



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

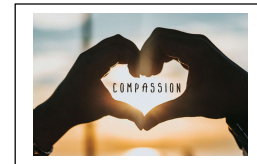
Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



‘For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also’
Luke 12:34

Issue 7 – Friday 13th December 2024

Our Christian Value for the Autumn Term 2 is – Compassion



Dear Parents and Carers

We are all looking forward to our trip to the Lighthouse theatre in Kettering for our annual pantomime visit. This trip is always enjoyed by the children and staff, and we hope they all have a wonderful time. Our thanks to the PTFA who have kindly donated a packet of sweets for every child during the interval. We then look forward to a special Love Food Christmas Dinner on our return!

Reception/Year 1&2 Christmas Nativity and Years 3-6 Christmas Carols

Please may we remind parents that the Christmas Nativity on Tuesday and Wednesday at 2pm is for our Reception and Year 1/2 families. The Christmas Carols in St Peter’s church is for our Year 3-6 families. Stanion church only has limited seating, and we are unable to fit all families in the church. We hope you understand our reasons behind this decision and enjoy the Christmas event that your child will be participating in.



Diary Dates (Autumn Terms)

Friday, 13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day – Love Food
Friday, 13 th December (am)	Christmas Pantomime at Kettering Lighthouse Theatre
Tuesday, 17 th December at 2pm	Reception and Year 1/2 Christmas Nativity
Wednesday, 18 th December at 2pm	Reception and Year 1/2 Christmas Nativity
Wednesday, 18 th December at 6pm	Years 3-6 Christmas Carol Service in church
Thursday, 19 th December, 3:20pm-5pm	PTFA School Disco (tickets on sale after school w/c 16 th Dec)
Thursday, 19 th December	Christmas Jumper or Mufti Day (Charity donation)
Friday, 20 th December	Children break up for Christmas holidays (Mufti Day, no charge)
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:

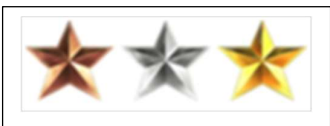
- Reception – Grayson for listening so well and for trying so hard.
- Year 1 – Charlie for his excellent behaviour and being independent in his learning.
- Year 2 – Arielle for her good listening in all lessons and her efforts in the Nativity rehearsals.
- Year 3 – Lyla-Flo for a huge improvement in reading at home.
- Year 4 – Angel for her great enthusiasm in our writing for the Polar Express.
- Year 5 – Emmanuel for growing in confidence in all of our lessons.
- Year 6 – Alice for some excellent writing in our Polar Express unit.



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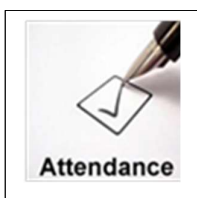
- Reception – Shay for making great progress with his writing and being so friendly.
- Year 1 – Abigail for working hard in writing lessons.
- Year 2 – Lyla for descriptive writing – well done for using a simile.
- Year 3 – Stirling for amazing ideas in our writing for the Polar Express.
- Year 4 – Freddie for fantastic work in our spelling, punctuation and grammar assessment.
- Year 5 – Safia for improving in confidence with writing.
- Year 6 – David for being a fantastic role model in all our lessons.



Merit Badge Awards

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

Bronze Award (50 Merits): Hamish, Noah J, Arielle, Neriah, Arabella T, Elsie, Polly, Isaac, Zara, Cooper, Arella, Max, Arabella, Sonny, Verity, Tom, Noah A, Lyla, Zac, Omari, Abigail, Isla S, David, Emma, Orla, Maeve, Sabrina, Emilia, Charlie N, Alexander, Kieran, Alice H



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	97.8%	1	2 nd
Year 1/2	98%	1	1 st
Year 3/4	96%	1	3 rd
Year 5/6	89%	6	4 th

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 95.85%, which is well below our 97% target!

We are beginning to see a rise in the number of children arriving late. Children must be at school for 8:50am when the bell rings. We do monitor this, and letters will be sent to families who are persistently late.

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.



PTA - Lucky Stars Draw, November

Congratulations to Jonathan Dunn, the winner of our November Lucky Stars draw with star number 41. Jonathan will win a £29.50 cash prize.

Awards and Certificates outside of school



Nova	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 4
Kelbie	Star of the Week for Football Club
Kelbie	Star of the Week for Multi-Sports Club
Caius	Star of the Week for Multi-Skills
Shay	Competing in Winter 4 Peace Club Challenge for KGC
Fletcher	Kazoku Karate – 9 th Kyu and Orange belt
Fletcher	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 4
Florence	Highland Dancing, Tartan Thistle – x2 gold and x4 silver medals
Hamish	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 3
Lilly	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 5
Matilda	Brownies Badges – UK Parliament and Innovate Stage 2



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 Findlay or Mr Forsyth (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Please read our latest Online Safety Newsletter on the school website

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Class News



Reception Class - (Kestrel)

Last week we continued with our theme of 'Homes and Houses' through traditional tales. We have used the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' as a basis for our literacy, science and creative activities. Making porridge was a big success, not too hot, not too cold, just right! We have put lots of our writing and creative work together to make a display in the hall.

