



# Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

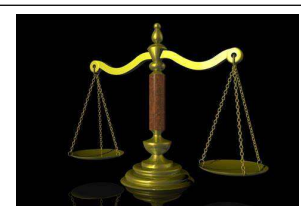
*Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.*



'God's faithful love endures forever.'  
**Psalm 107:1**

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Our Christian Value for  
the Spring Term 2 is –  
Justice



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking everyone for attending the recent Parent Consultation meetings. I hope you enjoyed looking through your child's books and received a positive report. We are always so proud of the children and how hard they continue to work in school.

We look forward to inviting you all to the upcoming class assemblies this term. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to share what they have been learning in class and to amaze you with their knowledge and understanding. We hope you can join us for your child's assembly. We start today at 2:45pm with our Year 5/6 assembly. Please see the diary dates below for when the others are taking place.

Do not forget next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day! The teachers have planned a number of exciting activities, and the children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The staff will be dressing up as characters from the David Walliams books.



## Diary Dates (Spring Terms)

Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2:45pm	Year 5&6 class assembly.
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2:45pm	Year 3&4 class assembly.
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2:45pm	Year 1&2 class assembly.
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Class photographs
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2:45pm	Reception class assembly
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March, 9:15am	Easter Bonnet Parade (weather permitting)
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2:30pm	Easter assembly
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Children break up for Easter holidays.
<b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day – school closed.</b>
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back to school



### Head Teacher's Awards

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

- Reception – Kelbie for writing so independently and confidently.
- Year 1 – Matei for his good concentration in phonics and trying his best.
- Year 2 – Alfie for always showing enthusiasm for his learning and trying his best.
- Year 3 – Lyla for her fantastic times tables knowledge.
- Year 4 – Safia for her brilliant, expanded noun phrases in her writing.
- Year 5 – Isla for being a fantastic role model and an excellent team player.
- Year 6 – Jack for fantastic skills, effort and teamwork in our rugby sessions.



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

- Reception – Abigail for making great progress and for being so independent when writing.
- Year 1 – Stevie for always giving 100% and for a great piece of writing.
- Year 2 – Archie for his excellent work on telling the time.
- Year 3 – Kate for always being a kind friend.
- Year 4 – Arabella for her improved understanding of commas in her writing.
- Year 5 – Charlie for a fantastic discussion text based around Beauty and the Beast.
- Year 6 – Jody for a fantastic attitude to all areas of learning.



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	96.6%	0	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 1/2	98.3%	2	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 3/4	96.3%	0	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 5/6	94.3%	2	4 <sup>th</sup>

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 96.1%, 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):** Safia, Esmee, Isla H, Dion, Jacob, Danial, Freddie, Summer, Kate, Lewis

**Silver Award (100 Merits):** Stirling, Tom, Elsie, Marija, David, Verity, Noah E, Edie, Lottie, Lyla, Maja, Arabella, Jack G, Freya

**Gold Award (150 Merits):** Neriah

### Awards and Certificates outside of school



<b>Florence</b>	Grampian Highland Dancing – x4 1 <sup>st</sup> place medals
<b>Max</b>	Judo competition – bronze medal
<b>Jacob</b>	LM Academy Football – Star of the Day
<b>Corey</b>	Corby Kingswood Vikings – Player of the match
<b>Sophia</b>	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 6 Award
<b>Sophia</b>	Darlington Tennis Tournament – 11 & under winner's medal
<b>Kelbie</b>	Corby Hellenic Football Trophy, Player of the Match
<b>Maja</b>	Corby Gymnastics Academy – Badge 5
<b>Elsie</b>	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 4 Award
<b>Angel</b>	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 5 Award

### **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

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

School telephone 01536 204896

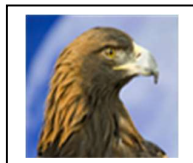
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### Class News



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

The week before half term we continued to follow our topic 'Chinese New Year and Dragons'. We really enjoyed the story 'Zog' as the basis for our literacy and creative activities. This week we have started a new topic about 'Dinosaurs' which we are all really loving, we have some incredibly knowledgeable children in Kestrel Class!

