



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

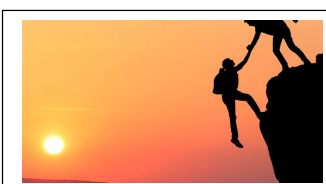
Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord.'
Isaiah 6:3

Issue 7 – Friday 15th December 2023

Our Christian Value for
the Autumn Term 2 is –
Trust



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed the past two weeks and we hope you have enjoyed the festivities. I would like to start by congratulating our Reception and Key Stage 1 children who performed so well in the Christmas Nativity. We are so proud of them all and it was a delight to watch. Also, a huge well done to the children in Key Stage 2 who took part in the Christmas Carol Concert. The children sang beautifully and performed so well. This is always a favourite event as it puts us all in the Christmas spirit.

We finish for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, 19th December. What better way to end the term with a trip to the pantomime. As you are aware, we are looking forward to a trip to watch Cinderella at the Corby Cube. The pantomime does not finish until around 3:30pm so we'll hopefully be back in school for 4pm to 4:15pm.

May I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas when it finally arrives and I hope you enjoy the break. My sincere thanks to all our parents, the PTA, staff and governors for your continued support and for helping to make our school so special.



Diary Dates (Autumn Terms)

Friday, 15th December, 5:30pm – 7pm

Monday, 18th December

Tuesday, 19th December, 1:30pm – 4pm

Tuesday, 19th December

Wednesday, 20th December

Thursday, 4th January 2024

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 – Athelea for making great progress and for being a kind friend;

Year 1 – Eva for using fantastic vocabulary when describing the seasons;

Year 2 – Matilda for using fantastic adjectives when writing a Christmas poem;

Year 3 – Blake for his brilliant enthusiasm in all that we do;

Year 4 – Leo for his fantastic engagement during our visit to Peterborough Cathedral;

Year 5 – Orla for a huge increase in confidence in all of her learning;

Year 6 – Jack for his excellent understanding and engagement shown at the Cathedral.



Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Noah for making great progress with his learning and concentration;

Year 1 – Isaac for always trying his best in every lesson and for being a fantastic role model;

Year 2 – Kyle for working hard making arrays in Maths this week;

Year 3 – Daisy for a big improvement in her reading;

Year 4 – Esmee for a huge improvement in her focus in class;

Year 5 – Lottie for fantastic effort and beautiful manners;

Year 6 – Missy for excellent understanding of Literacy techniques and how to use them.



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	98.9%	0	1 st
Year 1/2	93.3%	6	4 th
Year 3/4	95%	2	2 nd
Year 5/6	94%	3	3 rd

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 96.6%, 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): Daisy C, Edie, Lyla, Maja, Angel, Wren, Missy, Dexter, Isabelle, Lyla, Isaac, Stevie, Elsie, Polly, Isla G, Daisy D, Darcy, Lyla-Flo, Arabella, Hamish, Sonny, Angel, Archie, Emmy, David, Jody, Esme, Matei, Arielle, Noah M, Kyle, Zachary, Omari, Noah A, Natalie



PTA - Lucky Stars December Draw

Congratulations to all the winners of our Lucky Stars draw for December. This month we had three special prizes to be won.

Mr M Smith - £27 cash prize

Mrs K McLean – Family portrait voucher

Mrs H Dunn – £15 Big Bounce voucher



Poppy Appeal

We have received a certificate from the Royal British Legion informing us that we raised £193.55 for the Poppy Appeal. This is a tremendous achievement and we thank you for your support and generosity.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Daisy C	Step N Grooves, Dance medal
Florence	British Association of Dancing – Certificate of Merit, Bronze
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Florence	Dancers Dancer 2023 – Hard work award and always being kind
Dexter	Step N Grooves, Dance medal
Safia	Step N Grooves, Dance medal
Kelbie	Corby Hellenic Football Star
Florence	National Association of Dance – Tap with Distinction
Florence	National Association of Dance – Ballet with Distinction
Abigail	Swim England, Learn to Swim Stage 1
Archie	Swim England, Learn to Swim Stage 2
Daisy	Swim England, Learn to Swim Stage 2
Elsie	Swim England, Rainbow Distance - Backstroke 10m
Stevie	Oundle Otters Swim School – Level 1
Danial	Stony Stratford Tennis Competition – You Aced It!
Wren	L M Academy – Player of the Week medal
Eva	Swim England, Learn to Swim Stage 4
Oliver	Swim England, Learn to Swim Stage 5
Finlay	L M Academy – Star of the Day



