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Weekly Newsletter 13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have enjoyed learning all about Autumn and creating leaf people!

Stars of the week from last week were Olivia W and Gabriel M. This Week's star of the weeks are Lily W and Bailey W.

Year 1 have loved exploring the seasonal changes in Autumn and reading the book 'The Rhythm of the Rain'.

Stars of the week are Jasper B and Alexander C.

Year 2 loved their drama workshop from Perform on Thursday. They travelled round the continents and even met a crocodile called Bruce!

Stars of the Week are Ellie P, Theo W and Layla P.

Year 4 Another brilliant week where everyone has given their all! The scratch computer games are coming along amazingly ahead of showing them off next week. We also spent some time painting pieces of paper entirely black.... Ask your kids what the surprise might be!

Stars of the week are Isabella D-S and Lili F.

Year 5 have written and decorated a series of seasonal poems, and have surprised themselves with some of the rich language they have been able to come up with. Not too much thinking – but from the heart!

Stars of the week are Levi B, Jack F and Hana R.

Year 6 have created some excellent pieces of art work and have written newspaper reports about Robin Hood.

Stars of the week are Theo T and Thomas O.

Positions of Responsibility

We are pleased to announce this year's House Captains:

Fire: Riley A, Max L, Joe S, Lilah E, Lily HDLM

Water: Elsa D, Grace M, Wynter G, Theo T, Thomas Y

Air: Ella-Lily B, Eva M, Zac N, Xavi OBW, Oli R

Earth: Bruno D, Alfie HDLM, Paula C, Sofia MP, Lily-May Y

Our two Head Pupils for this year are Sophie A and Elsie D

Cross Country

Saturday saw the first of this season's races at Chiltern Edge. Our children ran well and made us proud.

Everyone is welcome so please just turn up to the next event if you fancy giving it a try!

Kites: Isaac C 7th (in Year 1 race!)

Year 2: Joey Q, 2nd, Max C 4th, Myles S 8, Bailey B 9th, Mhairi R 12th, Olivia G 14th, Evie C 16th, Anya C 17th

Year 5: Louie B 7th, Teddy C 17th, Felix C 18th

Year 6: Elsie D 1st, Evie Q 10th, Edith W 13th. The Year 6 girls team were also 1st team!

Next event: MECE on Saturday November 4th. Races start at 10am.

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Christmas cards

You should have received a copy of your child's artwork. If you would like to order cards or any of the other items on offer (they make great presents) please go to the approve.myfundraisinghub.com, enter the codes on the card and confirm your child's name and class (this will be printed on the items). You will then be given a link to the online shop.

All orders MUST be placed by Thursday 19th October.

Thank you for your support.

Light Party

Chiltern Evangelical Church is holding a LIGHT party on the 31st October, 6 -7:30pm for primary school aged children. It's aimed at families that want an alternative to Halloween and trick or treating. It's a free event and includes a packed tea for all children, a party bag, glow sticks, dressing up in bright colours, games, sweets and a short Bible talk. Book a place at www.cecuk.church/whats-on/light-party/

Young Climate Warriors

Young Climate Warriors is supporting [RECYCLE WEEK \(16-22 Oct\)](#) - rescuing items that are heading towards the rubbish bin and need to be recycled, and encouraging children to ask 'but why'?

Links of potential interest:

[How GLASS is recycled](#) - Recycle Now

[How CANS are recycled](#) - Recycle Now

[How to recycle some of the really 'weird' items](#) - A Guardian article for children to share with adult supervision.

Older pupils might also enjoy:

[Zero waste warriors - household rubbish fits in a jar.](#) - A Guardian article.

Sonning Common Library - Zoolab

ZooLab is visiting the library on Tuesday 24th October. There will be 2 sessions, one at 9.30am and one at 11am. Tickets cost £5.00 per child and must be paid for in advance (cash only) – tickets are limited. Children must be old enough to sit on the floor in a circle (not with parent) and wait patiently for their 'turn' with the creatures.

Artists & Makers Fair, Saturday 14th October

The next Artists & Makers Fair (www.artistsandmakersfairs.co.uk) is on Saturday 14th October (10.00 to 16.00) with a large range of wonderful arts and crafts. All stallholders have to design and make their own goods and most hail from Caversham and the surrounding area. They will also be running the popular "Lobby Café" serving homemade cakes. All drinks proceeds go to charity, this month we are supporting the Weller Centre in Lower Caversham, that gives support and advice to the local community (<https://wellercentre.co.uk>).

This month's children's activity will be creating Magna Characters with Vervina of Vavette Designs, this may appeal to slightly older children than usual. There will be the usual free children's colouring competition. Entrance is free

Your headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

October 2023	
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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