

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



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Weekly Newsletter 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have been learning all about Bonfire Night and creating lots of firework art!

Stars of the Week are Noar R and Olivia H.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their 'History of Toys' day on Monday. Many thanks to the lovely parents who came along to support us!

Stars of the Week are Harry and Saif.

Year 2 have enjoyed creating their own Bog Baby creatures and doing maths outside!

Stars of the Week are Olivia G and Wilfie Y.

Year 3 have been flexing their creative muscles this week, thinking about how to write an advert to attract new recruits to a team of diving...giraffes!

Stars of the Week are Sam T and Robin B-M.

Year 4 have had a great first week back discovering mountain ranges in topic, finding out about how particles move in science and learning about area in maths.

Stars of the Week are Beau D and Charlie H.

Year 5 have loved reading Street Child and getting to grips with their topic on the Victorians.

Stars of the Week are Mason M and Sam H.

Year 6 have enjoyed doing Maths outdoors today, including learning how to measure the height of a tree.

Stars of the week are Belle B and Lily HDLM.

After School Club

Please remember to book your child into After School Club.

We allow 'on the day' booking but we are still seeing significant numbers of children turn up without a booking. This causes us problems with ensuring appropriate catering and staffing levels.

All bookings are made through the MCAS App. If you need some help working out how to do it, please come and see us in the school office for some guidance.

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.

Cross Country

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

October's Big Thank You

Congratulations to Mrs Rae for winning our Big Thank You for this month! Our initiative recognises members of staff who have gone above and beyond their role. Mrs Rae was nominated for keeping all our computer systems running. Her list of jobs is endless but she works hard to sort any ICT queries as quickly as she can. Thank you to Foresters Hair Salon for their kind donation.

Girls Football at Rotherfield United FC

Rotherfield United are looking to increase the number of girls who attend their 'Wildcats' Saturday morning football sessions. The sessions run from 10:15 to 11:15am and are for girls in Kites and up to Year 4. For further information, get in touch with Andy (andytidswell@gmail.com 07710875728 www.rotherfieldfc.com).

Hedgehogs and Bonfires – Eco-council message

As you would imagine hedgehogs and bonfires do not go together. However, when bonfires are being built, they provide an ideal hibernating environment being both dry and warm. But please ensure that you carry out a check, in so far as you can, to ensure that there are no hedgehogs in your bonfire before lighting them. When you have had your bonfire, you may wish to create a log pile and pile up some leaves to create a new habitat for mini beasts and hopefully some hedgehogs. Hedgehogs are good for your garden...

Young Climate Warriors

Young Climate Warriors are challenged this week not to just 'stand-by' but to reduce 'vampire power' by switching off appliances left on standby. Encourage your children to take action and let their voice be heard by heading over to www.youngclimatewarriors.org and **'HITTING THE RED BUTTON'**, or they can send us an email to hello@youngclimatewarriors.org.

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

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Dates for your Diary

November 2023	
Saturday 4 th	Cross Country MECE 10am
Friday 10 th	Year 5 visit to Milestones Centre
Saturday 12 th	Diwali
Tuesday 14 th	Childhood Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 14 th	Cross Country at Rotherfield Football Ground
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 22 nd	Christingle
Thursday 23 rd	Year 3 Visit from a Rabbi
Friday 24 th	Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 25 th	PTA Christmas Fair 12-3pm
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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