**Weekly Newsletter – Thursday 19th October 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Farewell**

After 18 years, we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Steele. We thank her everything she has done for us and we wish her well for the future.

**Grandparents Week**

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many grandparents to school this week. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and a heartfelt thank you for your generous donations which raised £328.84!!

**Keeping our pupils safe and healthy**

As the Halloween evening approaches this is the guidance given by Thames Valley Police:

If you don’t know who is calling at your door, you don’t have to answer it.

Look through a spyhole or window before opening the door if you’re unsure, and have your door chain in place if you do answer. If you feel threatened in your home, call 999.

If you don’t want trick or treaters to knock at your door, you can put up a ‘no trick or treaters’ sign and close your curtains.

If you are part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, let your coordinator know that you will be on your own at Halloween. As a coordinator, you should identify people in your scheme that may be vulnerable and offer them reassurance.

If your child is going out trick or treating, make sure they:

        go out in a group and are accompanied by an adult

        have a route planned and agree on a time they will be home

        are respectful of other people’s property

        have their mobile phone and a torch

        are careful when crossing roads

        know not to talk to strangers on the street or accept lifts

        know not to go inside anyone's house

**Friends of Sonning Common Library Short Story**

We are delighted to announce the results of the Library competition. A wonderful story written by Alice K entitled the Magic Book won the 11 years and under competition with Amelie C coming runner up and Erin Renshaw being awarded a certificate of achievement.

**Children in Need**

August, Charley, Harriet and Alicia from Year 6 had a joint birthday party last weekend and invited all of the children from  year 6.  The girls decided that they would prefer for guests to donate to the chosen charity 'Children in Need' rather than bringing gifts.  With the aid of very generous children and parents, the girls have managed to raise a staggering £604.80 to put towards the schools collection for Children in Need.  We are incredibly proud of their maturity and kindness.

**Year 5/6 Football Tournament at Rotherfield: Boys**

On Tuesday 17th October a team of year 5/6 boys played in a 7 a side football tournament held at Rotherfield United FC. Having won this tournament last year, we were keen to defend our title and keep the trophy. Our first match was against Shiplake, where we raced into a 2-0 lead thanks to two goals from Joe M. Shiplake quickly bought the score back to 2-2 before Leyton E scored to put as 3-2 up, soon followed by a goal from Tyler O’B to make the game safe at 4-2. We then went on to beat Peppard 3-0, with Leyton, Tyler and Joe M all scoring a goal each. Going into our final match against Kidmore End, we knew a win would make us champions for the second year running. Lucas T scored a long range effort to make it 1-0, before a quick thinking Tyler made it 2-0. Kidmore End pulled a goal back and were denied a late equaliser by a fantastic Charlie A save. Three great performances, three great results and we get to keep our trophy!

**Year 5/6 Football Tournament at Rotherfield: Girls**

The girls took part in the same tournament, opening their fixtures with a 4-2 win over Shiplake. Alice K began the scoring with a superb volley before Millie B scored the first of her hat tricks. Her next hat trick came against Peppard, where she scored all five goals in a 5-0 win. Like the boys, the girls knew a win against Kidmore End would make them champions for the first time. Maddie M opened the scoring after a fantastic run and finish, before Millie scored the next two including one straight from a corner. This superb football season for the girls continues as they too were crowned champions!

The teams were:

Boys: Leyton E, Rory C, Will J, Lucas T, Max H, Louie S, Ben A, Tyler O’B, Charlie A and Joe M.

Girls: Amelia S, Neve B, Sophie V, Gemma P, Kimberley E, Alice K, Millie B, Charley L and Maddie M.

Special thanks to Mrs Matthews for helping to sort the letters at such short notice and to Miss Betts for coming along to coach the girls’ team!

**Christmas Music Workshop**

Following the success of our Summer Music Workshops we are running a 3 day Christmas Music Workshop from 20 to 22 December 2017, 10am to 3pm at Grace Church,119 Peppard Road, Emmer Green, Reading  The Workshop will be packed with Christmas fun and Christmas music, where we will learn to sing, perform, play an instrument and discover music theory.  It will be a brilliant build-up to Christmas, with a performance on the last day. The cost of the workshop will be £90 for the three days and there is a 10% sibling discount.  We are expecting the places to go very quickly for this workshop and so please visit [www.berkshireschoolofmusic.co.uk/events](http://www.berkshireschoolofmusic.co.uk/events) to complete our online booking form or call 07831 861332 if you have any questions.  We look forward to seeing you.

Your head teacher,

Mr Chris Hirst

**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 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