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Weekly Newsletter 19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have enjoyed listening to different types of music and thinking about how it makes them feel and expressing their feelings through drawing and painting.

Stars of the Week are Leo V and Tommy E.

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about and making Viking longboats!

Stars of the Week are Lana H and Billy W.

Year 2 had a waterwheel science workshop from Science Oxford on Friday. They had to experiment by attaching different paddles and buckets to see which produced the most energy.

Stars of the week are Tristan M and Jessica C.

Year 3 LOVED Ancient Egyptian Day on Tuesday. Thank you to History Off the Page for another splendid day of drama and trying new things.

Stars of the Week are Harvey B and Raman Y.

Year 4 This week Year 4 have continued their work on writing to build suspense, using 'show, don't tell', onomatopoeia, alliteration, short and long sentences and ellipsis! The work they are producing is brilliant and we can't wait to turn their ideas into amazing stories next week. We have also started Rugby and Netball lessons this term and everyone is enjoying them, despite the cold.

Stars of the Week are Aniyah C and Ben N.

Year 5 have enjoyed making a start on their new literacy topic on Greek myths, including this week the story of Prometheus and Pandora.

Stars of the Week are Camden A and Ella W.

Year 6 Year 6 have enjoyed a workshop with Science Oxford where they experienced the effects of adaptation and evolution.

Stars of the Week are Xavi OBW and Lilah E.

PTA Quiz Night

The PTA are holding a quiz night on Friday 26th January at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 each (maximum of 6 in a team). Please email rmdunstan@hotmail.com for tickets.

School Disco 8th February

£3 entrance to be paid on the door, this also includes a drink and snack. The KS1 disco is from 4:15pm – 5:45pm and the KS2 disco is from 6pm – 7:30pm.

On Your Bike

21st April 2024 – Save the date! More details to follow soon.

Fir Tree 5-2 Sonning Common

On Tuesday evening the Year 5/6 girls' football team travelled to Fir Tree Junior School in Wallingford for the first match of our football league season.

After a lively start to the game, we were unlucky to find ourselves 1-0, and then very quickly 2-0, down. An end to end first half followed, with Fir Tree taking a further two chances (one of which was a penalty) to take a 4-0 lead into the half time break.

Showing a fantastic attitude and remarkable desire, the girls continued to push forward to try and find a way back into the game. However, Fir Tree extended their lead when a free kick evaded everyone and was tapped in at the back post to make it 5-0.

The girls, still resilient and determined, were not to be denied anything for their efforts. We continued to create opportunities and show calmness, skill and desire, and towards the end of the game we had our reward. A great through ball from Elsie found both Sophie and Eva in space, and it was Sophie who drilled the ball past the goalkeeper to reduce the deficit. Very shortly after, we had pulled it back to 5-2. Lola and Georgie Q linked up well down the left hand side, and a lovely move ended with Lola sweeping home a curling shot from a tight angle to end the scoring.

Overall, a really good first game for the girls. A close game with a scoreline that even the hosts admitted flattered them slightly, and we are looking forward to the rest of our league season.

The team was: Sofia M-P, Ella-Lily B, Evie Q, Elsie D, Lola B, Sophie A, Freya K, Eva M, Lily-May Y, Hazel B-M and Georgie Q.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

We allow 'on the day' booking but we are still seeing significant numbers of children turn up without a booking. This causes us problems ensuring appropriate catering and staffing levels. We are at the point of stating that those who have not booked will not be able to attend.

All bookings MUST BE 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.

Young Climate Warriors

Keep up to date with their weekly challenges via our website:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/eco-council/>

Community Noticeboard

Remember to look at Community Noticeboard for events and activities that may be of interest:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/community/community-noticeboard/>

JNR Half Term Holiday Camp

JNR are holding a holiday camp here at school over the February half term holiday. Further details can be found through their booking link: <https://www.buildarray.com/u/BOMX>. Their poster is also on our community noticeboard.

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

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Dates for your Diary

January 2024	
Saturday 20 th	POSTPONED Cross Country 10am Oratory Prep Winter Dash
Monday 22 nd	Young Voices Choir Trip
Wednesday 24 th	Year 3 Author Workshop
Friday 26 th	7.30pm PTA Quiz Night
Tuesday 30 th	Eco Council visit to Ardley Waster Recycling Centre
Tuesday 30 th	3:30pm Y5/6 Boys Football League Match v Fir Tree (home)
Wednesday 31 st	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
February 2024	
Saturday 3 rd	9am Shiplake Cross Country
Wednesday 7 th	KS1 Chinese Workshop
Wednesday 7 th	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics at MECE
Thursday 8 th	Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics at MECE
Thursday 8 th	PTA School Disco
Friday 9 th	Last day of Term 3 – school finishes at 3:20pm
Monday 19 th	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 20 th	Y5/6 Football Tournament at Peppard Primary
Saturday 24 th	10am Cross Country at MECE
Tuesday 27 th	Y5 Maidenhead Mosque Trip
Thursday 29 th	3:30pm Y5/6 Girls Football League Match v Goring (home)

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