



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



'The Lord sees the heart.'
Samuel 16:7

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Our Christian Value for the Spring Term 2 is –
Forgiveness



Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe we have completed yet another term! The children have worked extremely hard this term and we have been so proud of their achievements. They all tried their best in the recent round of school assessments and made us all proud.

Today is a highlight of the school year with our Easter Bonnet Parade. Our thanks to everyone who has supported this event, the children look amazing! We look forward to our Easter Celebration this afternoon at 2:30pm in the school hall. Our Year 6 children will be desperate to find out who will be our May King and Queen when we pull names out of a hat.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, we hope you all have a wonderful and restful Easter holiday.

Lent/Easter Prayer Stations



On Wednesday last week, the children all visited St Peter's Church in Stanion to complete a range of activities linked to Lent. Revd. Heather worked extremely hard planning and resourcing the activities for the children to enjoy. I had the pleasure of taking the Year 1&2 children down and thoroughly enjoyed the session. We are so fortunate to have Heather and our Foundation Governors support us with these events. On behalf of the staff and children, thank you to Heather, Sandy, Amanda, Laura, Claire and Kate for all their support.



Diary Dates (Spring Terms)

Thursday, 3rd April at 9:15am

Thursday, 3rd April at 2:30pm

Thursday, 3rd April

Friday, 4th April

Monday, 21st April

Tuesday, 22nd April

Easter Bonnet Parade

Easter assembly for parents

Children break up for Easter

Training Day – School closed

Easter Monday – Bank Holiday

Children back to school



Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Maeve for becoming so much more confident in her reading and writing.

Year 1 – Athelea for wonderful use of watercolours in our art lessons.

Year 2 – Lyla for her amazing work in our art lessons.

Year 3 – Florence for her fantastic understanding in our maths lessons on time.

Year 4 – Blake for his amazing effort in all lessons and really listening to feedback.

Year 5 – Verity for producing work of a beautiful quality and taking time with punctuation.

Year 6 – Marley for his excellent attitude towards his learning in all subjects.



Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Lora for trying so hard to write sentences independently.

Year 1 – Zach for becoming a more independent learner and having a go.

Year 2 – Nova for always giving 100% in all her learning and being a kind member of the class.

Year 3 – Arlie for showing great confidence whilst telling the time in maths.

Year 4 – Daniel for brilliant progress and independence in his writing.

Year 5 – Olly for excellent descriptive work when describing his interest for planet Pandora.

Year 6 – Jake T for his fantastic manners and giving 100% in his lessons.



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): Charlie, Isla S, Arabella T, Grayson, Lora, Isla H, Stevie, Olly M, Noah E, Finley, Wren, Irya, Leo, Lucas, Esmee, Safia, Corey, Eleanor, Ella

Gold Award (150 Merits): Samuel, Zara



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	98.7%	0	1 st
Year 1/2	98.1%	1	2 nd
Year 3/4	96.2%	4	3 rd
Year 5/6	92.1%	0	4 th

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 96%, which is 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



Stevie	Oundle Otters Swim School – Level 3
Arabella B-G	Oundle Otters Swim School – 10m Backstroke
Edie	Oundle Otters Swim School – Level 6
Finley	Avengers Football – Man of the Match
Ollly	Corby S&L Football – Player of the Match
Fletcher	Swim England Rainbow Distance – 15 metres
Elsie	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 6



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 topic on 'Spring', using a variety of non-fiction books and our observations as a basis for our writing, we thought about all the changes we are seeing and hearing now that Spring is here. This week we have been thinking about Easter and how we celebrate. We're looking forward to the Easter celebrations in school on Thursday, and we're having great fun practicing our song.

In maths last week we were busy exploring and playing with 3D shapes. This week we have been recognising coins and using them to make amounts of money. We also continue to practice our counting, ordering and recognition of numbers up to and beyond 20, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

In phonics we continue to review all the sounds we have learnt so far, and practice our blending and segmenting skills.

