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Weekly Newsletter 24th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have loved learning all about Polar animals this week, creating igloos and fact files about different animals, we even had a visit from a family of penguins!

Stars of the week are Dominic T and Lucas F.

Year 1 have loved creating their decorations for the hall hoop and writing some amazing instructions for how to cross the road.

Stars of the Week are Evie F and Rowan K.

Year 2 have been busy making candy canes to decorate the hall for Christmas. Look out for them at the Christmas fair!

Stars of the Week are Evie C and Joey Q.

Year 3 enjoyed learning about Judaism with Rabbi Zvi, especially exploring shabbat and trying some of the tasty treats. Thank you for visiting us!

Stars of the Week are Beau H and Tilly H.

Year 4 have enjoyed preparing for the Christmas fair by making their hoops. They are all very proud of their creations and will no doubt point them out to you at the fair tomorrow.

Stars of the Week are Elsie Y and Isla P.

Year 5 have really enjoyed making progress with their study of Street Child and today's Big Write, entitled 'French Roast'.

Stars of the Week are Sienna D and Alejandra MP.

Year 6 have enjoyed making Christmas hats for the hall display and spending time with their year one buddies during Christingle.

Stars of the week are Bruno D, Maison E, Molly T, Joe S, Jack T and Oliver B.

Parent consultations

These are on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th November between 4pm and 7pm. The booking system will close at 7pm on the evening before each Parent Consultation. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance with booking an appointment.

Cross Country

Last weekend saw the third annual event of the Thames Dutton District Cub cross country event held in Stoke Row. Representing 1st Sonning Common Scout Group were Teddy C (Y5), Oliver J (Y4) and Ben N (Y4) who turned up to run, with approximately 60 other cubs from the area, despite the wet conditions! All three boys ran brilliantly, so well in fact that 1st Sonning Common Scout Group came 3rd!! Well done boys.

Christmas Trees

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

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.

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 December at 2pm and Tuesday 12th December at 9:30am, whilst **Kites will be singing** to parents on Thursday 14th December at 2:30pm.

Young Climate Warriors

Young Climate Warriors are encouraged this week to challenge the 'Black Friday' pull towards excessive consumption, and to support '[Buy Nothing Day](#)' instead. When you hear the word 'Amazon' do you think ... books, presents ... or do you think of the South American rainforest that is one of our carbon-storing, climate change-fighting powerhouses?

They're challenged to counter this trend by thinking imaginatively this week about their present giving. How about an 'Amazon' animal theme for homemade presents?

Winter Mini Reading Challenge 2023

The Winter Mini Challenge is a free reading challenge, completely online, that tackles the holiday reading 'dip', encouraging children to keep up good habits or discover the joy of reading.

A target of 3 books is recommended and these can be any books, eBooks or eAudio, which can be borrowed for free from Oxfordshire Libraries. Parents and carers can register their children for free at [Winter Mini Registration - www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk)

'Nerd emoji is insulting' says 10 year old

SCPS very own Teddy C, Y5 has secured front page news in this week's Henley Standard.

Teddy has launched a petition calling on the tech giant Apple to change their 'nerd' emoji and demanding that they change the design and the name of the emoji.

We are all very proud of you Teddy. You are a real inspiration to everyone out there, young, and old. You are fighting for what you believe in and that should be encouraged and commended.

To read the full article visit www.henleystandard.co.uk or grab yourself a copy.

Children in Need SCPS 2023

Thank you for your generous donations for wearing something spotty last Friday. **As a school community we have managed to raise a grand total of £408.17 for Children in Need.**

Last week each class competed in a burpees competition with grit and determination. All classes who participated did an amazing job. The winning class was 6RS with a total of over 6000!

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

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Dates for your Diary

November 2023	
Saturday 25 th	PTA Christmas Fair 12-3pm
Tuesday 28 th	Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm
Thursday 30 th	Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm
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
January 2024	
Monday 8 th	First day of Term 3
Tuesday 16 th	Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day
Saturday 20 th	Cross Country 10am Oratory Prep Winter Dash
Monday 22 nd	Young Voices Choir Trip
Wednesday 24 th	Year 3 Author Workshop
Tuesday 30 th	Eco Council visit to Ardley Waster Recycling Centre
Wednesday 31 st	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

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