



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



‘Shout joyfully to God, all the earth.’
Psalm 66:1

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Our Christian Value for the Summer Term 1 is –
Friendship



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and managed to relax for a couple of weeks. We have now entered one of my favourite terms of the school year and we have enjoyed seeing the first glimpses of sunshine. Please can we remind you all to provide adequate sun protection, including sun lotion, and water bottles for your child during the warm spell.

We have several exciting events coming up and I urge you to look at the Diary Dates below to help you plan over the coming months. Thank you for all your support with your generous donations for today’s charity running event, it is very much appreciated.



Diary Dates (Summer Terms)

Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 7 th May	Year 3&4 Bikeability
Thursday 8 th May at 6pm	PTFA Meeting in Stanion Village Hall
w/c 12 th May	Year 6 SATs assessments (Monday to Thursday) good luck Yr6!
Friday 23 rd May at 2pm	May Day Celebration followed by PTFA picnic (weather permitting)
Friday 23 rd May	Break up for May half-term
Monday 2 nd June	Back to school
w/c 2 nd June	Year 5&6 Bikeability, Mon-Thurs
Monday, 9 th June at 5:30pm	New Reception intake session for parents
Friday 27 th June at 1:45pm	School Sports Day (weather permitting)
Friday 4 th July at 1:45pm	Reserve Sports Day if previous week cancelled
Saturday 5 th July (2pm – 5pm)	PTFA Summer Fayre at Stanion Village Hall, please support this event
Friday 11 th July (am)	Shuffle up, transfer morning
Wednesday 16 th July at 2pm	Year 5&6 end of year production
Wednesday 16 th July at 6pm	Year 5&6 end of year production
Friday 18 th July at 2:15pm	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 18 th July	Children break up for summer holidays
Monday 21 st July	Teacher Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 22 nd July	Teacher Training Day – school closed
Monday 1 st September	Teacher Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 2 nd September	Teacher Training Day – school closed
Wednesday 3rd September	Children back to school



Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Eddie for confidently writing so well independently.

Year 1 – Sonny for his enthusiasm, brilliant listening and always trying his best.

Year 2 – Amelia for working hard to join your handwriting.

Year 3 – Stirling for working hard to improve his presentation.

Year 4 – Oliver for great understanding of tenths, hundredths, halves as decimals.

Year 5 – Esme for good understanding of how to use speech punctuation for quotes.

Year 6 – Dion for a great increase in focus and concentration and producing excellent work.



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

Reception – Sabrina for putting so much effort into all her learning.

Year 1 – Dhrishay for applying his reading strategies in all lessons.

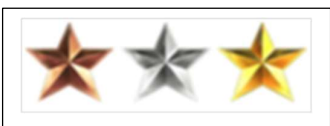
Year 2 – Elsie for working hard on her writing targets.

Year 3 – Archie for brilliant understanding of decimals using place value charts.

Year 4 – Maja for her amazing effort in her writing and being a great example to others.

Year 5 – Finley for fantastic skill shown during our tennis lesson this week.

Year 6 – Alexander for his excellent knowledge and understanding during our maths revision.



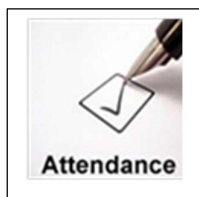
Merit Badge Awards

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

Bronze Award (50 Merits): Daniel

Silver Award (100 Merits): Daisy D, Jacob, Alfie, Elsie, Charlie N, Alice S, Oliver, Maja, Edie, Lilly, Daisy, Stirling, Jake L

Gold Award (150 Merits): Alexander, Cooper, Arella



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	100%	1	1 st
Year 1/2	96.7%	0	2 nd
Year 3/4	96.2%	1	3 rd
Year 5/6	93.3%	1	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



Kelbie	Skegness Aquarium – Shark Experience
Ella	iFly Dream of Flight – Level 1 Award
Lottie	iFly Dream of Flight – Level 1 Award
Olly	iFly Dream of Flight – Level 1 Award
Stirling	Oundle Otters Swim School – 10m Backstroke
Lyla	Football club – silver medal
Lyla H	Corby Swimming Club – 1 st place 25m Breaststroke
Lyla H	Corby Swimming Club – 2 nd place 25m Butterfly
Lyla H	Corby Swimming Club Gala – winners pf the gala
Nova	Corby Gymnastics Academy – Badge 6, 7 and 8 certificates and gold medals
Esmee	National Association of Dancing – Ballet Grade 2 with Distinction
Esmee	National Association of Dancing – Modern Stage Grade 1 with Distinction
Kelbie	Oundle RFC – Top Trainer U6 Award
Wren	Star player of the match at her recent football competition in Duston
Charlie	Oundle Otters Swim School – Level 2
Caius	Oundle RFC – Top Trainer award and medal
Stirling	Oundle RFC – Most Improved Player award, medal and trophy
Tom	Football trainer of the week trophy
Polly	Swim England, Learn to Swim – 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

www.stanionprimary.co.uk

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Class News



Reception Class - (Kestrel)

