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Weekly Newsletter 17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have had a great time looking at light and dark! We have been exploring and sorting different sources of light, creating shadow puppets and making Starry Night inspired paintings.

Stars of the week are Albi R and Alice N.

Year 1 have been learning about the toys that their parents played with and working on their dance for the Nativity!

Stars of the Week are Evie C and Rudi D-C.

Year 2 enjoyed learning about why we raise money for Children in Need and completing the Bearpee Challenge.

Stars of the Week are Ocean S and Alexis S.

Year 3 have started making some incredibly detailed and individual stockings. They will be hanging in the hall at the Christmas Fair if you'd like to see them.

Stars of the Week are Louie M and Poppy N.

Year 4 have had a busy week! We have had Year 4s representing the school in cross country, taking part in maths competitions and doing burpees for Children in Need. All this on top of a normal week of learning- we don't know where they find the energy!

Stars of the Week are Xander OBW and Emma W.

Year 5 enjoyed writing up their Victorian diary entries this week, in the person of Jim the street child.

Stars of the Week are Felix C, Teddy C, Meghan D and Sebastian A.

Year 6 have been learning about different places within the continents of North and South America and thinking about gender stereotypes in PSHE.

Stars of the week are Lola B and Xander G-S.

Parent consultations

These are on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th November between 4pm and 7pm. The booking system will go live at 7pm this evening on MCAS, bookings cannot be made or reserved before this time.

Y4 Maths Challenge

Four children represented our school superbly at a Maths Challenge this week, held at St. Edwards School in Tilehurst. They acquitted themselves very well on a variety of different mathematical puzzles and activities. Thank you Ben, Bella, Xander and Eliza.

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Cross Country

On Tuesday we took a huge squad to an event at Rotherfield FC. The weather was atrocious as we walked there but our runners were pretty tough, even though they were soaked before we even made it to the races! Lots of children were competing at cross country for the first time and they should all feel very proud of their performances. We await team results from the organisers.

Year 3 / 4: Oliver J 12th, Ben N 28th, Jack S 17th, Kit G 30th, Sam M 31st, Jacob N 34th, Noah B 43rd, Adomas 44th; Isabella DS 18th, Issy C 22nd, Lily F 32nd, Ella Y 33rd, Robin BM 36th, Georgie E 42nd, Vivienne RH 46th
Year 5 / 6: Jonah W 7th, Joe S 13th, Louie B 17th, James H 28th, Levi B 35th, Noah S 39th, Wynter G 42nd, Ronnie B 44th, Max L 50th; Sophie A 5th, Sylvie F 8th, Lola B 15th, Bethany B 18th, Evie Q 19th, Hazel BM 20th, Georgie Q 22nd, Edith W 46th

Christmas Cards

There is a final opportunity to place an order with Class Fundraising for Christmas cards from 17th to 24th November.

Christmas Trees

The deadline for orders is **Monday 27th November**. Please send to pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk Top quality trees that help raise funds for school. 5/6 Ft tree is £35 and 6/7ft tree is £45. Tell your friends and family!

Non-uniform Day

Next Friday (24th November) is non-uniform day for the children. In exchange for this we ask that you bring in a donation for the Christmas Fair – a bottle for the tombola, some yummy cakes for the cake stall or a small wrapped gift for the children's tombola.

Christmas Celebrations

Sonning Common Primary School's Christmas Fair is on 25th November 12pm – 3pm.

Come and join the festive cheer, be entertained by our talented children and maybe a sneak-peek at Father Christmas himself. We would be very grateful for any hamper donations to be dropped off in the green box in the bike shed in front of reception.

Our annual outdoor **Carol Concert** will take place on December 19th at 6pm with performances from Year 2 to Year 6, plus Glee and Choir. This will include audience carols. Please come and support your child and enjoy this magical start to Christmas.

KS1 Nativity performances will be on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December, whilst **Kites will be singing** to parents on Thursday 14th December.

Parents in school

We would like to remind all parents that unless either accompanied by a member of school staff or have permission from the Headteacher, parents are not allowed to enter any of the school buildings. This is for safeguarding reasons.

Sickness and absence

It is often difficult to make the decision on whether your child is well enough to be in school or should be kept at home. There are certain conditions where you should keep your child off school to prevent further spread of sickness. These specific conditions are currently in school:

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

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Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting must stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

This guide written by the NHS provides a good guide for when you should keep your child off and when to send them in.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Scholastic Book Fair

After school in the playground on Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November. The book fair will also be at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November.

Young Climate Warriors

This week Young Climate Warriors are challenged to find the thermostat at home and turn it down by 1 degree. It's World Children's Day on Monday 20th November - an opportunity to think about how our actions to combat climate change are helping children all around the world.

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

Dates for your Diary

November 2023	
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 22 nd	Christingle
Wednesday 22 nd	Scholastic Book Fair 3:20pm
Thursday 23 rd	Year 3 Visit from a Rabbi
Thursday 23 rd	Scholastic Book Fair 3:20pm
Friday 24 th	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 24 th	Scholastic Book Fair 3:20pm
Saturday 25 th	PTA Christmas Fair 12-3pm
Tuesday 28 th	Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm (details to follow)
Thursday 30 th	Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm (details to follow)
December 2023	
Friday 1st	INSET DAY – Children not in school
Saturday 2 nd	Cross Country 10am MECE
Friday 8 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 th	2pm Y1 & Y2 Nativity Performance
Tuesday 12 th	9:30am Y1 & Y2 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 13 th	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th	Christmas Gift Room (details to follow)
Thursday 14 th	2:30pm Kites Christmas songs to parents
Tuesday 19 th	6pm Carol Concert
Wednesday 20 th	Last day of Term 2 – school finishes at 1:15pm

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