who were not taking the tremors serious, and wrote a letter to convince them to escape.

In Science, we have continued our work on living things and their habitats. We thought about different habitats and how they can be impacted by humans. We then went for a nature walk around the school grounds to identify the nature around us and the habitats in which they live. Our Geography learning this week allowed us to use the atlases to identify different cities in the UK. We used our understanding of the contents page to locate large UK cities. In RE this week, we have been thinking about the story of Pentecost. We thought about how this made the disciples feel following Jesus' ascension to heaven. The children followed this up by creating a piece of art to represent this moment using symbolism to represent the Holy Spirit.

#### Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

In Golden Eagle class we have been working really hard on our Sats revision to prepare the Y6 children for their upcoming assessments. I couldn't be prouder of all of the effort and hard work which both year groups are showing. In Maths, the children been revising and developing their understanding of geometry through the concepts of angles, area and perimeter. We have also been working hard on our arithmetic skills. In Literacy, we have started our new unit of work on a new narrative film called Alma. The children have been studying different Literacy techniques and thinking about how they can use them to create imagery for their readers. Our Geography lessons have been revising the concept of biomes and the children have been studying the main biome of the UK. We have been thinking about life cycles within Science and the children have focused upon mosquitos - thinking about how scientists can interrupt their life cycles to help to prevent the spread of malaria. We have revised a number of different areas in both reading and SPAG and the children have been answering practise Sats style questions. In Computing we have looked at using a different programme (called Python) to code some games. It has been an incredibly busy couple of weeks!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team

