



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

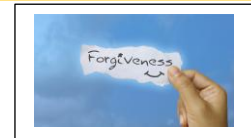
Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



'God created man in His own image.'
Genesis 1:27

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Our Christian Value for the Spring Term 2 is –
Forgiveness



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by thanking everyone for your generosity supporting the recent Children with Cancer UK non-uniform day. We raised £105 towards the charity and the funds will go towards this wonderful charity.

We have another busy term ahead, please see the calendar below for further details. All classes will be having a special assembly for parents, and we start this afternoon with the Year 5/6 assembly at 2:45pm. Also, don't forget the Easter Bonnet Parade (weather permitting) on Thursday, 3rd April. It is always great to see all the wonderful creations the children wear on the day.

World Book Day

Our thanks to you all for supporting World Book Day yesterday, the children, and staff, looked great! We held a special assembly in the morning to celebrate our costumes and to promote a love of reading. It was a memorable day for everyone. Also, thank you to everyone who came to read with your child, we do appreciate it.

Diary Dates (Spring Terms)

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
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

*Important
DATE!*



PTFA - Lucky Stars Draw, February

Congratulations to Mr James Spence who wins a £29.50 cash prize with Lucky Star #45.

Well done James, enjoy spending your winnings.



Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Emilia for working so confidently and independently.

Year 1 – Charlie for showing more resilience in his learning and asking for help when needed.

Year 2 – Eva for demonstrating excellent behaviour and joining in fully with all tasks.

Year 3 – Daisy for amazing ideas in her writing.

Year 4 – Summer for trying really hard in all lessons.

Year 5 – Emmanuel for taking much more pride in his presentation when working.

Year 6 – Dion for a huge increase in concentration in all lessons.



Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Zara for listening and contributing so much in whole class sessions.

Year 1 – Grace for great concentration, partner talk and trying her best in all lessons.

Year 2 – Stevie for persevering in Maths and asking for help when needed.

Year 3 – Matilda for her amazing progress in her times tables knowledge.

Year 4 – Lyla for working hard to learn from her corrections.

Year 5 – Ella for her fantastic effort, focus and understanding shown in Maths and Literacy.

Year 6 – Alice for being an excellent role model in all areas of school life – you are a pleasure to teach.



Merit Badge Awards

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

Bronze Award (50 Merits): Dion

Silver Award (100 Merits): Verity, Alice, Maeve



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	94.7%	3	4 th
Year 1/2	97.6%	3	3 rd
Year 3/4	98%	1	1 st
Year 5/6	97.7%	5	2 nd

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

We continue 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.

Awards and Certificates outside of school



Leo	AVFC Football Development Schools certificate
Florence	Newcastle Highland Dancing Competition – Overall Beginners Winner, Trophy Fling Winner and x6 medals
Angel	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 7
Abigail	Lead Stage 1 Guiding badge
Caius	Oundle Rugby Club – Player of the Week
Abigail	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 3
Matilda	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 6
Matilda	Corby Gymnastics Academy – Badge 6
Charlie H	Rare Productions – Annie participation certificate
Stirling	Oundle Rugby Club – Best Team Player
Lottie	Suzanne’s Dance – Dancer of the Month
Kelbie	Trainer of the week – Corby Hellenic
Jacob	Star Training Player – Rising Hope



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

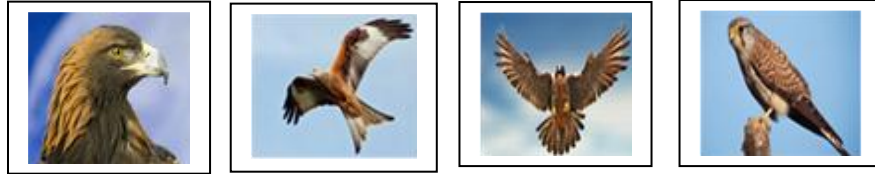
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Class News



Reception Class - (Kestrel)

Last week we started a new topic about 'Dinosaurs' which we are all really loving, we have some very knowledgeable children in Kestrel Class! We used non-fiction books to find out about dinosaurs, and how they lived. This week we have used the stories about Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs as a basis for our literacy activities. We're loving using all the boxes you have sent into school to make junk model dinosaurs!

