



# Newsletter

Christian Value of the Month: **Respect**

Stanford in the Vale  
C of E Primary School

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Friday 5th May

## Easter Service

On Friday 7th April, we had a lovely Easter Service at St Deny's.

All the classes told a part of the story through words, drama and song. Foundation ended the service with a lovely 'Spring Chicken' song, which was then followed by a massive egg hunt at school because the Easter Bunny had arrived!

Many thanks to all the children and staff for a lovely service. Thank you to Mr Archer for running the sound. Many thanks to everyone who attended.



### Easter Egg Trail

Thank you very much to everyone who supported this event and completed the trail. We had 55 forms returned and made £175.00 for the school. The winning entry forms were from:

- 1st Liam (Yr 4) who won a tablet
- 2nd Jack (Yr 1) who won a laser quest pass
- 3rd Charlie (Yr 2) who won an Easter Egg



### Christian Value Ambassadors

Last month, our Christian Value was:

**HOPE**

The two children nominated as ambassadors were:

Charlie C in Buttercup Class

Nikita in Forget-me-not Class

This month's Christian Value is: **Respect**. We will be considering what respect means and how we show respect for God's creation, other people and God.

**Working Together,**



### Parental quotes from the recent questionnaire.

'Friendly, caring and supportive atmosphere.'

'Caring teachers and headmistress.'

'The sense of 'belonging' the children have'

'Amazing depth and wealth of extra-curriculum activities'

'Sense of community'

### Governor Minutes

Please find the latest minutes on the school website under Governors.

### Environmental Day

On Friday 12th May, classes are learning about protecting endangered species and the organisations that help do this important work. Every class will complete some artwork, work with Bassitry Arts Group and do a Big Tidy Up of an area in or around the school.

Please talk with your children about what 'endangered' means and what we can do to ensure we protect animals and plants.



**Achieving Together**

### Diary Dates:

**Saturday 6th May—Adult Disco 'Back to the 80's'** Please support this FOSS event. Tickets available from the school office.

**Week Beg. 8th May—SAT's Week** Good Luck Year 6

**Tuesday 9th May—Induction Evening for New Foundation Parents Sept. 2017—6.30pm** in the school hall

**Friday 12th May—Environmental Day—Protecting Endangered Species**

**Friday 12th May—FOSS Children's Disco** (info. sent)

**Friday 26th May—Sharing Assembly at 2.15pm** in the school hall

**Week Beg. 29th May—Half Term**

**Week Beg. 12th June—Healthy Eating Week**

**Friday 16th June—Fathers Day Service @ St. Denys' - 9.30am**

**Sunday 18th June—Bingo Race** (more info, to follow)

**Monday 19th June—Book Day based on The Wizard of Oz** (more info. to follow)

**Adult Disco—Back to the 80's** FOSS are organising an adult disco on Saturday 6th May in the school hall. Please come and support this event. Tickets are available from the school office at £10.00 a ticket. Doors open at 8pm and food is included in the price of the ticket. If you fancy dressing up that would be great too!

**FOSS 100 Club Winners****For April**

1st Claire Lewis  
 2nd Ruth Chester  
 3rd Bethany Turner

**Supporting FOSS**

As I am sure you are aware, school budgets are becoming tighter and tighter. This year that has become notably evident and for the first time since I have been headteacher, I have had to ask FOSS to raise £4000 to help support the school for general resources / IT. This is quite an ask for a group of volunteers so please support them in all the events they organise, either by attending, donating or helping.

**Chicken Helpers**

Please can you help look after the chickens over the next five months. Currently I have had one parent reply to my email. We need your support! Thank you.

**Warmer Weather**

Hopefully the warmer weather is coming! Please can I ask you to ensure your child comes in with a sun hat and sun cream applied on any warm days. Sunglasses can only be worn if they are for a medical reason as they could cause an injury.

**Parent Readers**

We would really benefit from some more parent readers. If you feel you could spare a couple of hours a week please speak to the relevant class teacher about a mutually convenient time.

# Sporting Events

On the 2nd May we took our qualifying teams to the Key Steps County Final held at Abingdon Gymnastic club, Berinsfield.

They all did very well and our years 5 & 6 (key step 3) team came a joint 2nd (Silver medal).

Our years 3 & 4 (key step 2) team sadly missed out on being placed but they all had a great competition.

The gymnasts worked really hard and gave lots. They all did their very best during the competitions and looked very smart. Thanks go to all the parents for their continued support and to Mr Hill for driving the mini bus.



On Tuesday 25th April, 16 children from Years 3 & 4 competed at the Red Tennis Tournament at King Alfred's West Site.

There were two groups of schools and 11 schools in total. Each round featured 8 matches, with two schools competing against each other.

Each team had a mixture of wins, losses and draws but the Year 3 team came 6 out of their group and the Year 4 team came 2nd in their group. A special mention must go to Rhys, who was unbeaten, winning 4/4 of his matches and Zach, who won 4/5 of his matches!

The team had lots of fun, demonstrated brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship.



# Book Club

Book Club shares hot chocolate, biscuits and books they have really enjoyed. Last term they read the six books shortlisted for the Blue Peter book award, three fiction and three, non-fiction. It's quite a challenge to read books you haven't chosen yourself.

The children voted for their winners. The non-fiction winner was *Survival* by David Long, and *Time Travelling with a Hamster* by Ross Welford was the fiction winner. Blue Peter gave the prizes to *Survival* and *Podkin One Ear* by Kieran Larwood, which is another great story. The children made posters to advertise these brilliant books and also wrote to the authors. All six books are currently in the year 4 class library.

Book Club is for anyone who likes hot chocolate and biscuits and wants to get ideas about what to read next.