



Love your neighbour as yourself.
Matthew 12:31



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a Very Happy & Holy Christmas! I know the children in Reception class were very excited to take all their wonderful artwork home, especially their Nativity stables, and I'm sure they were able to tell you the Christmas Story in detail; Mrs Ettridge and I enjoyed retelling the story, with actions, in class. Our Nativity play was a joy to watch, as always, and it never ceases to amaze me how our children perform with such confidence, even though they are still so young. The KS2 Carol Service in St Peter's Church is always a very special occasion, but this year the children excelled themselves with their beautiful singing and articulate readings and poems. Mr Jones, Mrs Findlay and Mr Forsyth also did us proud with their impromptu accompaniment to our talented violinists. A trip to the Pantomime on the last day was very exciting for us all and the children enjoyed participating and eating the sweets provided at the interval by the PFA.

I would like to thank the PFA for organising such wonderful social events for our children and families; Movie nights and discos create great excitement amongst the children and the Music Bingo night in the Village Hall was a resounding success, raising £200. The PFA also kindly funded the printing costs of our first-ever, proper book, 'Stanion's Book of Well-being'; I am truly grateful to have been part of such an exciting project and I must admit I was not expecting such a professional publication at the end of our efforts. All children have been represented in the book and there are a multitude of ideas to enrich our well-being, so if you haven't already bought one, a copy in your home means you and your children will never be stuck for something to do again!

'Stanion's Book of Well-being' was the culmination of our Ethos Project last term; Rather than visiting the Church, Revd Heather planned activities in the school grounds, with the children engaged in cloud-watching, searching for creatures & objects and the most popular of all, making Tree Faces; Using air-drying clay, the children made faces on the oak tree. At one point, the 'heavens opened' and we all got soaked but the children loved this added adventure of having to change into their PE kit until their uniform had dried off; The Ethos Governors were relieved when the sun shone again!

I would like to thank all Governors for their continued support and take this opportunity to welcome Mr Nelson as our new Parent Governor; Mrs Manton has agreed to become our LA Governor due to Mrs Sharman's resignation. Emma-Jayne has been associated with our school for over 20 years and I will truly miss her experience and expertise on the Governing Body.

A highlight of the Autumn term for me is always our visit to Peterborough Cathedral for the 'Annual Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving for Diocesan Schools'. We were able to take all the children in Year 6 this year and, as always, they were a credit to our school, joining in with the hymns and prayers wholeheartedly. It is always a joy to come together with our Diocesan family and give thanks in prayer for all the support and encouragement we receive throughout the year.

I wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2024!

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Chair of Governors