**Weekly Newsletter – Thursday 13th July 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Key Stage 2 Results**

I am delighted with our end of Year 6 results which will be again be significantly above both local and national averages.

Reading               Writing                 Maths                   SPaG

Expected Standard           74%                      83%                      80%                      78%

Greater Depth                   47%                      20%                      47%

Scaled Score                      104.5                                                  104.9

Reading / Writing / Maths

Expected Standard           65%

**Staff Leavers**

It is inevitable within a large school that there will always be staff leaving at the end of the year and always for a variety of reasons. It must also be stated that it is a testament to Sonning Common Primary, that some staff decide to stay for most of their careers and working lives. This year we have: Mrs Jill Pound who is retiring after working at Sonning Common Primary for 28 years, Mrs Wendy Stowell who is retiring after 27 years, Mrs Gill McGowan who is leaving after 9 years to pursue other interests, Miss Alex Durand who is leaving after 5 years to develop her career working in St Andrews’s School Pangbourne, Mrs Casserley will be going on maternity leave and hopes to be back sometime next year, Mrs Jennifer Munton is leaving after 2 years to pursue other business interests. In addition Mrs Jane Hobby, Miss Stephanie Lunn will be leaving us after 1 year having decided to use the experience gained throughout this year to develop their careers as a whole. Miss Clark will have completed the terms of her contract and will be joining St Richard’s School Worcestershire. Mrs Merryn Kayani has been a valuable addition to staff in Year 6 during the past year, but is leaving to pursue other interests and Mrs Vivian Woods our swimming teacher on a Monday afternoon is leaving due to other commitments.

We thank all of the above for their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to Sonning Common Primary during their time here and wish them all well for what is in store for the next chapter in their life.

We would like to reassure you that we have been proactive in our appointments and have employed Miss Hayley Hine and Miss Laura Wood who are both experienced teachers and have also appointed Miss Helen Such into her first teaching post. We are also delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Michelle Howey, Miss Jolene Cherowbrier, Miss Mia Edwards and Mr Matthew Bagley. We are fully staffed for next year.

**Breakfast Club and After-School-Club**

We are rising our charges for Breakfast and After School Club with effect from the first of September. Breakfast Club will rise to £4.50 per session and After School Club will rise to £9.50 and £11.00 if your child will be staying until 6:00pm. Breakfast club will now be open from 7:30am. Our rates still present excellent value for money with cereal, toast, yoghurt or fruit for breakfast and a cooked meal, main course and pudding, with salad and fruit served at our After School Club. We have done our research, our Wrap-around provision is second to none and exceeds what most other schools provide and it is cheaper. Booking forms for next term are in reception and on our website. Should you have any queries regarding either club please contact Mrs Matthews, B/F & ASC Manager, in the school office.

**Quik Cricket Tournament**

On Tuesday 4th July Mr Andrews took a year 5/6 Kwik Cricket Squad to Gillotts for a tournament. The team played really well, winning two out of their four matches and losing the other two very narrowly. The team was Lucas T, Ed H-K, Noah B, Max H, Ben A, Freya C, Grace B, James M, Ian J and Henry W.

**Year 3/4 Tennis County Finals**

On Thursday 6th July Mr Andrews took the year 3/4 tennis team to Abingdon for the County Finals. The children were excellent, qualifying from their group to meet Whitchurch in the semi finals. A narrow 5-3 defeat meant we were in the 3rd/4th Place Play off final against Long Furlong, who had won our group earlier in the competition. A 5-3 win saw us finish 3rd overall and each child gain a medal! This means that, for the year 3/4 age category, we have the 3rd best tennis team in the county, which is an excellent achievement! Many thanks must also go to Mrs Cook and Mr Staples for driving the children there and back. The team was: Joe A, Henry C, Devon S, Oskar G, Sophie W, Millie B, Nina G and Ruby C.

**Year 3/4 Quad Kids County Finals**

On Friday 7th July Mr Andrews took the year 3/4 Quad Kids team to Tilsley Park in Abingdon for the County Final. After lots of sprinting, distance running, throwing and long jumping, we managed to finish 4th in the county, which is a fantastic achievement! Many thanks to the parents who were able to transport the children there and back, and thank you to the children who showed great commitment on their day off! The team was: Tommy H, Louie S, Devon S, Rory C, Charlie A, Kimberley E, Erin R, Sophie V, Sophie N and Charlotte A.

**21st July at 1.30 pm on the school field.**
MumCamp will be holding a sweaty sweets sports day on Friday the 21st of July at after school at 1.30pm on the school field. There will be fun races and lots of sweets. Please come along and show your support for the school. It will be £10 per family, all the money will go straight to the office. Thanks for your support, will look forward to seeing you there. ***Vanessa Stowell***
**Your Head teacher**

Mr Chris Hirst

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

**JULY 2017**

Friday 14th                            3:15pm Year 1 Cake Sale

Year 6 Play 1:45pm and 6:30pm (please no more than 2 adults per child to attend the evening performance)

Wednesday 19th                 Children meet their new teacher and class

 Year 6 Leavers’ Ceremony 6 – 8pm

Tuesday 18th 4-5pm Jazz Club performance to parents under the oak tree

Wednesday 19th 6-8pm Year 6 Leavers Ceremony

Thursday 20th 9:15am Kites sing to parents

Friday 21st                           Term 6 ends 1:15pm

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

Tuesday 5th Inset Day

Wednesday 6th Term 1 starts