**Weekly Newsletter Thursday 23rd March 2017**

Dear Parents,

**WWF’s Earth Hour 2017**

WWF’s Earth hour is an annual global celebration where people switch off their lights for 1 hour to show they care about the future of our planet. This event is taking place at 8:30pm on Saturday 25th March. For further details please go to <https://www.wwf.org.uk>

**Comic Relief**
Thank you for purchasing red noses and supporting Ruby and friends fundraising. Apologies to those who were not able to buy a red nose, they sold very quickly. Next time we will order lots more!

**KS2 Art Club**

KS2 Art Club was awarded 1st place in the collaborative artwork category at HYF Art Exhibition on Sunday. Erin, Ruby, Mary and Harriet attended the prize giving. The prize was a large quantity of chocolate and £10 to spend on materials at WH Smiths.

**Bingo Friday 31st March**

Mrs Lowe will be holding a fun session of bingo in the hall for children and parents on Friday 31st March. The first game will start at 3.30pm and entry is £2 payable on the door. Those who came last time really enjoyed themselves and you could win chocolate for Easter!

**Holiday Club @ Chiltern Edge**

The popular club offers a childcare solution for working parents of children aged 4 - 16, the chance to widen your child’s friendship group, or simply the opportunity for your child to enjoy some new and varied activities including cookery, dance and drama, fun science, forest fun, multi-sports, art and crafts. Monday – Friday, 8.30 am – 3.30 pm or 5.30 pm Easter 2017 Monday 10th April – Thursday 13th April Summer 2017 Monday 24th July – Friday 18th August 2017. Costs: Daily rate – 8.30 am – 3.30 pm, £30 Chill out session – 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm, £8

Please email theholidayclub@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk or contact the school on 0118 9721500 for an application form.

**On Your Bike Sunday 2nd April 2017**

Enter for our family bike ride by 9pm on 26th March for a chance to win a bike kindly donated by AW Cycles. Sign-up online visit [www.onyourbikesonningcommon.co.uk](http://www.onyourbikesonningcommon.co.uk/)

**Bag2School**

 The next Bag2School collection will be on Wednesday 29th March from the main gates on Grove Road at 9am. Your child/ren should have received the bags in their book bags this week but please be aware that any bags can be used.

 As a reminder, Bag2School collects good quality second hand adults and children`s clothing, shoes, handbags, soft toys and jewellery. Please note they no longer accept bedding, cushions, curtains and towels or school uniform.

All items collected are for **RE-USE.**  We receive £500 per tonne for school funds from the collection.  Any questions please contact Lisa Leigh.

**Happy News**Kites - This week we congratulate Lexi for being awarded a School Values Band. She kindly donated 20cm of her hair to the Princes Trust.

**Your Head teacher**

Mr Chris Hirst

**Dates for your Diary** (*new items and amendments in italics*)

**MARCH 2017**

Friday 24th Comic Relief

Saturday 25th Cross Country - 10am start. RAF Benson Run. Years 1-6

Monday 27th Assembly – On Your Bike Prize Draw

*Tuesday 28th 3:30pm Yr 5/6 Six a side Football Tournament in Didcot*

Wednesday 29th Bags2School

*Wednesday 29th 6:30pm Year 5 Italian Evening celebrating Mother’s Day*

Friday 31st Class Photos

*Friday 31st 3:15pm Bingo in hall*

**APRIL 2017**

Sunday 2nd On Your Bike

*Monday 3rd April 3:15 Year 4 New Barn meeting in Yr4 classroom*

Tuesday 4th Yr5 Chocolate Workshop

Wednesday 5th 5pm – 8pm Parent Consultations

*Thursday 6th KS1 Football Tournament at Kidmore End*

Thursday 6th 3:30pm – 6:30pm Parent Consultations

Friday 7th International Kids Yoga Day

Friday 7th School ends 1:15pm

Monday 24th Term 5 starts

*Thursday 27th Lu’s Owls visiting Kites & Year 1*

*Thursday 27th 6:30pm Poetry & Performance Evening*

***MAY 2017***

*Wednesday 3rd Year 4 travel to New Barn*

*Friday 5th Year 4 return from New Barn*

*Sunday 7th Junior Park Run – Woodley*

*Monday 8th SATs Week*

*Wednesday 10th Swimming Gala at the Oratory*

*Friday 12th Clover the Goat visiting Kites*

*Tuesday 16th Kites visiting Bucklebury Farm*

*Wed 17th to Fri 19th 3:15pm Book Fair in ICT suite or playground if weather permits*

*Monday 22nd 1:30pm Year 5/6 Swimming Gala at Gillotts*

*Tuesday 23rd 3:15pm Year 2 Cake Sale*

*Wednesday 24th Year 6 visiting Ewelme Park*

*Thursday 25th School Disco*

*Friday 26th 3:15pm End of Term 5*

***JUNE 2017***

*Monday 5th Term 6 starts*