



# Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

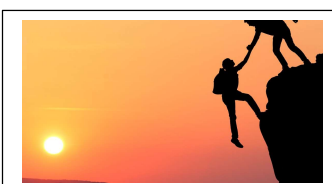
*Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.*



'The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'  
**Deuteronomy 6:4**

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Our Christian Value for  
the Autumn Term 2 is –  
Trust



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now in December and Christmas is fast approaching. This is always such a special time in school and we hope the children enjoy all the activities we have planned. A highlight of our Christmas events will be the Reception and Year 1/2 Christmas Nativity on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. This will be held in the school hall and the PTA will provide refreshments afterwards. Reception/KS1 parents are to arrive from 1:45pm for this event.

Our children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will have their Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in St Peter's Church. We ask that the children who are singing arrive in church from 5:45pm to be seated for a 6pm start. The seating capacity in church is very limited but all Key Stage 2 parents are invited to attend and join in with the singing.

Finally, we are looking forward to our visit to the Corby Cube to watch Cinderella. This event will take place on the last day of term, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The children will go after lunch and will arrive back to school around 4pm to 4:15pm.

## Diary Dates (Autumn Terms)

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm  
Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm  
Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm – 7pm  
Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 5:30pm – 7pm  
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 2024

Rec and KS1 Christmas Nativity  
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KS2 Carol Service in church  
KS2 Peterborough Cathedral Trip  
Christmas Jumper Day  
PTA School Disco (details to follow nearer the time)  
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





### Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Dhrishay for trying so hard with all his learning and for being so polite;

Year 1 – Stevie for learning her lines and speaking clearly when practising;

Year 2 – Alice for writing a fantastic story and using adjectives;

Year 3 – Jacob for his fantastic improvement in his times tables knowledge;

Year 4 – Olly for working hard to improve in all areas of his learning;

Year 5 – Isla for her excellent understanding of fractions this week;

Year 6 – Juanita for her beautiful manners and always working hard.



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

Reception – Hamish for being so determined to write independently;

Year 1 – Lyla for trying really hard to sound out words and use her robot arms in reading;

Year 2 – Esme for working really hard and always trying her best;

Year 3 – Edie for her superb understanding of the features of an instruction text;

Year 4 – Isla for showing great confidence and understanding in Maths;

Year 5 – David for his excellent inference skills in our reading lessons this week;

Year 6 – Eleanor for excellent understanding in our fractions lessons.



| Class     | Attendance | Late Marks | Position        |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Reception | 98.5%      | 1          | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Year 1/2  | 96.5%      | 6          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Year 3/4  | 96.8%      | 2          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Year 5/6  | 96.4%      | 2          | 4 <sup>th</sup> |

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 96.8%, which is just below our 97% target!

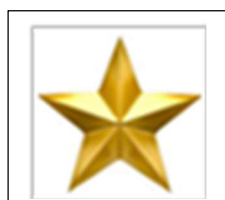
Please remember that holiday requests **cannot** be authorised and parents risk receiving a fixed-penalty fine from the Local Authority. The school has a statutory duty to inform the Local Authority of any holiday requests for 5 or more days. It is important that the children attend school every day to avoid falling behind their peers.



### Merit Badge Awards

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

**Bronze Award (50 Merits):** Stirling, Daniel, Eva, Alfie, Amelia, Nova, Lottie, Jack, Charlie, Noah E, Florence, Matilda, Arabella, Verity, Noah S, Bella, Aria



### PTA - Lucky Stars November Draw

Congratulations to Amanda de Choisy, the winner of our Lucky Stars draw with star number 27. Amanda will win a £27 cash prize.

### Awards and Certificates outside of school



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| <b>Eva</b>      | KUMON – First 1000 pages completed trophy |
| <b>Lyla</b>     | KUMON – Mathematics Programme Level B     |
| <b>Kelbie</b>   | Swim England, Rainbow Distance – 5m       |
| <b>Kelbie</b>   | Swim England, Learn to Swim, Stage 2      |
| <b>Isabelle</b> | Dexterity Showcase Dance medal            |
| <b>Verity</b>   | Dexterity Showcase Dance medal            |
| <b>Wren</b>     | Corby Football Club – Player of the Week  |
| <b>Florence</b> | Lincoln Highland Dancers – x4 gold medals |
| <b>Eva</b>      | KUMON – Mathematics Programme Level 2A    |

### **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)**

Last week we continued our topic on Traditional Tales using the story 'The Three Little Pigs', as the basis for our literacy, science and creative activities.

