**Weekly Newsletter – Thursday 22nd June 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Sports Day Tuesday 27th June**

KS2 Sports day will start at about 9.15am. KS1 sports day will start at 1:30pm. Parents attending either event are requested to sit on the left side of the TOP field towards the hedge (children will sit on the side nearest to the Courts). There will be limited seating on school benches for parents so we would encourage you to bring your own chairs. This year we have put the track on the top field, with field events taking place in Dobinsons Paddock. Pease can we remind you not to cross the track to be with your child and not to bring food into school for your child during the event.

Kites will be selling ice lollies costing 50p after the KS1 event. Let’s hope for good weather – in the event of inclement weather, we will take a decision on cancellation by 8.30am and communicate this by text or email. The reserve day is Wednesday 28th June.

**Tennis Tournament**

On Tuesday 20th June Mrs Archibald took 4 children from year 5 and 6 to the next round of the tennis tournament at Peppard Tennis Club. Despite playing really well, the team came 4th and narrowly missed out on a place in the finals.

The team was Sam A, Zoe B, Siro V-B and Grace B.

On Wednesday, Mrs Archibald, Mr Andrews, Mr Foley and Miss Betts took 8 children from year 3 and 4 to the next round of their tennis tournament at the same venue. All children played really well in some very competitive matches, finishing 2nd overall and qualifying for the finals in July.

The team was Henry C, Devon S, Joe A, Oskar G, Sophie N, Chloe G, Nina G and Sophie W.

A big thank you to Mrs Archibald for driving to and helping to supervise at both events, and thank you to Mr Staples who also helped with the transport!

**Year 5 Claim Cricket Title!**

It was a pleasure to take a fairly raw group of Year Five cricketers to the annual Oratory Cricket Tournament this afternoon.

This is one of the bigger events in the area and usually draws a good number of primary school teams – often with established Club players.

Our team of Lucas T, Joe W, Joe M, Ben A, Sam A, Max H, Edward H-K and Will J did not all count themselves as regular cricketers, and indeed were not necessarily amongst the best individuals, but as a team they proved themselves unbeatable and with a 100% record lifted the trophy! Huge credit is due to them all, and to see them bond so well with each other, encourage each other unquestioningly, and reap the rewards was very satisfying. It is fair to make special mention only of Lucas who captained the team with great style and focus – but everyone played their part.

With many thanks to parents for transport and support. ***Dr Loader***

**Family Fun Friday Quiz**
Mr Andrews and Mr Foley are hosting a family quiz from 6pm on Friday 30th June in the hall. Are you up for the challenge?! Get together a team of 6 people that must be made up of one to two adults and four to five children. Entry is £12 per team payable on the day. Soft drinks and snacks will be available.
To reserve a place contact Mr Foley at dfoley@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk with the name of your team and the people in it. Places will be limited. Good luck!

**Young Person’s Short Story Competition**

Are you the next J.K Rowling or Jacqueline Wilson? Got a great story in your head, or had a real life adventure, then put pen to paper! Friends of Sonning Common Library invite aspiring young authors to take part in a short story competition on a topic of your choice. Competition opens June 1st so get writing during the summer holidays and submit your story by September 1st 2017. Winners will be announced Saturday 14th October. Further information can be found by visiting the FoSCL website [www.friendspfsonningcommonlibrary.org.uk](http://www.friendspfsonningcommonlibrary.org.uk)

**Henley Regatta Cruise**

If you want to experience the magic of Saturday night (1st July) at the Henley Regatta, what better way to do that than to cruise up and down the Thames on the Caversham Princess, enjoying a drink, listening or dancing to a top live band, and watching the fireworks from the best vantage point on the river.  Boat departs 8.00pm from the River and Rowing Museum, returning at midnight.  Tickets £40 from the band (Dr Loader).

**Little Big Shots Casting NOW!**

Little Big Shots is hosted by Dawn French. The first series peaked with over 5 million viewers and we are delighted to be back shining the spotlight on more amazing kids.

The programme simply celebrates young talent and funny, entertaining children – from teeny tap dancers to dinosaur experts, from viral superstars to acrobats, impressionists to comedians, from superb singers to Rubik’s Cube speed champions, mathematicians to sensational spellers. It is not a competition or game show. Whether individuals, duos or groups of youngsters, the only rule is that the child is between the ages of 3 and 13.

They are looking for performers and skills of all kinds and would love to know if you think there might be someone in your school that knows a potential Little Big Shot!

The direct link to our applications page is: <https://www.walltowall.co.uk/casting/little-big-shots_1019.aspx>

YouTube channel has clips from the first series and the link can be found below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0SFwkGlQonlP69Lb9Gdb-w>

**Dinner Money – loose change**

Please could we ask you not to send your children to school with loose dinner money change. The money needs to be sent in a labelled envelope and put in the black letter box outside the school office rather than being taken into class.

**Kites Kitchen**

Tuesday 27th June Special Sports Day menu

Pizza Slice with Wedges

Corn on the Cob, Cucumber Sticks

Sporty Iced Biscuit

**Your Head teacher**

Mr Chris Hirst

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

**JUNE 2017**

Monday 26th                      Year 6 Bell Boating

Tuesday 27th                       Sports Day am KS2 pm KS1

                                              Kites Lolly Sale

Thursday 29th Year 6 Highdown Transition Day

**JULY 2017**

Tuesday 4th                         3:15pm Half Price Book Fair

Wednesday 5th                   Chiltern Edge Year 6 Transition Day

                                                Kites Sept 2017 intake - Open Afternoon 2-3pm

                                                3:15pm Half Price Book Fair

Thursday 6th                        Year 4 Visiting Reading University – Roman Day

                                                Chiltern Edge Year 6 Transition Day

                                                Kites Sept 2017 intake - Open Afternoon 2-3pm

Friday 7th                             INSET DAY – Staff only in school

Thursday 13th                     The Story Museum for Years 3 & 4

                                                Year 1 visiting Greys Court

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

Friday 21st                           Term 6 ends 1:15pm