**Weekly Newsletter – Thursday 30th November 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Health and safety**

The weather is currently very cold so please ensure that your child brings long bottoms and possibly a hat, gloves and thermals for their outdoor PE lessons. Please note that children need a fleece or top to go over their PE t-shirts because we do not want them doing PE in their normal sweatshirt as then they have nothing to change back into after the lesson.

**Charity**

This year our chosen charity for the Christmas period is Shelter Box – school boxes. Each box has enough material in there for 60 children to continue their learning in areas of devastation.

**Carol Concert**

Please join us for our annual Carol Concert – on the playground at 6.00pm, on Thursday 14th December. If possible please have your children with their class teacher by 5.50pm. Please bring a torch, and enjoy the PTA’s offer of mince pies and mulled wine to accompany the singing. The various year groups will perform their own songs, and there will also be community carols for us all to join in with. It will be great to see you all there.

**Year 5/6 Girls’ 7 a side Football League**

Sonning Common 1-4 The Manor Prep

On Thursday 30th November, the Sonning Common year 5/6 girls’ put in a fantastic effort but not prevent a defeat by The Manor Prep School. Millie scored a tap in after great work from Alice to put us 1-0 up, before our opponents equalised to send us in 1-1 at half time. Despite a superb second half effort, we just could not find the goal we needed to put us on front, and three strikes from The Manor Prep sent us to a harsh 4-1 defeat. A determined performance from all of the girls, but unfortunately an unlucky result. We go again next time!

The team was: Amelia S, Neve B, Alicia B, Kimberley E, Alice K, Gemma P, Millie B, Anna W, Maddie M and Sophie V.

**Lost Property**

If your child has lost anything, please have a look in the green box in the cycle shed and in a couple of boxes in the KS2 corridor, they are currently overflowing!!

**Happy News!**

Year 3: Well done to Missy S and Lucy H who looked after our VIP at the Christmas Fair. The girls visited Father Christmas and afterwards decided that he might be hungry. They bought him a mince pie and queued up all over again to give the treat to him. I am sure that it was very much appreciated!

Year 5: Miss Worlock’s Maths group have been comparing and ordering decimals, with money in mind. Not only that, they revised measuring with a protractor today and were fabulous at measuring with a 360 protractor- it did help that we were measuring part of a pancake, cutting pieces out and gobbling it up!

KS1 and Year 6: We enjoyed a great start to our Christmas on Friday with the Christingle service. There is a short video of the highlights on the school website

Whole school: We had a very enjoyable Thursday morning watching the panto Beauty and the Beast at Chiltern Edge and being asked to make a lot of noise! Thank you to the parents who helped us walk safely there and back.

**Christmas Jumper Day Friday 15th December**

In exchange for £1 children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 15th December. All money raised will go to Save the Children.

**Christmas Bingo Friday 15th December**

Come wearing your Christmas jumpers and join Mrs Lowe in the hall at 3.30pm for a fun Christmas bingo session. Entry is £3 for 5 games payable on the door. All welcome with an adult. Sweet prizes to be won!

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**

**DECEMBER 2017**

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

Monday 4th NO AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

Tuesday 5th                                         Victorian Christmas – Year 5

*Year 2 & Year 6 Science Oxford*

*3:30 Performance Club – Extra session*

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

*4pm Jazz Club Performance on Compute suite*

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

*Christmas Lunch*

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

**JANUARY 2018**

*Thursday 4th January Term 3 starts*