**Weekly Newsletter Thursday 6th April 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Staff leavers**

It is with great sadness that we say good bye to two members of staff at the end of this term. Miss Amelia Sharp who works in Year 4, Breakfast and Afterschool club is moving to work in a school that closer to home and will also be her training school placement towards becoming a qualified teacher next year. We also say goodbye to Tim Proffitt-White our Forest School Leader who is leaving us to work full time for the Bushcraft organisation. We wish them both well in their new pathways and hope that the sun always shines wherever they are. Miss Sharp’s position will be filled until the end of July by Miss Betts and Mrs Honor and Mr Proffitt-White position will be filled until the end of July by Mrs Caroline Jones, who is also a qualified Forest School Leader.

**Watches**

We are aware that some children are coming to school with watches that are capable of taking pictures and going on the internet. On the grounds of keeping everyone safe and prevention is better than cure, please can this type of watch not be brought into school by your child, in the same way as cameras and mobile phones are also not allowed.

**Summer uniform**

I know that it sounds quite strange but open toed sandals are not suitable foot ware for school. Whilst the children are at school, they are also at work. The children run around playing with their friends and sandals do not have good grip, nor do they provide support for your feet and they do not provide protection for the toes. So, please ensure that your child does not wear open toed sandals to school for the summer.

**Preparation for Next term**

Please do not forget to keep your child reading every day as it should be enjoyable. The holidays always give the best opportunity to re-charge pencil cases with pencils and other stuff essential for your child to be organised and ready to learn.

**Glass Bottles**

A reminder that glass bottles should never be given to children to drink from at school.

**Bike and Scooter Sale**
The PTA will be holding a second hand bike and scooter sale on Sunday 7th May between 10 and 12 in the junior playground.  Here is your opportunity to avoid eBay seller fees and come along and sell your old bikes and scooters and maybe even pick up a 'new' one for your children at the same time!  All we ask that you do is turn up on the day with your bikes and scooters and stay with them until they are sold, or if not, take them away at the end of the morning.  We are not asking for a percentage of profits - you are welcome to keep it all but of course, if you would like to kindly donate some money to the PTA to go towards your children's education and facilities at school, we will be very grateful!
Please note, all bikes and scooters will be sold as seen - Sonning Common Primary School does not accept any responsibility for the quality sold.

**What makes a Village**
Sonning Common Magazine is thrilled to be hosting an evening talk about village life past and present, on Thursday 27th April in the Village Hall. The evening event, What Makes a Village, will be hosted by local author and former BBC Radio journalist Tom Fort. Tickets are £3, on sale at Occasions, Wood Lane, or via John Pearman on 0118 972 2381.

**Girls Cricket**

Kidmore End Cricket Club has a friendly girl's section which would love to welcome more players. Suitable for ages 7-12yrs. Training Tuesdays 6.15pm - 7.45pm and tournaments on five Sundays over the summer term. First session is on Tuesday 24 April at the KECC ground in The Hamlet, Gallowstree Common. Do come along and give it a try.

**Happy News**

Kites have had a fantastic time exploring a real pigs heart and lungs and seeing how they work. Thank you to Goring Butchers for the donation.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and a safe and relaxing break.

**Your Head teacher**

Mr Chris Hirst

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

**APRIL 2017**

Friday 7th International Kids Yoga Day

Friday 7th School ends 1:15pm

Monday 24th Term 5 starts

Wednesday 26th Year 5/6 7 a side Tag Rugby Tournament in Wallingford

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