In maths, before half term, we were practicing our recall of numbers that are one more or less than a given number, we also started to do subtraction problems. This week we have been comparing weights, using the balance scales to find the heaviest/lightest, and to use non-standard units to measure the weights of the model dinosaurs.

For the past two weeks we have been reviewing all the sounds we have learnt so far, we've really been enjoying playing lots of games to practice our phonic knowledge. We're getting

very good at blending sounds to read and segment words to write them. We all performed extremely well in the phonics check before the holidays.

In R.E., before half term we were thinking about what Jesus teaches us about saying thank you and why it's good to say thank you and be thanked. This week we have started to think about Easter and why people may choose to make an Easter Garden.

Before half term we spent time learning what to do if we see anything worrying, scary or sad when we are using the internet as part of 'Safer Internet Day'.

We still need lots of boxes for building dinosaurs; we would be grateful for any boxes the size of cereal boxes or smaller.

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

This week, Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying:

- Finishing our reports on Octopuses in Literacy. We have really enjoyed learning facts about them.
- Working on tally charts and bar charts in Maths, for Yr2, and reading time to the hour, for Yr1.
- Working on our gymnastics and fitness skills in PE.
- Learning about the changes of the seasons in geography and making some artwork to show the changes.
- Thinking about our personal information and what we should and shouldn't share in our Online Safety lesson.

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

This week in Red Kite class we have been continuing our work on fractions during our maths lessons. We have been learning about tenths both as fractions and decimals and showing this using a number line and a place value grid. We have also been learning to add and subtract fractions, understanding that the denominator stays the same. The children then moved on to learn how to divide 1-digit numbers by 10.

In our writing, we have started looking at setting descriptions. We have been focusing on Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and trying to use expanded noun phrases and adverbials to describe the setting. In our RE learning this week, the children were focusing on different festivals. This week we had a debate to argue for and against each of our statements such as whether everyone should be allowed a day off for their festivals.

It has been a busy first week back after half term and we are ready to get started with our new topics.

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

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after their half term break and to hear about all of the wonderful things they have been up to. We have really hit the ground running this week and been incredibly busy and working very hard. Firstly, we have been enjoying putting together our class assembly which we look forward to sharing with you today. In Literacy we have been studying explanation texts and creating our own 'cracking

contraptions' based around Wallace and Gromit and the inventions devised within the programme. The children have been thinking of technical language to describe their machine. In Maths we have returned to fractions and have been looking at how to multiply and divide fractions with other fractions/ integers. We have continued to enjoy reading our text 'The Hatmakers' within our reading lessons and using our VIPERS skills of retrieval and inference to investigate the storyline and characters further. In Science we have begun our unit of work on light. The children were revising their knowledge of different light sources and then thinking about how they can prove that light travels in straight lines. In our RE lessons, we have begun our new work based around resurrection. The children were using evidence from The Bible to prove that Jesus rose from the dead and report this in a newspaper article. We have enjoyed our new PE units of gymnastics with Mrs Marshall and tag rugby with Northants Rugby Club.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team

# Upcoming PTA Events

**MARCH**  
**15**  
3:15-5PM  
*Movie Night*

**MARCH**  
**28**  
AFTER ASSEMBLY  
*Easter Raffle Draw*

**MAY**  
**17**  
DURING SCHOOL  
*PTA Dress Down Day*

**MAY**  
**24**  
AFTER MAY DAY  
*May Day Picnic*

**JUNE**  
**8**  
2PM-5PM  
*Stanion Summer Fete*

**FRIDAYS**  
DURING SUMMER  
MONTHS  
END OF SCHOOL  
*Ice Lolly Friday*

**JUNE**  
**21**  
6PM-9PM  
*Music Bingo*

**JUNE**  
**28**  
1:30PM-3:15PM  
*Sports Day*

**JULY**  
**12**  
5:30PM-7PM  
*School Disco*

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