In maths, last week, we were practicing our recall of numbers that are one more or less than a given number. This week we have been comparing weights, using the balance scales to find the heaviest/lightest, and to use non-standard units to measure the weights of different toys.

For the past two weeks we have been reviewing all the sounds we have learnt so far, we've really been enjoying playing lots of games to practice our phonic knowledge. We're getting very good at blending sounds to read and segment words to write them.

In R.E. we have started to think about Easter and why people may choose to make an Easter garden.

Last week we had a visit from Suzann who works for the council promoting safer communities. Suzann was accompanied by three police officers, who let us look in and around their police car, very exciting! Suzann talked to us about the importance of staying safe when we're out and about by wearing bright clothes and knowing how to cross the road safely.

On Wednesday we had a visit from West End in Schools. Ollie taught us a dance to go with the story of 'Pinocchio'. We all enjoyed taking part and performing in front of the whole school.

World Book Day was great fun. Everyone looked fantastic in their costumes. Thank you for supporting your children.

Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

Thank you for all supporting the recent World Book Day, the children looked amazing! This week year 1 and 2 have enjoyed:

- Writing our own versions of Jim and the Beanstalk in Literacy.
- Finding fractions of amounts in Maths using counters to work practically as needed.
- Learning the Easter story in RE.
- Thinking about how we can use secure passwords in our ESafety lesson.
- Listening to the pulse in a folksong in music.
- Learning about some different explorers in history and finding out why they chose to explore.
- Writing their new versions of the three little pigs in Literacy.
- Learning about unit and non-unit fractions in Maths and continuing to practise naming fractions of shapes and finding fractions of amounts.

- Creating some artwork linked to the Easter story in RE and thinking about how Christians feel over the Easter period.
- Enjoying putting together a performance with West End in Schools and sharing lots of activities on World Book Day to celebrate our love of reading.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite class, we have started our new book 'Granny arrived on the Empire Windrush' in Literacy. The children have loved learning about the Empire Windrush and what life was like for the people who arrived in Britain. We then used the ideas from the book to write a piece of non-fiction writing about life in Britain at this time. The children then wrote a speech to explain why Ava from the story had decided to dress as Granny for 'dress as someone you admire day' at school.

In Maths, we have been learning about measure. We started the unit by measuring length in centimetres and millimetres before learning about metres and kilometres. We then learnt how to convert between the units of measure. We then began to apply this knowledge as we learnt how to find the perimeter of shapes. We started by finding the perimeter of rectangles, before finding the perimeter for both regular and irregular shapes.

In PE, we have started our two new units. Our first unit is fitness. The children have really pushed themselves to try to improve their speed, strength, agility, balance, coordination and stamina. Our second unit for PE is outdoor and adventurous activities. We have been focusing on teamwork skills and communication during these sessions. In our History learning this week, we have been learning about what happened after the fall of the Roman Empire. We have enjoyed understanding why the Anglo-Saxons decided to settle in Britain.

The children have been fantastic this week and are showing a real love of their learning.

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

In Golden Eagle class the children have been working incredibly hard since returning from their half term break. In Maths, we have been working on our understanding of decimal numbers. The children have been converting fractions, decimals and % and also finding percentages of numbers and have shown excellent understanding. In our Literacy lessons we have been enjoying the book 'The Island' and writing a range of texts relating to the story. So far, we have given advice to main characters and written newspaper reports as well as recapping our understanding of passive and active voice.

In our RE lessons we have begun to think about pilgrimage and how important this is to people who have a faith. The children began the unit by thinking about their own special and sacred places and any special journeys they have been on.

In our science lessons we have begun to thinking about our new topic of humans and reproduction. This week we found out how mammals reproduce and the children spent time researching the different gestation periods of a range of different mammals. In History we have continued to really enjoy our unit on crime and punishment and have been learning about witchcraft in Stuart times and Highwaymen in the Georgian times.

The children are really excited to be sharing some of their knowledge and understanding in this topic in our class assembly today. In Spanish we have started our new unit on the planets and have been working on our understanding of how to name and describe the planets in Spanish.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team