In R.E. we have been following the Understanding Christianity topic on Salvation, thinking about the signs and symbols associated with Easter. Last week we thought about the symbol of the cross, and how it represents forgiveness. We also made a beautiful cross covered in flowers. Last Wednesday we had a session in the church organised by Rev Heather based around Easter and Lent being a time of reflection.

Last week in science we were looking at Spring and thinking about the changes we see in the seasons. This week we visited West Lodge Farm Park to look at the animals and to find out about the animals; and how they grow and change. We had a great day and everyone behaved so well.

We hope you can join us for the Easter assembly this afternoon.

Happy Easter.

Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

This week, in Year 1 and 2 we have enjoyed:

- Practising telling the time using o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to in Maths.
- Using our knowledge of counting in 5s to read any minutes past or to on the clock face.
- Writing our own version of the Bear Under the Stairs in Literacy and then finding out more about bears.
- Visiting the Church for the Easter prayer stations. The children were brilliantly behaved and produced some beautiful artwork.
- In RE, we have also been designing our own Easter eggs to represent the different parts of the Easter story and the different ways that Christians worship over Easter week.
- Creating our own comic strips in computing and adding text boxes and captions.

- Learning what a monarch is in History and finding out some facts about Queen Elizabeth II
- Singing our folksongs in Music and learning how to follow notation to clap a rhythm.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy the holidays.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week, in Red Kite Class, we have been learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute. We started the week by learning how to tell the time to the nearest five minutes before moving on to the nearest minute. The children showed brilliant confidence. We then started to convert to digital times both on a 12-hour and a 24-hour clock. We learnt that for times after midday and before midnight we have to add twelve to the hours. We finished our unit by looking at durations and working out start and finish times based on activities taking a specific amount of time.

In Literacy, we have been writing a mystery narrative. We have been reading the story 'the Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We then based our own story around this book. We spent time going back to basics, using short sentences, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. The children have been really careful when checking their work to ensure that it is their best.

In Science, we have been learning about light. This week we were thinking about shadows and how they are formed. We made our classroom as dark as we could and used torches to see which objects created the best shadows. We noticed that opaque objects created the best shadows as they completely blocked the light source. In PE, we have been working on our fitness. We have thought about our stamina, strength, speed, agility, balance and coordination. We tested all of the components of fitness at the start of the unit before training these areas to help us improve. The class worked hard and all improved their scores. We finished our History unit this week all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The children loved learning about how England was made up of seven kingdoms and the reasons why the Vikings invaded. We finished the unit learning why the Vikings settled and thought about what impact this time period has had upon our local area. In R.E we finished our unit of work linked to Holy Week in the Christian calendar and created a story board linked to Easter.

The children have worked really hard and are looking forward to the Easter break!

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

The children have continued to work incredibly hard in all lessons in the last couple of weeks of this half term. In Literacy we have enjoyed learning about the planet of Pandora and writing non-chronological reports. The children have focused really hard on their vocabulary and punctuation and have produced some wonderful texts. In Maths we have finished the term by learning algebra. The children have really pushed themselves within this unit of learning and although it has been tricky at times, have shown excellent understanding. In our RE lessons we have continued to think about pilgrimage. We have learnt about the different pilgrimages of a range of different religions and the sacred and special journeys that are taken. The children have considered the many different reasons that people may go

on pilgrimage and have shown excellent understanding. In our History lessons we have finished our learning on crime and punishment by considering how the police force developed over the 20th century. In Computing, the children have continued to enjoy using the microbits. We really enjoyed using the physical devices we had in school and I was so impressed by their knowledge and understanding of how to programme them - I felt like they taught me lots!! The children have all had a great time in their DT lessons with Mrs Marshall on a Friday and have really enjoyed designing and making marble runs. They have worked really hard at considering the best designs to meet the specifications and I really enjoyed visiting the lesson and trying out lots of them. We have had a really busy term in Y5/6 and the children have all worked incredibly hard. I hope they all have a really wonderful Easter holidays and get lots of rest in preparation for another busy half term coming up.

Have a lovely Easter break and we'll **see you all back in school on Tuesday, 22nd April.**

Mr Jones and the Stanion team