**Weekly Newsletter – Thursday 23rd November 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Health and safety**

It’s important to take personal safety seriously and a few simple precautions can help lower your chances of becoming a victim of crime.

Public places

When out and about you should:

        stick to busy, well-lit areas, look self-confident and walk with purpose

        consider places of safety along your route, such as a friend’s house or shops, where you could seek help if necessary

        keep your purse, wallet, money and valuables out of sight

        keep bags closed, zipped and buckled

        avoid walking and talking on your mobile phone

        wear your bag across your chest, so that it can’t be pulled from your shoulder

        never leave bags unattended

        carry only the amount of money that you need

If someone tries to take something from you, let them have it. Don’t put yourself at risk of being hurt by trying to hold on to it. Throw the item on the ground in front of you, run away and shout loudly to draw attention to what is happening.

If you think you’re being followed, cross over the road to see if they follow you. If you’re still worried, don’t wait around. Go into a pub, shop or other busy public place. Call a friend to meet you there and report it to the police.

**Year 5 Maths Challenge**

On Tuesday 21st November, four year 5 children attended a maths challenge at Rupert House School in Henley. The children spent the afternoon working in pairs to tackle tricky mathematical challenges; with an emphasis on problem solving and logical thinking.

The children involved were Nina G and Emily W (who came joint second) and Oliver H and Ben W who took the overall win!! They represented the school wonderfully and it was a pleasure to accompany them to this event.

**Year 3/4 Boys’ Indoor Football**

Cranford House 1-8 Sonning Common

On Monday a year 3/4 boys’ football team travelled to Cranford House to play a friendly. We started very well and raced into a 3-0 lead, Will H-K scoring twice and Tommy scoring the third. Before we knew it we were 5-0 up, with another goal from Will and one from Matthew. Will H-K scored another two either side of Cranford House pulling a goal back, before Ernie N rounded off the scoring just before the end.

An excellent performance!

The team was: Will H-K, Ernie N, Tommy H, Matthew B, Oskar G, William S, Cian I, James H, and Alfie D.

**Y6 Carslaw Cup Football**

Stanford-in-the-Vale 2-6 Sonning Common

On Wednesday the Year 6 football team made the long trip to Stanford-in-the-Vale for our second Carslaw Cup match. After a fairly even start, Stanford broke the deadlock with a close range finish. We equalised after a good run and cross from Lucas found Joe M to tap in at the back post. We were soon 2-1 up after a good finish from Lucas. Stanford then forced home and equaliser before another goal from Joe M saw us go in 3-2 up at half time. We came out for the second half and immediately extended our lead with a great header from Joe M to complete his hat trick. With Stanford beginning to tire, we kept going forward and further goals followed from Lucas and Louie to round off the scoring. Another excellent performance and we continue our 100% start to our cup fixtures.

The team was: Freddie S, Joe W, Will J, Ben A, Rory C, Louie S, Max H, Lucas T, Joe M, Kaspar G, Tyler O’B and Leyton E.

**Happy News!**

**Kites -** Christmas is coming! Our hoops are made and  up in the hall. We are looking forward to meeting Father Christmas at the fair on Saturday.

**Year 6 -** Mr Poole and Mr Coates joined forces this week in Big Maths and created some maths board games together. We had lots of fun and it made everyone happy!

**Kites Kitchen**

The theme for Thursday 30th November is Thanksgiving!

**Turkey Burger**

**or Macaroni Cheese**

**Swirly Potatoes**

**Corn on the Cob/Broccoli**

**Pumpkin Pie**

Your head teacher,

Mr Chris Hirst

**Diary Dates**

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

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

**NOVEMBER 2017**

Friday 24th                                           3:15pm Christmas Book Fair

                                                                Non Uniform Day

Saturday 25th                                      12noon – 3pm Christmas Fair

*Monday 27th NO AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB*

Thursday 30th                                     Pantomime for the whole school

**DECEMBER 2017**

Friday 1stChristingle for KS1

Saturday 2nd                                       10am Cross Country at Chiltern Edge, Years 1-6

*Monday 4th NO AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB*

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