**Weekly Newsletter – Thursday 5th October 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Harvest Festival**

Well done to Year 1 staff and pupils for producing such a lovely Harvest Assembly which they performed to the whole school, and then again to parents, on Friday. Handa’s Surprise was this year’s inspiration and there were definitely some aspiring actors and dancers on show! Thank you to all the parents who generously donated towards Reading Food Bank.

**Grandparents’ Week**

We are looking forward to welcoming our Grandparents into school in week 7. This year for Grandparents' Week we are going to share games that can be played using paper and a pencil. Each afternoon the activities will start at 1.45pm. We have allocated a day to each team in order to even out numbers, although this is not rigid. Please do not feel that they are not allowed to attend on the 'wrong' day. There is no need to book.

Tuesday 17th October - Grasshoppers

Wednesday 18th October - Ladybirds

Thursday 19th October - Wasps

Friday 20th October – Butterflies

**Sumdog UK National Maths Contest**

Sumdog's UK National Maths Contest is almost here! It starts tomorrow at 8am, and finishes at 8pm on October 12th.

Here are some things to keep in mind during the contest:

* Students can play at any time.
* For the score to count, the UK National Maths Contest activity must be showing in the green panel on the left of the student's screen when they click to start each game.
* Their scores are based on correct answers.
* A class's score is the average of the scores from all students from that class who take part.
* To appear on the leaderboard, at least 10 students from a class need to play.
* As some students have limited computer access, every student is limited to 1000 contest questions. However, their free logins let them keep playing other activities afterwards.

**PTA Wine Tasting Event**

When: 7.30pm Friday 3rd Nov 2017

Where: SCPS school hall
Price: £15 per ticket to include welcome drink, tasting 8 wines with accompanying cheese and biscuits.  There will be a cash bar for other drinks. The wine tasting event will be hosted by a Waitrose wine buyer and there will be a food and wine matching quiz to go along with the wine tasting. Nothing too competitive but it adds a bit of excitement to the evening!

Please put requests for tickets, with payment and contact details, in the PTA box at reception and your tickets will be emailed to you.  Alternatively, tickets can be purchased after school on Friday 6th October in the playground.

**Diary Dates**

Please see below dates for your diary up to the end of December 2017.

**Your Head teacher**

Mr Chris Hirst

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (*Amendments and new dates in italics*)**

**OCTOBER 2017**

Friday 6th 2:30pm Harvest Festival assembly for Year 1 parents

 Year 6 return from Woodlands

Saturday 7th 10am Cross Country at Chiltern Edge

Tuesday 10th Whole school photo

 2– 3pm Open Day

Wednesday 11th Year 4 Lego Challenge

 Flu injections for Kites, Year 1 2, 3 & 4

Thursday 12th 9:30 – 10:30am Open Day

Friday 13th Year 3 Zoolab

 ***Science Oxford giving plant talk to Years 3&4***

Tuesday 16th  to Fri 20th 2pm Grandparents Week

Thursday 19th 4:15pm – 5:45pm KS1 Disco

 6pm – 7:30pm KS2 Disco

Friday 20th 3:15pm End of Term 1

**Monday 30th Start of Term 2**

**NOVEMBER 2017**

Friday 3rd Planetarium for years 1, 2, & 6

Saturday 4th 10am Cross Country

Wednesday 8th 3:15pm – 6pm Family photos – 15min appointments

Wednesday 15th Young Shakespeare for Years 5 & 6

Friday 17th Children In Need

Wednesday 22nd 3:15pm Christmas Book Fair

Thursday 23rd 3:15pm Christmas Book Fair

Friday 24th 3:15pm Christmas Book Fair

 Non Uniform Day

Saturday 25th 12noon – 3pm Christmas Fair

Thursday 30th Pantomime for the whole school

**DECEMBER 2017**

Friday 1stChristingle for KS1

Saturday 2nd 10am Cross Country

Tuesday 5th Victorian Christmas – Year 5

Thursday 7th 4:30 – 7:30pm Parent Consultations

Friday 8th INSET DAY – Parent Consultations 8am – 1pm

Monday 11th Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 12th 2pm Years 1 & 2 Nativity Play for parents

Wednesday 13th 9:30am Years 1 & 2 Nativity Play for parents

Thursday 14th 2:30pm Kites sing to parents

 6 – 7pm Carol Concert in the KS2 playground

Friday 15th Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th Term 2 ends at 1:15pm