

Stagecoach Jul/Aug Competition

Congratulations to **Ms S. Leahy** from Wootton, who has won a Stagecoach junior summer course (one week) at Stagecoach Oxford and **Ms J. Bilcliff** from Faringdon, who has won a similar course at Stagecoach Abingdon/Wantage.

Signing for babies

After a flying start earlier this year, Katie Lawton will be running her Tiny Talk signing classes for babies again this autumn. Here, babies learn to communicate before they can talk. Classes are held in Aston Upthorpe (nr Didcot) at RAF Benson (RAF personnel only) and at Warborough and are suitable from newborn to 2 years.

01491 835332 or 07919 464 755
www.tinytalk.co.uk

Support and Assistance for Mums-to-Be

Ever considered hiring a doula to assist you during labour and birth? Or for pre or post natal support? As a professional body, Doula UK supports independent postnatal and birth doulas and is run by a network of volunteers who are encouraged to undergo ongoing training and development. Only those who have completed an approved training course and a mentoring process, are allowed to claim 'recognised' doula status and Doula UK's web resource offers a free Find-a-Doula search facility. To find out more, go to www.doula.org.uk

Kids can be kids again

Danish-born Malene Stanley has used her experience as a mum of two to launch a brand-new website aimed at providing a unique range of t-shirts, dresses, trousers and tops for boys and girls.

Kids Should Be Kids has been set up to make it simple to purchase online; making life easier for time-poor but quality conscious parents. Malene picks up the story: "We have a tendency in the UK to dress kids like mini-adults. I would like to provide an alternative to crop-tops and logos." She continues: "Whenever I used to go back to Denmark, I made a beeline for the shops and brought lots of hip and trendy outfits for my two girls. Back in England, I found that parents were asking me where I had bought the clothes from and whether I would bring some back for them the next time I was out there. This got me thinking and the next thing you know I'm starting my own business."

www.kidshouldbekids.co.uk specialise in providing a range of clothes for babies and young children through to 10 years-old. There are plans to expand the service to include jackets and coats and a small selection of clothes for mothers. "That's not all", says Malene. "I'm a big fan of flexible working. As and when the company expands I would like to provide employment for mums and dads, who can plan their work around looking after their children."

07710 539464 www.kidshouldbekids.co.uk



NOTICEBOARD

17 September Start of Meningitis Awareness Week Freefone 24 hour helpline on 080 8800 3344 www.meningitis.org

26 September European Day of languages A Council of Europe initiative; held annually to celebrate language and cultural diversity. For events and activities see the events calendar on www.cilt.org.uk/edl

29 September 10am-12noon Nearly New Sale of baby and toddler clothes, toys, books and equipment at Chilton Village Hall. Entry by donation with profits to Chilton Toddler Group. Call Rachel Watson on 01235 834505

3 Nov 10am-12pm Nearly New Sale of baby/toddler/pre-school clothes, toys, books and equipment in Harwell Village Hall. Call Jane Woolley 01235 221030

Perform

Perform's drama, dance and singing weekly workshops are a fun-packed mix of confidence-building games, energetic dances and catchy songs exclusively for 4-8 year olds. For this autumn, they have organised themed

workshops and a dive down Under the Sea to a magical world full of ocean creatures and watery adventures. All interested children are entitled to a Free Trial Session. Classes are held in Thame and Watlington.

0845 4004021 www.perform.org.uk



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