This week we started to use Christmas stories as the basis for our literacy and creative activities. We used the story 'The Polar Express'. We have enjoyed listening to lots of other Christmas stories too.

In maths last week we were comparing lengths. We have been making repeating patterns and recognising and describing 2D shapes. We have also been practicing our counting, ordering and recognition of numbers up to 20 and beyond, and we have started counting in two's.

In phonics last week we learnt the sounds 'sh', 'th', 'ng' and 'nk', and this week we have learnt 'ai', 'ee', 'igh' and 'oa'. We're getting really good at using our phonic knowledge to read and write sentences.

In R.E. we continue to explore the Understanding Christianity topic of 'Incarnation', Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas. We have also been finishing off our Nativity boxes.

We have spent a lot of time practising our Nativity play; 'Baubles'; we hope you are able to come and see it on Tuesday 17th December and Wednesday 18th December next week.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

Another excellent fortnight in Falcon Class. We have enjoyed:

- Exploring multiplication through describing how many groups and how much is in each group. Making arrays to represent these groups and writing repeated addition and multiplication facts to match images and objects. Practising solving problems with x2, x5 and x10 times tables.
- Reading the Polar Express in Literacy and using drama to explore how we would feel if we got to go on the Polar Express.
- Practising our Nativity songs in Music.
- Thinking about how we show kindness in PSHE and describing some kind actions.
- Practising our Nativity play in the afternoons so that we know our parts and our actions.
- Using programs to create 3D designs in Computing.
- Using technology to find the features of locations in Geography and then using online maps to measure distance.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite, we have been completing our work on the Polar Express in Literacy. We have spent time building up our story lesson by lesson we began by describing what it was like when the boy first heard the train arriving. The children moved on to describe the inside of the train, what was outside of the window, a dilemma and a solution to the dilemma. We worked as a whole Key Stage to do this and some of us were even able to include Y5-6 features. We then wrote a letter to Father Christmas persuading him to give us the first present from his sleigh. The children worked hard to convince Santa that they deserved the present. Finally, we wrote a job advert for the role of the ticket master for the Polar Express. The children have loved this unit and have produced some incredible pieces of work.

In our maths lessons, we have been working multiplication and division. The children have been learning to use methods to multiply and divide 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. We spent time understanding how the multiplication and division worked before applying a written method.

In PE this week, we have completed our dodgeball unit. We spent time competing in a tournament to apply the throwing, catching, dodging, ducking, jumping and tactical skills we have been focusing on this half term. The children have loved this unit and have been incredibly competitive in our lessons. In History, we have started our Romans unit. We focused on the timeline of events and moved chronologically from the Iron Age onto the Roman Empire. We will continue to look at this unit over the Spring term. In RE, we were thinking about the role of a church leader and how they 'fish for people'. We spent time watching a video detailing a day in the life of a vicar. We reflected upon this and described the ways that a vicar brings people into the church. The children then linked this to our overarching theme for the unit by discussing how a church leader helps to create the world that Jesus wants.

The children have worked incredibly hard this term and are looking forward to a well-earned Christmas break.

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

In Golden Eagle class the children have had a good couple of weeks. They all tried really hard in their assessments and should be proud of the effort they put in. Last week, we were lucky enough to visit Holdenby House as part of our WW2 topic. The children all looked wonderful in their costumes and were fantastically behaved at all times. We had a wonderful day learning about rationing, air raids and life as an evacuee. The children particularly enjoyed going into the air raid shelter and experiencing an air raid. Back in school, we have really enjoyed our Literacy work over the last two weeks and have been studying *The Polar Express*. We have enjoyed writing our own versions of the story before then also enjoying writing some persuasive letters and job adverts. In Maths, the children have shown excellent understanding of ratio. They understand what ratio is and how to find it. Our RE lessons have continued to focus around the people of God. We have looked at examples of the other 600 commandments found in the Old Testament and discussed how people can live by these rules. Our Science lessons have concluded our learning on Earth and Space and the children have enjoyed learning about the cycles of the Moon. They have showed excellent understanding in their end of unit assessment. In PE we have continued to enjoyed volleyball and the children have shown some fantastic skills in taking part in game situations. In our History lessons we have thought about the RAF and their importance in helping Britain to win WW2. In Reading, we have finished our book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and the children all really enjoyed it - so much so that some of the children have borrowed copies of the book to read for pleasure. If anyone is looking for some last minute Christmas present ideas the children all loved the look of some of the other books by the author Emma Carroll.

We are really looking forward to all of the Christmas activities and events coming up over the next week and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Have a lovely weekend, and Christmas when it finally arrives.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team