This week we have used the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' as a basis for our literacy, science and creative activities. We have put lots of our writing and creative work together to make a display in the hall.

In maths last week we were thinking about addition, writing and working out addition problems using various objects. This week we have been comparing lengths. We have also been practicing our counting, ordering and recognition of numbers up to 20 and beyond. Last week we learnt the sounds 'sh', 'th', 'ng' and 'nk', and this week we have learnt 'ai', 'ee', 'igh' and 'oa'. We're getting really good at using our phonic knowledge to read and write sentences.

For our science last week we compared the materials the three little pigs used to make their houses. We thought about why the different materials were not good to build houses and

why bricks were the best. This week we made porridge, looking at the changes that take place when oats and milk are combined, and then cooked.

In R.E. we continue to explore the Understanding Christianity topic of 'Incarnation', Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas? Last week we were thinking about how Christians prepare for Christmas and how we can prepare for Christmas in our class. This week we will be acting out the story of when Jesus was a small boy and went to the temple with his parents. We will also be continuing with our Nativity boxes.

This week we started to practice our Nativity play 'Christmas Counts'. We really hope you will be able to join us on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December for one of the performances.

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

This week, in Year 1 and 2, we have been working super hard and have enjoyed:

- Enjoying starting our nativity rehearsal and learning our songs.
- Finishing our work on addition and subtraction and applying our strategies to solve problems.
- Beginning to explore multiplication using the language of groups of.
- Exploring the features of instructions and learning to write some of the sections in instructions using adverbials and conjunctions to add detail.
- Discussing how we should look after our world and what Christians do to show their belief that God created the world.
- Listening to Vivaldi's Autumn music and composing our own songs that include contrast.
- Learning how to draw shapes and use text boxes in computing.

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

This week in Red Kite class we have been preparing to write an instruction text. We studied the features of this text type before learning and applying the language skills. The children worked hard to use expanded noun phrases, time adverbs and imperative verbs. They particularly enjoyed planning command sentences to direct people to a hidden water bottle and to direct some children safely to the toilet. In Maths, we have been finishing our unit of addition and subtraction in Year 3, learning how to estimate, check answers and solve problems. In Year 4 we have begun our multiplication and division unit. We have focused on the 3, 6 and 9 times tables trying to make links between them and learning to make links between multiplication facts and division facts.

In our history lesson this week we were learning about how the Ancient Greeks were impacted by the Persian invasion. We thought about the cause and consequences of the different stages of the invasion. During our RE this week we thought about the Jewish festival of Passover. We listened to the story of Moses and watched a short clip from the film The Prince of Egypt to think about how Moses was feeling. We then used drama to create a freeze frame of the part of the story that we thought was the most important to Jewish people. Many believed God talking to Moses was the most important as it made Moses believe and begin to make a change. Other believe it to be the part where the people paint Lamb's blood above their doors to thank God for passing over them. Finally, in PE this

week we have been developing our ability to jump and hop for distance, whilst developing control on the landing. The children used their thigh muscles to generate power and their arms to build momentum before landing with soft knees for balance.

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

The children in Golden Eagle class have been really busy again over the last couple of weeks. In Literacy, we have continued to explore our text 'Leila and the Blue Fox'. We have enjoyed finding out more about the characters and their stories and have produced a variety of pieces of writing linked to this. Our Maths lessons have continued to focus upon fractions. We have looked at ordering and comparing fractions as well as how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. I have been really impressed by the children's times table knowledge and this has helped them greatly within their work. In Science we have enjoyed investigating air and water resistance and finding out what these forces are. Our history lessons have continued to compare Mayan times to Anglo Saxon times and the children have been finding out how day to day life and ways of living were both similar and different. In computing the children have continued to enjoy making their websites using the Edublogs site and have been using some really complex computing skills to do so. We have been enjoying some team building and yoga during our PE sessions and I have enjoyed seeing the children work together and persevere with the skills we have been learning. Another great couple of weeks with lots of hard work!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team