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Weekly Newsletter 29th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites have had a great week focusing on superheroes and Supertato! We have been writing descriptions of Supertato, acting the story out and breaking free the frozen veggies!

Stars of the week are Tomie M and Marlow P.

Year 1 have loved making and tasting their delicious fruit kebabs!

Stars of the week are Ronnie W and Matthew A.

Year 2 have been story writing this week and retelling the story of Beegu.

Stars of the week are Toby T and Alex D.

Year 3 have started to develop their sketching skills by learning how to shade to make objects look 3D.

Stars of the Week are Toby R and Harlow M.

Year 4 We are so pleased with everyone's hard work in Big Write today. The fantasy story settings we have seen this morning are incredible! Well done all of Year 4.

Stars of the Week are Charlie C and Bella B-L.

Year 5 have had a great week! They have produced some fantastic Aboriginal Art and are very excited to see how many fliers they can hand out!

Stars of the Week are Sylvie F and Olivia Z.

INSET Day Friday 6th October

A reminder. The school will be closed all day to allow for staff training. We are using the day to retrain staff in Emergency First Aid. In addition to staff trained in Emergency First Aid we have staff trained in First Aid at Work and Outdoor First Aid for our Forest School Leaders.

Lea Road Gate

The Lea Road gate will now be locked from 8.50 as this is the time that pupils are required to be sitting in class at their desk.

Woodlands

Our Year 6 pupils have spent the week staying at Woodlands Outdoor Education Centre located in the Wye valley next to the Beacon Beacons National Park and the Black Mountains. They spend the week taking part in outdoor adventurous activities; canoeing, high ropes course, climbing, abseiling, caving, mountain walking and going for a night walk. I am sure they will have stories to tell for many years to come. Thank you to all of the staff who gave a week away from their families to make this a special week for all of the children.

Cross Country

Next event: Saturday 8th October at MECE. Years 1 to 6. Everyone welcome (please note no dogs allowed on site). Races start at 10am with Year 1.

September's Big Thank You

Congratulations to Miss Inchley who has won our Big Thank You for this month! Our initiative recognises members of staff who have gone above and beyond their role. Miss Inchley was nominated for working hard even when things can be challenging. She never stops smiling and keeps a positive attitude. She is a star!

Thank you to Heath and Watkins for their kind donation.

Donations for Harvest

We will shortly be celebrating Harvest Festival and we will be collecting for the local Foodbank at Springwater Church in the village. We will be collecting goods until Friday 6th October. There will be a donations box in Reception.

Springwater Foodbank currently supports over 45 households in Sonning Common and surrounding areas, which they anticipate will only increase as winter approaches and families see their energy bills increasing. They are totally reliant on the generosity of the community to supply emergency food parcels fortnightly to those who are struggling. The items they are short of changes weekly, depending on what donations they have received.

All donations are welcome, but at the moment they are particularly short of:

Tinned vegetables & fruit, desserts, biscuits etc, sauces for pasta/rice, spreads, juices/squash, long life milk, cereal, toiletries, sanitary items and cleaning products.

Young Climate Warriors

The [Young Climate Warriors Crowdfunder has JUST GONE LIVE!](#)

With this crowdfunding they aim to:

- **Launch a new 'hit-the-red-button' three-challenge award to galvanise school participation.**
- **Extend the Ambassador Assembly programme to meet demand from schools.** More than 110 schools have requested an in-person YCW Ambassador Assembly to date!
- **Boost community climate hubs with on-site activity packs linking to free resources, to engage school groups and families**

Every donation is match-funded by the Aviva Community Fund (up to £250 per gift).

Young Climate Warriors team believes passionately in helping children learn and understand about climate change. This funding will help expand their free resources and reach even more schools, families and children in 2024.

Young Climate Warriors - 'Little by little, a little becomes a lot'.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/inspiring-young-climate-warriors>

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Sonning Common Primary School** if they sign up by Wednesday 24th January. Parents should quote SCPW240124 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120. Details of times and locations of classes can be found at perform.org.uk/try

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

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Dates for your Diary

October 2023	
Sunday 1 st October	10K Run/Jog/Walk
Tuesday 3 rd	Gillotts Open Morning 9:15am – 12pm (Booking required)
Tuesday 3rd	Open Afternoon for new Kites 2024 1:30pm – 3pm
Tuesday 3 rd	Zoolab visiting Year 3
Thursday 5 th	Highdown Open Evening
Thursday 5 th	St Joseph's College Open Evening 6pm – 9pm (Booking required)
Friday 6th	INSET DAY – School closed
Saturday 7 th	Cross Country at MECE
Saturday 7 th	Cranford School Open Morning 9:30am (Booking required)
Tuesday 10 th	Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge Open Morning (Booking required)
Wednesday 11 th	Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge Open Morning (Booking required)
Friday 13th	Open Afternoon for new Kites 2024 1:30pm – 3pm
Friday 13 th	Leighton Park Open Morning (Booking required)
Tuesday 17 th	Individual Pupil Photos
Thursday 19 th	PTA Children's Disco
Friday 20 th	Term 1 ends 3:15pm
Monday 30 th	Year 1 History of Toys Day
Monday 30 th	Term 2 starts

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