



# Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

*Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.*



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

**Issue 2 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Our Christian Value for  
the Autumn Term 1 is –  
Thankfulness



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy two weeks in school and the children have all been working hard. I have visited all the classes and I've been impressed with the work the children are producing and their general attitude towards their work. Well done to all the children, keep working hard!

This half-term is always a busy term for conducting new-intake tours. We appear to be one of the few schools that continue to offer individual tours but we value this opportunity to meet our prospective families. Once again, the children have been amazing and we continually receive such positive feedback about the school.

Please check the diary dates below for upcoming school events.



## **Diary Dates (Autumn Terms)**

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm-3pm

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2:30pm

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1:30pm

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Peterborough Cathedral visit –Year 6 children

NHS Flu vaccines in school

Harvest Festival in school

Parent Consultations (details to follow on Tuesday)

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Children break up for half-term holidays

Children back to school

Individual school photographs

Rec and KS1 Christmas Nativity

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KS2 Carol Service in church

Christmas dinner day in school

Christmas Pantomime at Corby Cube

Children break up for Christmas holidays

**School closed – Teacher Training Day**

Children back to school



### Harvest Festival – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October

The children will be celebrating Harvest this year on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October. We aim to take the children to St Peter's Church in the morning for a rehearsal. We will then invite parents and carers to watch the performance at 2:30pm in the school hall. The children will sing some songs and share pictures or poems.

Please support us in donating food items to a local Food Bank by bringing in food on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October. We ask for tinned produce, pasta and non-perishable goods. We hope you can help us with a small donation.



### Jeans for Genes Fundraising

Our thanks to everyone who supported the Jeans for Genes Mufti Day last Friday. We managed to raise £112.50 for the charity and will ensure the funds will help towards the important research.



### Head Teacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from this week:  
 Reception – Max for sharing his excellent knowledge on our Nature walk;  
 Year 1 – Elsie for her excellent work on the part whole models in Maths;  
 Year 2 – Daisy for her excellent retelling of The Three Little Pigs;  
 Year 3 – Maja for huge improvement in her times-tables knowledge;  
 Year 4 – Arabella for always giving 100% in all lessons;  
 Year 5 – Jake L for settling into Year 5 and being a fantastic role model;  
 Year 6 – Jody for his wonderful handwriting.



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The class teachers have selected the following children from last week:  
 Reception – Nova for making such an excellent start at school and being enthusiastic;  
 Year 1 – Arielle for her beautiful handwriting and neat presentation;  
 Year 2 – Isla for joining in enthusiastically, especially in Maths;  
 Year 3 – Zarah for her beautiful handwriting in all her work;  
 Year 4 – Verity for brilliant metaphors in her writing;  
 Year 5 – Kieran for fantastic effort in all areas of our learning;  
 Year 6 – Faye for being a fantastic role model in our class.



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	96%	1	4 <sup>th</sup>
Year 1/2	98.5%	0	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 3/4	99%	3	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 5/6	97%	2	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 98%, which is above our 97% 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.



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

<b>Sophia</b>	Swim England, Learn to Swim Award – Stage 5
<b>Bella</b>	Barbie Breakfast – Medal
<b>Arabella</b>	Stanion Flower and Produce Show – Second in show
<b>Isla S</b>	Zinc & Copper Gymnastics – Silver on beam, Bronze on bars, Bronze on vault, Silver County Champion and 4 <sup>th</sup> place across all ages to represent Northamptonshire at the regionals
<b>Olly</b>	Swim England, Learn to Swim Award – Stage 4
<b>Lilly</b>	Stanion Flower and Produce Show – First in show
<b>Daisy</b>	National Association of Dance – Freestyle (Green), Highly Commended
<b>Daisy</b>	National Association of Dance – Freestyle Award, Highly Commended
<b>Charlie</b>	Swim England Award – 5m Butterfly and 5m Breaststroke
<b>Lyla</b>	NATD Freestyle Disco Rainbow Blue award - Highly Commended
<b>Lyla</b>	NATD Freestyle Annual Performance Award - Highly Commended
<b>Neriah</b>	NATD Street Annual Performance Award - Highly Commended
<b>Edie</b>	NATD Annual Performance Award, Blue Rainbow
<b>Lilly</b>	NATD Freestyle Disco Rainbow Blue award - Highly Commended
<b>Lilly</b>	NATD Freestyle Annual Performance Award - Highly Commended



### **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 Hankins or Mrs Findlay (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Please read our latest Online Safety Newsletter on the school website

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### **Class News**



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

For the past two weeks we have been following a topic on stories with repeating rhymes. Last week we used the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' as a basis for our literacy and creative activities. We really enjoyed acting out and retelling the story with lots of actions. This week we used the story 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo' by Michael Rosen as a basis for our literacy and creative activities.

