



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



‘Is anything too hard for the Lord?’
Genesis 18:14

Issue 1 – Friday 13th September 2024

Our Christian Value for the Autumn Term 1 is – Generosity



Dear Parents and Carers

It seems a while ago now, but we hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. Our thanks to everyone for your kind gifts at the end of the last school year. We look forward to some exciting events over the next few months. Please check the diary dates below to help you plan for what we have coming up over the next few months.

Welcome to our new Reception children and families, we hope to work closely with you all.

Staffing News

We sadly said farewell to Mrs McAndrew, Year 3/4 Teaching Assistant and Mrs Kerr-Morgan, Lunchtime Supervisor over the summer holidays. Mrs McAndrew has been successful in her application to become a college teacher and we wish her the best of luck with this change in direction. Mrs Kerr-Morgan has retired on medical grounds and will miss all the children. We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



Diary Dates (Autumn Terms)

Thursday, 19 th September	NHS Flu vaccines in school
Friday, 20 th September	Jeans for Genes Mufti Day - £1 suggested charity donation
Thursday, 3 rd October, 2:30pm-3:30pm	Peterborough Cathedral visit – Church Council children
Friday, 18 th October, 2:30pm	Harvest Festival in school
Tuesday, 22 nd October	Parent Consultations (details to follow)
Thursday, 24 th October	Parent Consultations (details to follow)
Friday, 25 th October	Children break up for half-term holidays
Monday, 4 th November	Children back to school
Wednesday, 13 th November	Individual school photographs
Friday, 13 th December (am)	Christmas Pantomime at Kettering Lighthouse Theatre
Tuesday, 17 th December, 2pm	Rec and KS1 Christmas Nativity
Wednesday, 18 th December, 2pm	Rec and KS1 Christmas Nativity
Wednesday, 18 th December, 6pm	KS2 Carol Service in church
Friday, 20 th December	Children break up for Christmas holidays
Monday, 6th January 2025	School closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday, 7 th January 2025	Children back to school



Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – To all the children for an excellent start in school.

Year 1 – Omari for his excellent listening and concentration giving everything 100%.

Year 2 – Polly for joining in enthusiastically and sharing thoughtful answers.

Year 3 – Archie for his fantastic effort in all of our learning.

Year 4 – Wren for her amazing attitude towards her learning and giving 100%.

Year 5 – Leo for his fantastic enthusiasm in all lessons and working really hard.

Year 6 – Corey for coming into Year 6 with a fantastic attitude to learning.



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

Reception – Arella for being so happy and such a kind friend.

Year 1 – Arabella for her excellent focus and answers in Literacy.

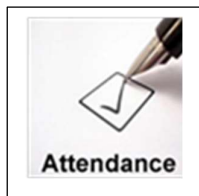
Year 2 – Noah M for an excellent start to Year 2.

Year 3 – Freya for her amazing writing in Literacy and her beautiful presentation.

Year 4 – Summer for a fantastic start to the year and working hard in all lessons.

Year 5 – Olly for his fantastic attitude to learning and being a polite member of the class.

Year 6 – Jake T for his amazing work and presentation in his lessons this week.

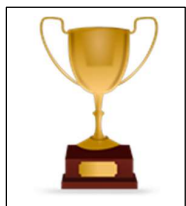


Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	100%	0	1 st
Year 1/2	99.1%	1	3 rd
Year 3/4	99.4%	2	2 nd
Year 5/6	94%	1	4 th

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 97%, which meets 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.

Awards and Certificates outside of school



- Darcy** Little Princess Trust – Hair donation award
- Daniel Z** LTA Green Youth – You Aced It Award
- Daniel Z** LTA Northants Tennis, Sportsmanship Award
- Esmee** National Association of Dance – Distinction, Grade 1 Tap
- Polly** Swim England, Learn to Swim Award – Stage 1
- Tom** Corby Hellenic FC – Player of the Match

Florence	Chatsworth Highland Dancing – 2 gold medals , x1 silver medal
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Isla	Annie JR – Excellence Award for the Summer Production
Lilly	Under 11 First in Show, Vegetable category – St Peter’s Church
Eleanor	Royal School of Music – Bronze Music Medal in Violin



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 or Mrs Findlay (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Please read our latest Online Safety Newsletter on the school website

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Class News



Reception Class - (Kestrel)

Thank you to all the reception families for allowing me to visit your homes, it has been a pleasure getting to know you all.

