



Newsletter April / May

Dates for Your Diary

- 3RD MAY—Year 5 Residential to Windmill Hill
- Year 4 Test Week
- 9TH MAY—Year 6 Test Week
- 13TH MAY—Year 6 River Trip
- 16TH MAY—Year 7 Tests
- 23RD MAY—Year 6 Residential to France
- 30TH MAY to 3RD JUNE Half Term
- 31ST MAY—Rock Challenge Portsmouth
- 8TH JUNE—Year 5 visit to Portsmouth Harbour
- 10TH JUNE—Year 7 group to Globe Theatre
- 13TH JUNE to 22ND JUNE Multi-cultural days
- 20TH JUNE—Tennis group to Wimbledon
- 28TH JUNE—Year 7 to Bodiam Castle
- 30TH JUNE—New Parents' Evening
- 1ST JULY—Sports Day
- 6TH JULY—Transfer Day
- 7TH & 8TH JULY—Rocky Monster Show!
- 8TH JULY—Reports Out
- 11TH JULY—Year 7 Residential to Devon
- 18TH - 20TH JULY - Year 4 Residential to Lodge Hill
- 20TH JULY—Last day of school and book prize assembly
- 21ST & 22ND JULY—School closed for Inset

Orchards has got talent...it's not fair!

If there is a better way to finish a term than the Arts Festival then I haven't seen it! 20 amazing acts who had fought their way through a rigorous audition process now had the opportunity to perform in front of 300 people and challenge for the prestigious shield. The night began with a surprise as the presenters comprised of ex-pupils who had previously graced the stage—it was great to see them and they clearly haven't lost the sparkle! It was an incredible evening and in the end the winner was Grace Bassett who was simply magnificent and a worthy name to add to

the luminaries already etched into history. My sincere thanks To Mrs Morgans-Mills for her amazing organization and to everybody who helped make this such a special night. The talent and teamwork required to make an event like this shone through and reflected the very best of The Orchards.

I've lost count of the times I've heard 'it's not fair' from children over the years but now all I'm hearing is it's not Fair Trade after Mrs McCarthy's global gateway group have taken the school and local press by storm with their awareness campaign. Well done to

everybody concerned and we hope to be recognised as a Fair Trade school by the time of the next newsletter.

We ended the term with our Awesome April week led by Mrs Miller, who has a real talent in this area, which has raised £3000 for our next Friends project—a year group set of computer notebooks. All of the children in the school, led by Ms Summerscales, undertook a Cookathon which produced yummy cookies as well as being great fun. The week finished with a whole school disco which was enjoyed by everyone and a wonderful term ended on a real high.

School Achievements in March / April

- * Our Gifted and Talented Year 5 pupils were 2nd place in the Worthing creative thinking event
- * Our Film Club were recognized in the top 10 of the whole country - the red carpet awaits
- * Our Year 7 Football team were joint League and Cup Winners
- * Our Year 5 Football team achieved a similar double
- * Our Year 7 Netball team won the Whole of Worthing league and came 3rd in the Sussex Finals
- * Our Dance group qualified for the National Finals in London after winning at Portsmouth
- * The school has maintained it's Dyslexia Friendly award

