



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



‘Even the wind and seas obey him.’
Matthew 8:27

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Our Christian Value for the Spring Term 1 is –
Courage



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another new term in school. We hope you all enjoyed the recent break and managed to get some rest. I would like to start the newsletter by thanking everyone who kindly donated to our Christmas reading book campaign. We raised over £400 to be spent on new books for the library. We are so thankful for your kind generosity.

Please look at the upcoming diary dates below and update your calendars. As you can see, we have a busy few months ahead of us!

New Staff Member

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Christine Harrison to the Stanion team. Christine joins us as part-time Bursar and will be in the school office on a Monday, Tuesday and on a Wednesday morning. We hope you will join us in making her feel welcome.



Diary Dates (Spring Terms)

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| Thursday, 30 th January at 6pm | PTFA meeting on Teams |
| Friday, 7 th February | Mufti Day for Children with Cancer charity |
| Tuesday, 11 th February | Parent Consultations (details to follow nearer the time) |
| Thursday, 13 th February | Parent Consultations (details to follow nearer the time) |
| Friday, 14 th February 3:30to 4:30pm | Year 1&2 Parent Consultations |
| Friday, 14 th February | Break up for half-term |
| Monday, 24 th February | Children back to school |
| Thursday, 6 th March | World Book Day – dress up as book character |
| Friday, 7 th March at 2:45pm | Year 5/6 class assembly for parents |
| Wednesday, 12 th March | Class photographs |
| Friday, 14 th March at 2:45pm | Year 1/2 class assembly for parents |
| Friday, 21 st March | Year 1/2 trip to Burghley House (details to follow) |
| Friday, 21 st March at 2:45pm | Year 3/4 class assembly for parents |
| Thursday, 27 th March at 2:45pm | Reception class assembly for parents |
| Thursday, 3 rd April at 9:15am | Easter Bonnet Parade (weather permitting) |
| Thursday, 3 rd April at 2:30pm | Easter assembly for parents |
| Thursday, 3 rd April | Children break up for Easter |
| Friday, 4 th April | Training Day – School closed |
| Tuesday, 22 nd April | Children back to school |



Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Samuel for always trying so hard and for being so helpful.

Year 1 – Hamish for excellent listening and for working really well with others.

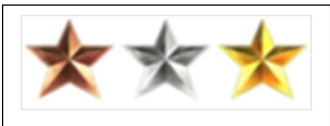
Year 2 – Winne for her enthusiasm for learning and settling in well.

Year 3 – Esme for a huge improvement in confidence in our maths lessons.

Year 4 – Lyla for brilliant demonstrations in our gymnastics sessions.

Year 5 – Leo for fantastic improvements in writing and showing much more confidence.

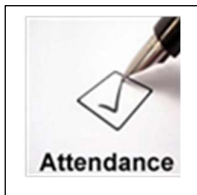
Year 6 – Emma for excellent knowledge and understanding in our work on fractions.



Merit Badge Awards

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

Bronze Award (50 Merits): Oliver, Angel, Freya. Maja, Finley D, Noah E, Corey, Emmy, Lottie M, Grace, Matei, Athelea, Gianna, Clark, Olly M, Wren, Daisy C, Eddie, Lora, Grace, Matei, Athelea, Grayson, Charlie H, Safia, Esmee G, Jacob, Max L, Leo, Iyra, Edie, Summer, Kyle, Darcy, Alice, Eleanor



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	98.3%	3	2 nd
Year 1/2	98.5%	4	1 st
Year 3/4	94.5%	3	4 th
Year 5/6	97.6%	1	3 rd

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 95.8%, 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, December

- Double draw – Star 7 Michelle McCracken, £29.50 cash prize
- Star 30 Matt Smith, £29.50 cash prize
- Bonus Draw – Star 27 Tracey Donativo, Family Portrait Experience with Image Exclusive Photography

Awards and Certificates outside of school



Maja	Cub Scout badges x7
Daniel	Cub Scout badges x7
Stirling	Oundle Otters Swim School – Level 2
Caius	Oundle Otters Swim School – Level 1
Charlie	Oundle Otters Swim School – 10m Front Paddle
Arabella	Oundle Otters Swim School – Level 2
Matilda	Corby Gymnastics Academy – Badge 7
Abigail	Corby Gymnastics Academy – Badge 8
Bella	Elf Academy medal
Bella	Suzanne’s Dance School medal
Sonny	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 2
Stirling	Oundle Rugby Club – Best Team Player
Stirling	KUMON – Mathematics Programme, 6 months ahead
Caius	KUMON – Mathematics Programme, 3 years ahead
Darcy	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 4
Elsie	Swim England, Rainbow Distance – 50m
Arielle	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 2
Jacob	Football Team Work trophy
Eva	KUMON Maths – 2 years ahead award
Lyla	KUMON Maths – 6 months ahead award
Matei	KUMON English – 6 months ahead award



Small School Football Tournament

Congratulations to our players from our school football team who got to the finals of the small school tournament in Wellingborough. They played tremendously and worked so hard to reach the finals, we are so proud of them all! Our thanks to Mr Manton for volunteering to attend, Mr Forsyth and Mrs Mahon. Also, all the parents that attended the matches.



