



# Newsletter

'Love the lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind.'



You are the light of the world.  
**Matthew 5:14**

**Issue 19 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Our Christian Value for  
February is – Courage



Dear Parents and Carers

The school had a Safeguarding Audit on Monday and we are delighted with the outcome of the report. The Safeguarding Inspector praised us for our curriculum and for ensuring our children remain safe. We also had a 'light touch' inspection from the Local Authority who also praised the school. The Inspector visited lessons, looked at work and talked to children. We continue to work hard to ensure our children have the best possible education and make life long memories.

### **Staffing Update**

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Drew will be leaving us on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. Debra has worked at Stanion for 18 years and has been the key point of contact in the school office. She has decided the time has come to start a new challenge and we wish her the best of luck for the future. We thank Debra for her continued commitment to our school and all her hard work over the years. Mrs Early will be working full-time in the office from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Mrs Mahon will be working part-time for three days after half-term. Maggie will be working across the school but mainly in Year 1/2 and 5/6. We have been extremely fortunate to appoint Miss Ioni Kerr to work in our Year 3/4 class. Ioni has a wealth of experience and is looking forward to joining us. We are fortunate to have such dedicated staff at a time when many schools are making cuts to their Teaching Assistants.



### **Head Teacher's Awards**

The class teachers have selected the following children from last week:  
Reception – Lewis for being so enthusiastic and independent in his learning;  
Year 1 – Dion for some great persuasive writing;  
Year 2 – Isabelle for great work using the inverse in maths;  
Year 3 – William for fantastic scientific enquiry skills during our water cycle lesson;  
Year 4 – Kaia for an excellent model castle and good teamwork in DT;  
Year 5 – Owen for a wonderful information text on Brazil;  
Year 6 – Finlay for a fantastic attitude and approach to his learning.



### **Diary Dates – Spring Term**

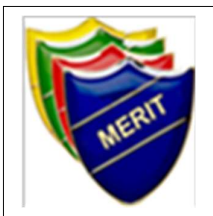
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| Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February 3:15pm  | P.T.A Cake Sale in the hall                 |
| Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February         | Break up for half-term                      |
| Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February         | Children back to school                     |
| Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm   | Year 5/6 class assembly for parents         |
| Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm  | Year 3/4 class assembly for parents         |
| Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm  | Year 1/2 class assembly for parents         |
| Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm | Year 5/6 residential talk to parents        |
| Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm  | Reception class assembly for parents        |
| Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (am)        | Easter Bonnet Parade                        |
| Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm      | Easter assembly                             |
| Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April             | Break up for half-term                      |
| <b>Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>      | <b>Teacher Training Day – School Closed</b> |



| Class     | Attendance | Late Marks | Position        |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Reception | 98%        | 1          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Year 1/2  | 100%       | 1          | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Year 3/4  | 99.7%      | 0          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Year 5/6  | 97.1%      | 1          | 4 <sup>th</sup> |

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 97% which is in line with our target!

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.



### **Merit Badge Awards**

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

**Bronze Award (50 Merits):** Jake T, Corey, Dexter, Sophia, Lucas

**Silver Award (100 Merits):** Darcey, Verity, Orla, Ava S, Isobel P, Emily J



### **Awards and Certificates outside of school**

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| <b>Jack G</b>   | Corby Warriors FC Trophy                                    |
| <b>Teddy</b>    | Skate Excellence Award – Grade 4                            |
| <b>Orla</b>     | MMA Ninjas – Student of the Week                            |
| <b>Isla S</b>   | Kettering Gymnastics Club – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place           |
| <b>Alice H</b>  | Kettering Gymnastics Club – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Floor     |
| <b>Alice H</b>  | Kettering Gymnastics Club – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Bar       |
| <b>Isla H</b>   | Kettering Gymnastics Club – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Trampette |
| <b>Lottie S</b> | Corby Town Girls U10's Player of the Match                  |

