**Weekly Newsletter – Thursday 11th January 2018**

Dear Parents,

**Health and Safety**

If your child has a mobile phone, maybe this weekend is a good time for you to have a chat about how they use it, where and when. The attached poster gives some areas of concern from the Children’s commissioner about e-safety and keeping children safe on line.

**Manners Matter**

We always encourage the children to use good manners at school and we thought you should be aware of what we are doing. If we all encourage the children to have good manners then we are helping them prepare for their futures. We have started by reminding them to be responsible for their own belongings and by carrying their bags to and from school. We are also hoping that they will also then remember what they need to bring and when. Please help your child to do this by, reminding them what to bring and when and or putting a poster on the front door as a reminder of what to bring to school and on what day.

Thank you for your continued support and be reassured your children are lovely and this is only a gentle reminder for the few who still need to be reminded. Those who already do, are being rewarded for their efforts.

We are also continuing to challenge pupils to do Acts of Random Kindness. This is where pupils perform an act of kindness without being prompted. We are hoping that this will become infectious.

**Attendance**

We have been informed by the local authority that they are now taking referrals for pupils who have taken unauthorised holiday or who have excessive absences from school. This could result in a fix penalty notice and a fine.

**New PE tshirts**

We have decided to update our PE kit to give a technical tshirt which should dry more quickly. Sample sizes should come next week for you to have a look at. The closing date for this first order will be Wednesday 31st January and the tshirts will be delivered to your child early in Term 4. Thereafter orders will be through the PTA box as these tshirts will not be available through Marks and Spencers.

**Lost Property**

The lost property boxes are now overflowing. Any property which is not claimed will be disposed of next Friday, 19th January. All School uniform will be given to the PTA and the rest will be sent to charity shop.

**Book Fair Dates**

Due to staffing issues in the library Book Fair dates have had to be changed to **Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th January.** The ‘Buy one, get one free for your class’ fair will to be held in the playground after school – unless it’s wet!

**Cake sale Friday 19th January 3.15pm**

There will be a cake sale in the junior playgroup at 3.15 on Friday 19th January. Money raise will be used to purchase Numicon for a school in Cambodia.

**Kites Happy News**

We have enjoyed learning about snow and Arctic animals. It would have been nice if our wish for real snow had come true!

**Year 4 Happy News**

Some of Miss Such’s class did Forest Camp in the rain today and enjoyed hot chocolate and popcorn which they made in a sieve.

**Year 6 Happy News**

The Year 6s have worked really hard this week with Maths and Reading assessments. There have been huge improvements in some areas and we are impressed with the positive attitude you have shown to your own learning. Well done to those in Glee who visited Abbeycrest on Friday afternoon to entertain the residents with your lovely singing!

**Swimming Lessons**

We currently have spaces in some of our swimming lessons. Please contact Liz Sealey on  07842 210419 or email swimming@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

**Piano Lessons**

There are a few places available for immediate start. Please contact Sandy if your child is interested.

email: [hubble2@mail.com](mailto:hubble2@mail.com)

**JNR Coaching**

There are still places available after school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. To reserve a place at any JNR Coaching clubs, please complete the online form by copying the following link: [**https://www.launchcloud.com/u/HXQz**](https://www.launchcloud.com/u/HXQz)

For further information please call JNR Coaching on 0118 328 2009. For availability and booking enquiries or you can email [*info@jnrcoaching.co.uk*](mailto:info@jnrcoaching.co.uk)

**PTA AGM**

Thursday 18th January at 7.45 in the ICT Suite - all welcome!

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)**

**JANUARY 2018**

Monday 8th After School JNR Girls Football starts

Tuesday 9th After school Performance Club starts

After school Craft Club starts

Wednesday 10th After school Judo starts

After school JNR Football starts

Thursday 11th Young Voices

After school Rollerskiing starts

Friday 12th After school JNR Rounders starts

After school JNR Games starts

*Tuesday 16th to Thurs 18th* Book Fair – Buy one, choose one free for class

Thursday 18th 3:30pm Year 5/6 Girls’ football match at Goring Primary

8pm PTA AGM

Friday 19th 3:15pm Cake Sale – raising money for school in Cambodia

Thursday 25th Weighing and Measuring – Kites and Year 6

Monday 22nd 3:30pm Year 5/6 football match v Oratory

Thursday 25th Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day

Kites and Year 6 Weighing and Measuring Programme

Monday 29th Swimming Gala at Oratory

3:30pm Year 5/6 football HOME match v Oratory

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

**FEBRUARY 2018**

Thursday 1st KS2 Storyteller Workshop

Tuesday 6th Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

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

w/c Monday 19th Animal Theme Week

Wednesday 21st On Your Bike assembly

Thursday 22nd Kites & Year 1 Dinosaur Workshop

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

Monday 26th Year 6 RS class Greys Court Evacuee Experience

Tuesday 27th Year 6 DP class Greys Court Evacuee Experience

**MARCH 2018**

Thursday 1st World Book Day

Friday 2nd Year 5 Science Oxford Changing Materials

Monday 5th Henley Youth Festival Week – Celebration Theme

Tuesday 6th 8:15am Doughnuts for Dads

Thursday 8th Class Photos

Thursday 15th Year 3/4 Swimming Gala

Friday 16th 7:30pm Village Quiz

Monday 19th On Your Bike Assembly – Draw for winner of the bike

Tuesday 20th International Day of Happiness

Wednesday 21st Year 3 & 4 Wildlife Wonder Photography Workshop

Friday 23rd Sports Relief

Sunday 25th On Your Bike

Tuesday 27th am Kites Sharing Assembly

Thursday 29th Term 4 ends 1:15pm