We have had a really good two weeks in Kestrel Class getting to know each other. The children have settled really well and are enjoying exploring the classroom space inside and outside.

We have been thinking about ourselves and getting to know each other. We have been practicing writing our names, drawing and painting ourselves. We have used the texts ‘It’s OK to be Different’ by Todd Parr and ‘Peace at Last’ by Jill Murphy as the basis of our literacy and creative activities.

We have been playing lots of games and singing songs that practice our counting and recognition of numbers.

We have enjoyed carrying out activities to explore our senses of smell (everyone recognised the smell of chocolate!) and taste (we all recognised sweet tastes).

We were very lucky this week to have a visit from Domonique of ‘Life Education’. She talked to us about how we can keep our bodies healthy and fit. The highlight of the visit was meeting Harold the Giraffe.

In R.E. we have started our unit, ‘Where do we belong’. So far, we have talked about two very important places where we belong- our families and our school. We have also been learning about the school value of ‘Love’, and we have been thinking about ways we show

love and care, as well as the things that we love in our daily lives. We have enjoyed being very creative!

Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

What a brilliant start to the year! The children have settled in well and it is lovely to see their enthusiasm for learning.

In Literacy, we have been revisiting and learning about the structure of a sentence through a variety of tasks. The children are using the vocabulary of subject, noun, verb and clause. This learning helps them to write sentences which make sense, with the correct punctuation.

In Science the children took part in an investigation to start our topic 'Animals and Humans'. The question was 'Can people with longer arms throw further?' The children enjoyed working with partners to measure their arm then throw beanbags to test this.

Beautiful artwork was created on the theme of 'Love' by the children. The photos are on Tapestry and we had a creative, peaceful afternoon with relaxing music to help us concentrate. This week they explored line and made their own artwork using line and shape after looking at some Art by Paul Klee. They also learnt about value and made 'value rainbows' using different shades of one colour.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite class we have been starting our writing unit based around the story 'Weslandia' in Literacy. We have focused on vocabulary and adding different suffixes to words to change the meaning. We then started thinking about fronted adverbials and the different uses of them. We used time and place adverbials as fronted adverbials to make our writing sound exciting.

In maths we have been working on our place value knowledge. We have been learning to partition numbers to 1000 in Year 3 and to 10000 in Year 4. We have also been developing our understanding of 3 and 4-digit numbers, building confidence with thousands, hundreds, tens and ones.

In our Science learning we have been learning about forces. We started our unit learning all about push and pull forces and thought of examples around the school before testing different objects. We then moved on to design our own experiment to find out which surface would allow a protractor to move along it. In our History learning we have been learning about the Stone Age. We have spent time finding out about what life was like at this time and what evidence there is of this. We then thought about what people in this time did to survive and thought about the evidence and what that helps us to realise.

We have been working really hard and have settled in well at the start of the year. We are looking forward to working hard next week!

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

In Golden Eagle class the children have had a wonderful first week back and have settled into our new timetable and routines well.

In Maths we have begun our work on place value. The children have been thinking about the value of different digits in numbers as well as how the numbers need to change when adding powers of ten to them. In Literacy we have been exploring the book 'Curiosity: the story of a Mars Rover' as our stimulus for writing. The children have all enjoyed learning about this and have been applying their Literacy skills to their written work. I have particularly enjoyed reading their explanation texts on how the rover was launched into space. I have also loved to see how much they have been enjoying finding out about this mission. Our reading has focused around the book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' which is set in WW2 and links to our unit of work in History. In our history lesson we were finding out about Europe in 1937 and the different ways in which countries in Europe were being governed and how this led to the start of WW2.

In Science we have begun to think about our materials unit of work and the children were discussing the different states of matter and how we could sort different objects. The children have really enjoyed our RE lessons in which we explored a range of artefacts linked to the Jewish religion. We have spent time exploring what they are and why they important to Jewish people.

In PE we have begun our new unit of work in Rounders and enjoyed revisiting overarm and underarm throws and discussed when they would be appropriate in a game situation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team