We have been playing lots of games that practice our counting, ordering and recognition of numbers. This week we have used all sorts of resources to make symmetrical and repeating patterns.

Last week we learnt the sounds 's', 'a', 't' and 'p', and this week we have learnt 'i', 'n', 'm' and 'd'. We're really enjoying learning to read and make cvc words using the sounds we have learnt so far. We have also been practicing writing these letters and our names.

For our science last week we drew around some people and labelled as many parts of their body as we could. We also looked at pictures of different baby animals and matched them to their parents.

In R.E. last week we thought about what makes us the same and what makes us different. We thought about the different groups we belong to including our school and church family. This week we have been looking at the different signs and symbols that show us our school belongs to the church family.

Last week we were very lucky to have a visit from Sophie from 'The Life Education Team'. We talked about our bodies and what we need to do to keep them fit and healthy.

This week we took part in a range of activities organised by Revd Heather Lowe based around the theme of well-being.

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

Year 1 and 2 have been working extremely hard and have been covering:

- Learning how to group and compare numbers in Maths, Year 1 have been focussing on numbers to 10 and how they can be represented. We have then looked at the location of numbers on a number line and how we can use number lines. We will be moving on to identifying parts of a whole and linking this to addition. Year 2 have been representing numbers to 100 and identifying the number of tens and the number of ones. They have been learning how to partition numbers in different ways.
- Learning how to write a description of a setting and linking this to our next unit - retelling the Three Little Pigs. We have been exploring the features of a fairy tale and identifying those within different versions of the Three Little Pigs.
- Learning about the 99 names of Allah and what they mean to Muslims.
- Continuing our work on pitch and tempo in music.
- Enjoying a visit by Revd Heather with some wellbeing activities.
- Working on our ball skills in PE.
- Learning about life in the 1960s and why the moon landings were important in history.
- Working on games that will improve our mouse skills in Computing.

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

This week in Red Kite class we have been writing haiku and Tanka poems in our literacy work. We have been learning about syllables, alliteration, personification and similes. The children applied this knowledge to write a poem based on a specific theme. Our haikus were about areas around our school and we then created a Tanka poem about one of the four seasons.

In maths, we have been continuing our work on place value. The children have been partitioning 3 and 4-digit numbers and showing our understanding of thousands, hundred, tens and ones. In Year 4 the children we have been ordering and comparing numbers to demonstrate our understanding.

In history this week we have been learning about hieroglyphics and how Ancient Egyptians used these to communicate. We discovered that Egyptians were using these around the same time Stone Henge was built suggesting that they were more advanced at the time. This week we were also lucky enough to have some fantastic well-being sessions delivered by Heather and the ethos committee. The children enjoyed a range of activities that helped them with their own mental well-being.

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

In Golden Eagle class the children have all been working incredibly hard over the last couple of weeks. We have finished our work on place value and the number system in Maths and I have been so impressed with the children's knowledge of larger numbers and our work around them. They were so impressive with their knowledge of Roman Numerals. In Literacy, we have begun our new unit of work in which we are writing based around the book 'The man who walked between the towers'. The children have all been so engaged with this text and have enjoyed giving advice to the main character and developing their knowledge of modal verbs and pronouns to avoid repetition. In Science we have continued our unit of work on Electricity and we have been investigating the effect of adding different components into an electrical circuit. The children have been learning how to write up scientific experiments. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed taking part in the work which Reverend Heather prepared for us based around well-being. We look forward to continuing this work around the theme of well-being next week with the Ethos committee. On Wednesday, we enjoyed welcoming Helen and Alison from NSPCC to lead a workshop into how the children can 'Speak out to stay safe'. I know everyone found this very informative and really enjoyed taking part - I was incredibly impressed by the children's attitudes and how sensible and respectful they are. I feel like the children have all settled so well into life in Y5/6 now and have all demonstrated fantastic attitudes to learning over the last week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team