



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

PTA Fair

An enormous thank you to the PTA for the wonderful Christmas Fair last weekend which made a whopping total profit of **£2486**. I have heard so many positive comments from parents and staff! I know a lot of planning and preparation went into this event, which raises so much money for the school each year so thank you also to all parents and families who attended and supported the school!

Thank you also to the PTA who organised the Y1.2 Christmas party once again this year – the children *loved it!!*

16/12/2018	Christingle Service 3pm All Saints' Church, Stamford
17/12/2018	Y 5/6 Christmas Party 1:30pm-3:00pm
18/12/2018	Y 3/4 Christmas Party 1:30pm-3:00pm
18/12/2018	KS2 Carol Service All Saints' Church- 6:30pm- children to arrive at 6:00pm
19/12/2018	KS2 Carol Service All Saints' Church- 6:30pm- children to arrive at 6:00pm
19/12/2018	Children's Christmas Lunch
20/12/2018	Term 2 Ends

Attendance!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Each week we announce the attendance percentages for each class, recognising improvement and the class who has achieved the best attendance!

Congratulations to Fine Class who had 98.16% attendance this week

Foundation Stage

What an exciting week we've had in Foundation stage. The week began with children using their **creative skills** to make special crowns to wear during their Christmas party. Some children even used repeating patterns, using both shape and colour, for their decorations.

The children have **shown great interest** and **engagement** when listening to different versions of the Christmas story. They've enjoyed exploring the wooden nativity figures and used them to retell the story in their own words. They have also made some beautiful Christmas tree decorations this week. They had a yellow star which they decorated to show baby Jesus lying in his manger. They enjoyed the craft activity and demonstrated good fine motor skills. The children linked this to the Christmas story which we have been reading in class, saying that "there was nowhere else to sleep" and that the hay was "to keep Jesus warm and comfy." The children are excited to put their stars on their trees at home.



Key Stage 1

As Christmas approaches we have been busy **getting creative** decorating our classroom doors ready for 'The Best Christmas Themed Door Competition'. There's a twinkly wooden eco tree complete with recycled hanging stars, a very jolly collection of reindeers with hand prints antlers with sparkly red noses and a giant snowman with glittery buttons and colourful feather boa. The children have been using their artistic skills to create our wonderful eye catching door decorations, good luck everyone!

We had a fun-filled, exciting Christmas party on Monday afternoon! The children had such fun with a hilarious slapstick guest entertainer, cakes, drinks and Christmas crackers and all this followed by a visit from Father Christmas! The children's **behaviour and manners were excellent** and each child received a gift from Santa at the end of the party. Thank you to PTA for organising this, the children loved it!

In Maths this week, we have been carrying out lots of practical division, addition and subtraction. The children have been **using their increasing mathematical skills** to share equally and work out puzzle and problems involving division and subtraction. They've been tackling missing number problems and puzzles and the children have amazed us with their **continuing enthusiasm** and ability to work out **increasingly abstract** calculations!



Please remember to gather up all your used batteries this Christmas holiday and bring them in to school next term to be recycled

The Christingle Church Service is being held at All Saints Church this Sunday
16th December at 3.00pm
Please come along to this lovely festival of light

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 had an amazing time on their Victorian Day. The children were buzzing with excitement and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing what life was like over 100 years ago. They were all **fully engaged** and got involved in all the activities. They were given the opportunity to write using real ink quills as well as experiencing the scratchy sound of chalk on a slate.

The Victorian Christmas decorations they made were stunning. They even created their own exciting performance at the end and we were all in fits of giggles as the children became immersed in their roles. We really enjoyed the experience and it was **great to learn** even more about the Victorians.

A very big thank you for all your support in providing costumes, all the children looked fabulous and we turned the year 3/4 into an authentic Victorian Class.

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To finish off our topic on Volcanoes, Year 5.6 have been busy making their own this week. They used and **followed their instructions** that they had written last week to ensure that their volcano was fit for purpose. After a very sticky (and fun!) Wednesday, the children then painted their designs and added foliage to make them look realistic, ready for the eruptions on Friday!

On Thursday we were kindly invited to Stamford Welland Academy to watch their annual Christmas production. The children were **brilliantly behaved** and were in awe of the many talents that were displayed. It was great to see some familiar faces up on stage too!



St Gilberts Choir

St Gilbert's C of E Choir have been extremely busy in the last few weeks leading up to Christmas. The children have been rehearsing carols and songs for events and services and have loved entertaining different audiences, from the young to the old. Some of the carols have been quite tricky for the children to learn, but they have persevered and challenged themselves to perfect their singing.

The choir have one or two events left before they break up for a well-deserved rest and they would love for you to come and listen to them at the Christingle service on Sunday, 3pm-4pm at All Saint's Church.

Hope to see you there!



This is our last newsletter of the term. May I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very peaceful New Year.

We look forward to seeing you 7th January 2019



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**STAMFORD ST GILBERT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
CALENDAR - TERMS 3 & 4**

Date	Time	Event
07/01/2019		Term 3 Begins
10/01/2019	4.00pm	SATS Meeting for Y2 parents
11/01/2019		Strong Class Swimming Begins
14/01/2019		E-Safety Day
14/01/2019	6.00pm	E-Safety Information Meeting to Parents
23/01/2019		NSPCC Day
01/02/2019	9.00am	Y1 & 2 Collective Worship to Parents
05/02/2019		Safer Internet Day
08/02/2019		NSPCC Drop Your Bags & Boogie Day
12/02/2019	3.30pm	Valentines Disco
15/02/2019		Term 3 Ends
25/02/2019		Term 4 Begins
07/03/2019		World Book Day
		Book Fair Begins
25/03/2019	4.00pm	Parents Evening
26/03/2019	3.30pm	Parents Evening
27/03/2019		Class Photographs
29/03/2019	9.00am	Y3 & 4 Collective Worship to Parents
		Final Swimming for Strong Class
05/04/2019		Term 4 Ends

These are the dates currently in place and we will provide updates via the school calendar