**Weekly Newsletter – Thursday 14th December 2017**

Dear Parents,

**‘Elf and safety**

In the run up to Christmas this year please take care when placing your stockings close to lit fires; avoid leaving overly large amounts of alcohol for the Big Man and do check that your roof top is clear of debris (this can sometimes cause problems at take-off). Let’s make this a safe Christmas for all this year!!!

**ShelterBox Collection**

We are delighted to let you know that so far we have raised £489.41 for ShelterBox. We are currently running a staff raffle, once the proceeds have been added we will let you know the final amount raised. Thank you for your generosity.

**Carol Concert**

Thank you to all who came back at 6pm yesterday bracing the freezing temperatures to sing and have some fun listening to the children sing. I am sure that when you left to go home, you felt a little warmer inside. Thank you to the PTA for organising the mulled wine and to Kites Kitchen for the mince pies.

**Duracell Batteries**

If you are wondering why your child has come home today with a Duracell Battery box, it is quite simple. Our Eco-Council are working with Duracell to ensure that no batteries go into the bin and then landfill. Batteries into landfill is just like putting poisonous chemicals straight into the ground. As the batteries breakdown, their chemicals seep into the ground and then the ground water, which has to then be carefully separated at water treatment plants. Let’s all work together to prevent this from happening at all.

On the bottom of the boxes there is a safety message for parents. When you box is full, bring it in to school. We will be recycling AAA, AA, C and D types only.

**Eco-Council**

Our Eco-Council are holding a Photography Competition for all of the pupils in school who wish to take part. The theme of the competition is Andy Goldsworthy-style of nature pictures recorded in photographs. The link attached here, will give you some good ideas as a starting point. The closing date for the competition will be Wednesday 31stJanuary 2018. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zh4wmp3> we hope that your child will enter. Please send your entries to head.2506@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

**Marks and Spencer Your School Uniform Free Delivery Promotion!**

From 24th December 2017 to 13th January 2018 (inclusive) we will be offering free delivery on all Marks and Spencer Your School Uniform orders.

Furthermore, anyone who places an order will receive a unique code that will be sent via email (once the order has been processed). When used at checkout on M&[S.com](http://s.com/), this will give free delivery also on any products in the M&S kidswear range over the same period.

Please note this code may be used once only and is exclusive to customers of schools who use the M&S Your School Uniform Service

**Carol Service**

There will be a family friendly Carol Service at Sonning Common Free Church, corner of Grove Road and Peppard Road, at 4:30 on Sunday afternoon, 17 December. All are warmly welcome, and seasonal refreshments will be served.

**Santa Run**

The whole school wil be participating in a fun run around the grounds on Monday 18th December. Please remember to send your child in with their PE kit, trainers and a spare pair of socks as they are likely to get a little wet and muddy!

Your head teacher,

Mr Chris Hirst

**Diary Dates**

Please see below dates for your diary.

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

**DECEMBER 2017**

Tuesday 19th                                       Term 2 ends at 1:15pm

**JANUARY 2018**

Thursday 4th January Term 3 starts

*Monday 8th After School JNR Girls Football starts*

*Wednesday 10th Judo starts*

 *After school JNR Football starts*

Thursday 11thYoung Voices

 *After school Rollerskiing starts*

Friday 12th *After school JNR Rounders starts*

 *After school JNR Games starts*

Wednesday 17th to Fri 19th Book Fair – Buy one, choose one free for class

Thursday 25th Weighing and Measuring – Kites and Year 6

Monday 29th Swimming Gala at Oratory

Tuesday 30th Eco Council trip to WWF Living Planet Centre - CANCELLED

***FEBRUARY 2018***

*Thursday 8th 4:15pm – 5:45pm KS1 Disco*

 *6pm – 7:30pm KS2 Disco*

*Friday 9th 3:15pm Term 3 ends*

*Monday 19th Term 4 starts*

*Saturday 24th 9:45am Cross Country at Chiltern Edge*

***MARCH 2018***

*Tuesday 6th 8:15am Donuts for Dad’s*

*Thursday 8th Class Photos*

*Thursday 15th Year 3/4 Swimming Gala*

*Thursday 29th Term 4 ends 1:15pm*