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 started to use Christmas stories as the basis for our literacy and creative activities. Last week we used the story 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and this week it's been 'Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present'. We have enjoyed listening to lots of other Christmas stories too.

In maths, for the last two weeks, we have been making repeating patterns and recognising and describing 2D shapes. We have also been practicing our counting, ordering and recognition of numbers up to 20 and beyond, and we have started counting in two's.

For the last two weeks, in phonics, we have been revising all the sounds we have learnt so far by doing lots of reading and playing phonics games.

In R.E. we continue to explore the Understanding Christianity topic of 'Incarnation', Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas. We have also been finishing off our Nativity boxes.

We have spent a lot of time practicing our Nativity play; we hope you were able to come and see it.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

The children have worked so hard over the past two weeks and we continue to be so proud of them all. We enjoyed performing our Nativity to all the grown-ups even though it was a little bit scary! Christmas Counts and It was on a Starry Night were our favourite songs.

In year 1 and 2 this week we have been learning about arrays, doubling and halving in Maths. In Literacy we are writing Christmas poems.

In Science, we have finished our topic on seasonal changes and have enjoyed making all the fun items linked to the weather.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and enjoy the rest.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite Class we have been completing our hot write for a set of instructions. We based our instructions on our Ancient Greece learning from history. We decided to give instruction on how to slay a minotaur. We used imperative verbs, time adverbs, fronted adverbials and apostrophes in our writing. The children used these features to ensure that their writing was engaging for the reader.

In Maths, we have been learning about multiples and what this means. We discovered that a multiple is a number that belongs to a specific times tables. The Year 3 children focused on multiples of 2 and we learnt that all multiples of 2 are even numbers. In Year 4, we learnt how to multiply by 1 and 0 and noticed that when we multiply by 1 the product is the same as the factor that isn't 1 and when we multiply by 0 the product will be 0.

In R.E, we completed our unit learning about the deeper meaning of many different religious festivals. We thought about Christmas, Easter, Passover, Diwali, Ramadan and Vaisakhi. During our Computing this week, we were researching the habitats of different insects. We then used this information to create a chart in excel to display it. In History, we finished our Ancient Greece unit. We learnt about Alexander the Great and what made him a significant leader. Finally, the children had a fantastic time as we visited Peterborough Cathedral and completed a range of Christmas inspired activities.

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks in Golden Eagle class and the children have all been working super hard. In Maths, we have finished off our unit of work on fractions and the children have all completed their end of unit assessment showing excellent understanding of the different concepts they have learnt. Our Literacy has continued to focus around 'Leila and the Blue Fox' and the children have been working on feelings and emotions associated with the story before writing an extended blog detailing the main characters journey through the story. In our Science lessons, we have been continuing our work on forces as well as looking at the work of famous scientists to give the children more of an idea of the work which different scientists do. We have continued to think about the comparisons between the Anglo-Saxons and the Mayans and the children all wrote a brilliant report comparing the leadership styles of the two different civilisations. In PE we have continued to look at team building skills and the children have all had lots of fun working together to solve problems to achieve a set goal. In RE we have been finding evidence from a range of texts to prove that Jesus was the Messiah. We also really enjoyed our trip to Peterborough Cathedral in which we explored the concept of Incarnation in further detail. In our Reading lessons we have finished the book 'Seven Ghosts' and the children have really loved finding out about the seventh ghost and discovering the plot twist at the end.

The children have all worked incredibly hard this half term and I hope they all have a fantastic, fun and restful festive break.

Have a lovely weekend and please remember we break up for Christmas on **Tuesday, 19th December**. The children return back to school on Thursday, 4th January 2024.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team