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

www.stanionprimary.co.uk

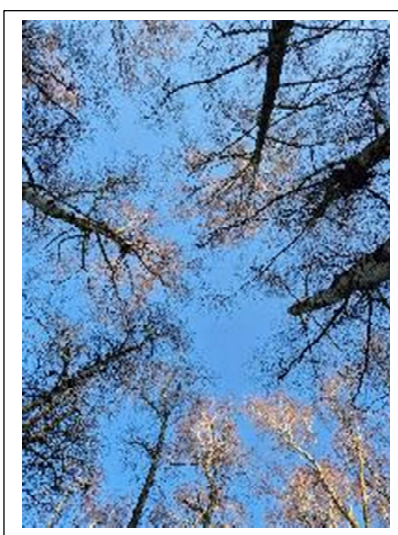
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Digital Art Photography

Mrs Leighton would like to remind everyone to enter the Digital Art competition. Here are some of the entries we have received so far, they are amazing!



Class News



Reception Class - (Kestrel)

Happy New Year!

All the children have quickly settled back into school.

For the last two weeks we have been following a topic on 'Winter, Snow and Ice'. Last week we used the story 'The Bear's Winter House' as a basis for our literacy and creative activities, and this week we have used one of my favourite stories 'Oskar's Amazing Adventure'. We really enjoyed building winter houses for our toy bears.

We have been counting, estimating and ordering using numbers up to and beyond 20. We also continue to practice our counting, ordering and recognition of numbers up to and beyond 20, counting in 2's, and practicing recalling which numbers are one more/one less than a given number.

We have been reviewing the sounds that we have learnt so far and this week we learnt the sound 'oo' – the book nook.

For our science last week, we carried out a freezing investigation to see which block of ice would melt first (we put the ice in a variety of different places) and which would take the longest to melt. This week we carried out an investigation to find out why hibernating animals need thick winter coats and a warm nest. We also did some research into marmots. In R.E. we discussed how we all celebrated Christmas. We have been looking at different celebrations and festivals to decide which ones our families celebrate. This week we have been thinking about 'How can a story from the Bible show a Christian how to treat other people?'

Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

Year 1 and 2 have settled back into school so well and have been enjoying:

- Learning about measuring length and height in Maths. We have measure in cm and m using rulers and meter sticks. We have solved problems with measures and compared lengths and heights.
- Finding out about London and making some posters about London landmarks in Literacy as well as reading about the Great Fire of London and thinking about how London was different in the past.
- Thinking about why some places are special to us, in RE, and describing our special places.
- Learning how to greet people in Spanish.
- Thinking about how we can search on the internet safely in ICT.
- Counting the beat in a dance for PE.
- Counting the pulse in Music and singing about our senses.
- Exploring how Stanion has changed over time using maps from the past and present and census data.
- Thinking about how we can keep safe with medicines and how we know when we feel unsafe in PSHE.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite class, we have started our fractions unit in maths. We have been learning about the denominator and numerator and what they mean. We then thought about unit and non-unit fractions and compared these using greater than, less than and equal to. The children have begun this unit with amazing confidence and have really impressed me so far.

In Literacy, we have started our writing unit based on the book 'Until I met Dudley'. In the book, children explained how they think household appliances work (usually in wacky ways), before Dudley tells us how it really works. We have been learning about the features of an explanation text and practised using conjunctions and relative clauses to make our sentences exciting. We have also started planning our own wacky explanation for how an over works which involves a dragon!

In PSHE this half term, we are thinking about managing risk and understanding how to keep ourselves safe. We thought about risks, dangers, and hazards and how to define these before understanding how to deal with dares. In Science, we have started learning about rocks and soils. We have been learning about different types of rocks and grouping them by their appearance. We then went on to investigate which rocks were most suitable for a range of different purposes such as: statues, roofs and kitchen worktops.

In R.E, we started our new unit about the Holy Trinity and discussed how Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.

The children have worked hard this week and have settled really well after Christmas.

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

In Golden Eagle class the children have been working incredibly hard since returning from our Christmas break.

In Maths we have been focusing on fractions and the children have shown excellent understanding of multiplying and dividing fractions. We are beginning to build our confidence in applying our knowledge to problem solving with the different topics which we learn. In Literacy we have been reading the text 'Windrush Child' and the children have been really focusing on the main character, Leonard, and his story of how he came to England. We have begun to consider what life was like for him when he arrived. In RE we have begun our new unit thinking about how religion helps people through good and bad times and the children have worked hard in considering all the things they are thankful for in their lives.

Our new Science topic focuses on evolution and inheritance and the children have all enjoyed learning the ways in which plants and animals have adapted over time so to be able to survive in their habitat. We have really enjoyed our new PE units in which we have been learning about balancing and rolling (in Gymnastics) and 'dance by chance' in our dance lessons. In History we have completed a brief introduction to our new unit on 'Crime and Punishment' and the children briefly learnt about the different crimes and punishments through the ages. They are all so excited to get into this unit and get started with their learning.

We have had a fantastic first two weeks back and we are looking forward to the rest of the half term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team