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| <b>Noah S</b>   | MMA-4Kids – Level 2 Award                               |
| <b>Mikey S</b>  | MMA-4Kids – Level 2, Bronze Award                       |
| <b>Finley D</b> | Captain's Armband for playing great football            |
| <b>Marija</b>   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> place rosette, 45cm jumping competition |
| <b>Emilija</b>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> place rosette, 45cm jumping competition |

### **Safeguarding and Online-Safety**

Please remember that if you have any concerns regarding safeguarding or child protection (including online-safety) then you should raise your concerns with the designated safeguarding leads within school. They are Mr Jones, Mrs Hancock and Mrs Hankins.

For more advice about safeguarding and online-safety, please see the following sites:

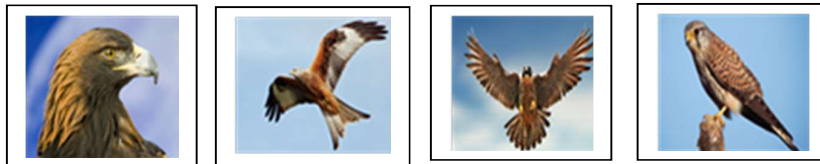
<http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/>

<https://ceop.police.uk/>

Please also have a look at the online safety advice on our school website

[www.stanionprimary.org.uk](http://www.stanionprimary.org.uk)

### **Class News**



### **Reception Class - (Kestrel)**

This week we have used stories about 'dragons', and the story 'Zog' as a basis for our literacy and creative activities. We've been discussing whether dragons are real, where they would live and what they are like.

We continue to do lots of counting from 20 and to numbers beyond 20, counting in 10's to 100 and in 2's to 20. This week we have been using a variety of resources to find out which pairs of numbers make 10.

In phonics this week we have learnt the sounds 'oi' (spoil the boy) and 'ear' (hear with your ear).

In science we used some magic powder (salt) to help us to pick up blocks of ice using just some string.

On Tuesday it was Online Safety Day, we listened to the story of 'Smartie the Penguin' and discussed what we use the internet for at home. We learnt a song to help us to stay safe.

In R.E. this week we have been listening to stories from The Bible.

On Friday it is Mental Health Awareness Day, we shall be supporting this by doing some mindfulness activities.

### **Year 1/2 - (Falcon)**

This week in Falcon class we have been focusing on our doubling and halving and looking at patterns within our times tables in maths. We were also looking at doubling multiples of ten and five. In literacy we been up-levelling vocabulary to improve our sentences. In science we were testing different materials to find out which material makes the most suitable home.

In P.E we have been trying to develop our technique in different rolls. We focused on the barrel roll and a forward roll. We have been working really hard and we are looking forward to a break.

**Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)**

In Maths, we have been looking at ordering fractions on a number line and investigating how the numerator and denominator affect the size of the fraction. We have also been solving problems involving the area of compound shapes using known multiplication facts. In addition to this, we have been looking at the decimal equivalents of tenths and hundredths. During Literacy lessons, we have been writing our own NCR about castles. We had a lovely afternoon on Tuesday learning about Safer Internet Day and online identity. In PE we practised and then recorded our final 70's disco dance performances. In RE, we have been learning about the concept of Atman. This is the belief that a piece of Brahman is present in every living thing. In History, we have been writing our own reports on who would have made the best king in 1066 and in ICT we have been coding our toy simulations.

**Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)**

This week in Golden Eagle Class we have been studying scale factors in maths and have been looking at how we enlarge shapes. In Literacy we have been finding examples of emotional vocabulary and discussing how we can up-level our writing. In our topic work this week we have studied the physical geography of Brazil and looked at how the vegetation of Brazil differs in different areas. We have continued to look at Islam in our RE sessions and have spent time this week looking at the role of prayer and how Muslims lead their daily lives. In PE the children have shown some fantastic performances of the dances that we have been studying.

Have a good half-term break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Mr Jones