For the last two weeks we have been following a topic about 'Animal Lifecycles'. Last week we used the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' as a basis for our literacy, science and creative activities. We are very excited to have live caterpillars which we are busily watching grow and change.

This week we have used the stories 'Tad' and 'Tadpole's Promise' to explore the life cycle of a frog, and as a basis for our literacy, science and creative activities. Our tadpoles now have their back legs, so it won't be long before they are hopping about!

In maths last week we were looking at the 'teen numbers', and finding out how they are made up of one ten and some more. This week we have been exploring the hundred square, thinking about how it is made and recognising and finding numbers up to 100. 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 have been reviewing all the sounds we have learnt so far and doing lots of practice reading books that use our phonic knowledge.

In R.E. we are now following the Understanding Christianity topic on Creation, 'Why is the word 'God' important to Christians?' Last week we thinking about respecting God's name and looking at the prayer 'Our Father' especially the line 'hallowed be thy name'. This week we listened to the story of 'Creation' from The Bible.

We were very excited to start practicing our Maypole dancing for our May Day celebration on Friday, 23rd May.

Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

Another busy fortnight in Year 1&2, we have enjoyed:

- Learning about measures in Maths. We have been measuring mass using balance bars, grams and kilograms.
- Reading the story Tadpole's Promise and planning/writing our own version of this.
- Learning about the Mezuzah and its importance to Jewish people.
- Our history day, learning about Kings and Queens and exploring how timelines are organised.
- Practising our dribbling skills in PE.
- Learning the story of the Magic Flute in music.
- Investigating about how recipe books can be an historical source and looking at how they have changed in living memory.

Our thanks to everyone for supporting the mini-marathon event and non-uniform day today.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite Class, we have been learning all about decimals in our Maths lessons. We spent time learning about tenths as fractions and decimals before learning about hundredths. We then began to use this knowledge and our knowledge of equivalent fractions to identify halves and quarters as decimals. The children have shown incredible understanding so far and are really challenging themselves.

In Literacy, we have been studying the book 'The Baker by the Sea' to inspire our writing. We have been writing a tourist brochure. The children have been thinking about different sentence types to make our writing engaging to the reader. After we had edited our writing, we re-wrote the text in our best handwriting to make our writing look more like a tourist brochure. One of the children even went to Year 5&6 to show off how good their work was!

In Music this half term, we have been learning to play the ukulele. The children have learnt that the ukulele has a body, a neck and a head but it has no arms or legs! The children have thoroughly enjoyed this so far and have been able to play a few different pieces of music. In PE this half term, we have been lucky enough to go to swimming. The children have worked really hard and the staff have been impressed. In Geography, we have started our new unit all about Rivers. We learnt that rivers have an upper, middle and lower course. The children were able to label all of the different parts of a river including the source and mouth.

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

The children have returned after Easter with a fantastic attitude towards all of their learning. In Maths, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on their final revision sessions before Sats. We have been covering a variety of arithmetic and reasoning styles of questions, and their confidence and knowledge has improved so much. Year 5 have been working hard with Mrs Marshall on their understanding of multiplication and division.

In Literacy, we have been studying newspaper reports with a focus upon reporting on the sinking of the Titanic. We have looked at the features of reports and begun writing our own thinking about using a journalistic tone when writing and speech punctuation.

In our RE lessons, we have been thinking about how to make our town or village a more respectful place. We considered why it is good for all religions to live in a community together and the benefits this brings for everyone. The children have then discussed religious exclusivism, inclusivism and pluralism.

In our Geography lessons we have started our new unit by thinking about the features of the UK with a focus upon the East Midlands. The children used topographical maps to discuss what they could see.

We are now on the final push to Sats week and I couldn't be prouder of everything the children are doing. I hope they all have a lovely, restful Bank Holiday weekend.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team.