



# Newsletter

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Friday 3rd May

## Earth Day



On Monday 22nd April the whole school took part in Earth Day. Every class completed a litter pick and did some work linked to the theme: Planet v Plastic while not using electricity. It was / is lovely to see such caring members of the school and village community. Many thanks to Mrs Scanlon and Eco Club for leading the day.



## Diary Dates:

**Wednesday 8th May—Coffee Morning—Preparing for Transition 8.45am—9.45am in the school hall**

**Friday 10th May—Feel Good Friday** An opportunity for you to come to school dressed in a way that makes you feel good. Normal clothes please, no pyjamas, oodles or fancy dress.

**Week beg. 13th May—Year 6 SATs Week**

**Friday 17th May—School Disco in the school hall. Tickets on sale on the night.**

**Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2—5.15pm—6.15pm**

**Year 3, 4, 5, & 6—6.30pm—7.30pm**

**Monday 20th May—Induction Evening for new Foundation Parents (Sept.2024) in the school hall @ 6pm**

**Friday 24th May—Sharing Assembly @ 2.15pm in the school hall** Please come along and see some of the children's learning.

**Week Beg. 27th May—Half term**

**Monday 3rd June—INSET Day** School closed to children

**Tuesday 4th June—INSET Day** School closed to children

**Wednesday 5th June—Back to school**

**Thursday 13th June—Non-Uniform Day for tombola or raffle items for the school Summer Fete**

## Boccia

On Wednesday 24th April 12 children from key stage two classes took part in a boccia tournament at King Alfred's.

We put three teams into the event 1. Scarlett, Alice, Daisy, Ronnie. 2. Imogen, Eleanor, Ollie J, Melody. 3. Caitlin, Mollie, Toby J, Dylan G. Seven schools (16 teams) took part and the teams played at least 3 teams, consisting of 4 ends. The children played really well, winning some, drawing others and losing a few. They all encouraged and helped each other just like our vision 'Working together, Achieving together.'



## Technical Help

For as many years as I can remember David Bailey has kindly given of his time to help do the sound and lighting at our Christmas Performances, Year 6 show and the Summer Fete. Due to work and family commitments, going forward he is unable to help at all these events. He is still going to let us use his equipment and help set it up and for this year is able to do the Year 6 show and Summer Fete. It would be great to know if anyone else could help and maybe you could work alongside David during the Year 6 show to understand what is entailed. Please do offer your help to help keep our performances as professional as possible.

## We've achieved an Artsmark Gold Award!

I am pleased to say that our hard work in the arts has been recognised. Our Statement of Commitment and Statement of Impact were assessed and here is some of the feedback from the assessors: 'Supported by the staff team, senior leaders drive and develop arts and cultural teaching for all pupils across the school. For instance, your curriculum has moved from three units of enquiry to six units per year and so allowing greater coverage of studying different artists, designers, architects as well as creating more opportunities for creative writing and engaging with a more extensive range and number of songs in music. Governors too play an active role in leading and supporting the arts and it was great to read the arts are a standing agenda item at governors' meetings. The arts are drawn upon where possible to support and celebrate learning in other areas. For example using Stagecoach to deliver a special session during Anti-Bullying Week and performing a dance as part of the opening ceremony for the School's Sports Day. Collaborations with creative practitioners, school trips, theatre visits (including a behind the scenes of Oxford New Theatre), taking part in arts-based community projects such as The Ox Trail, The Christmas Big Sing and the Oxfordshire Schools Dance Festival offer children new and exciting arts learning experiences.'

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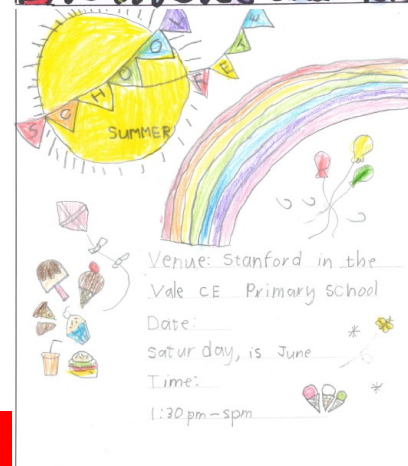
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## Summer Fete

Many thanks to everyone who designed a poster for the Summer Fete. The winners have been chosen and are—Emily, Connor, Merryn, Rosie and Bella.



## 100 Club Winners

April 100 Club Winners

- 1st Rokas Moss
- 2nd Mara Harja

## Support

During drop off and collection times, can I please remind you that smoking and vaping are not allowed in or around the school. Some parents and children have rightly complained to me as they do not wish to breath in fumes while coming in and out of the school.

I have also had emails and phone calls from some parents concerned about a dog that is being tied to the Millennium Green gate because it becomes very vocal and angry towards other dogs and which in turn worries some children and parents. Please can you not tie your dog to the Millennium Green gate if they are vocal or unfriendly to other dogs or children

We have had a few cases of headlice. Please can you check your child's hair on a weekly basis. Thank you. May I also remind you that all long hair should be tied back while in school.

Earrings. Recently some children have forgotten that earrings should only be studs in school. Thank you for your support in ensuring this is the case.

Forest School Helpers. We are looking for volunteer helpers to help with the running of Forest School on a Monday from 12.45 to 3.10pm or Wednesday from 12.45 to 3.10pm. You do not need a child at school to volunteer. Ideally we are looking for 3 volunteers per session. If you can help please speak to Mrs Finney or Ms Payne in the office.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

I wanted to inform you that Ms Mothersill has decided to leave Stanford in the Vale CE Primary. We wish her well for the future. Many thanks