

## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



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### Weekly Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Happy News

**Kites** have been focusing on their feelings this week, drawing their calm space and finding different strategies to calm our body and mind!

Stars of the Week are Busby H and Mark N.

**Year 1** have enjoyed making and decorating their rockets in preparation for next week's launch!

Stars of the Week are Reuben C and Rudi C.

**Year 2** have been learning about how to keep safe when crossing the road.

Stars of the week are Mhairi R and John BR.

**Year 3** have persevered to write some great playscripts for their Big Write. They also really enjoyed creating shadows in science on Wednesday.

Stars of the Week are Logan B, Mia B and Harvey W-B.

**Year 4** have begun work on their shields! We have learnt all about Roman soldiers and the different features of their shields. The designs look incredible already!

Stars of the Week are River A and Emma W.

**Year 5** had a fabulous Ancient Greek Day, and are very proud of the displays they have created based on the events and activities they undertook.

Stars of the Week are Teddy E and Bethany B.

**Year 6** have LOVED following the school-wide game of Traitors currently being played by staff. Their enthusiasm is probably responsible for getting Mrs Salmons banished from the game!

Stars of the Week are Olivia H, Jake W and Ethan D.

#### January's Big Thank You

Congratulations to Miss Worlock for winning January's Big Thank You!

Miss Worlock was nominated for working so hard to look after all of KS1, especially Kites, and giving the children a brilliant start to their time at SCPS.

Thank you to Proper Takeout for their kind donation. [www.propertakeout.co.uk](http://www.propertakeout.co.uk)

#### Sonning Common 6-2 Fir Tree

On Tuesday evening the Year 5/6 boys' football team hosted Fir Tree Junior School from Wallingford in the first match of our football league season.

We started quickly – and well. Ronny played a long pass through to Oli R, who reacted well and poked home his first goal of the evening. We continued to make chances, with a few shots flying wide and others denied by a string of fine saves from the Fir Tree keeper.

As the half wore on, we added to our goal tally. Again, the keeper made a good save, which fell nicely to Xavi, who smashed in our second to give us a 2-0 advantage.

Despite this, we were pegged back just before half time, a low shot from distance going in off the post to send us in 2-1 up at half time.

We began the second half in the same way that we had started the first – by getting another quick goal. Arthur swept in a great corner from the right, and Louie was there to head the ball down and into the net to restore our two-goal lead.

However, this did not deter Fir Tree. A cracking save from Teddy fell nicely for a Fir Tree player who drilled the rebound home. Before we knew it, we were back to holding just a one goal lead, and knew the next goal was crucial.

Luckily, it was us who scored. The ball was worked out wide to Arthur, who took a touch and swept a wonderful cross-shot over the keeper and into the far corner. A renewed wind in our sails, we launched attack after attack, and eventually put the game to bed when Oli R found himself in the box, took a shot and watched as it flew into the far corner.

A few seconds before the end, we added a sixth to our tally. A great cross from Jonah, as well as the presence of Oli, caused a problem in the Fir Tree defence, and the ball nicely for Levi to smash in his first goal for the school from close range.

An excellent start to the season for the boys, and a confidence boosting result and performance. Our long unbeaten home record of almost four years is still intact, and we look forward to the next game.

We would like to thank all of the children and parents who watched and supported us, as well as Mr Spencer who kindly gave up his time to referee the match.

Last of all, congratulations to Levi, who was the declared the owner of the best pair of sliders in this week's 'Item of the Week' competition.

The team was: Teddy E, Ronny B, Wynter G, Riley A, Xavi O'B-W, Louie B, Oli R, Jake W, Jonah W, Arthur S and Levi B.

### **School Disco 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Clothing Recycling**

Sonning Common Primary School are now able to collect your unwanted clothing at your convenience in our green collection bin.

Situated in the Sonning Common Library carpark is our green collection bin where we receive 40p per kilo from the materials collected.

Please help Sonning Common Primary School by dropping your clothes, shoes, bed linen, accessories (gloves, hats, scarves, handbags) and soft toys. They **do not** accept duvets or cushions and curtains.

<https://astrarecycling.co.uk/>

### **Sonning Common Library – Zoolab**

Looking for something to do over half term? ZooLab is visiting the library on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, at 9.30am and 11.30am. Tickets cost £5.00 per child, payable in advance. (Cash preferred) Book your place in the library today! (Children must be 5+)

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### **ABC to read**

Do you have a couple of hours spare each week to be trained as a reading mentor? ABC to read are an award-winning local charity who support struggling readers in our school. Please contact [info@abctoread.org.uk](mailto:info@abctoread.org.uk) [www.abctoread.org.uk](http://www.abctoread.org.uk) 0118 9511336 for further information.

### **Shiplake Cross Country**

Boys and girls in Years 1 to 6 are invited to the Shiplake College Schools' Cross-Country Competition on Saturday 3 February 2024. No pre-registration required (please arrive 15 minutes before race time). The first race (Year 1 boys) is at 9.00am, with the final race (Year 6 girls) at 10.15am. A full break down of race times and distances is at [www.shiplake.org.uk/schoolscrosscountry](http://www.shiplake.org.uk/schoolscrosscountry). Hot drinks and refreshments available to purchase from 8.30am.

### **World Thinking Day/Founders Day 22nd February**

Miss Green, Miss Brakspear and Mrs Pepper would like to invite any member of Guiding or Scouting from the school community to wear their uniform top on Thursday 22nd. In doing this you will be joining uniformed members (including members of Guiding and Scouting) from all over Berkshire and Oxfordshire, and the rest of the country, celebrating the day. Any confusion over what you can wear on the day please don't hesitate to ask Miss Green. Looking forward to seeing all the colourful uniforms and badges on the day!

### **Chicken Pox**

Please be aware that we have had several cases of Chicken Pox within our school community. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

### **Nits**

We have become aware that there are some unwelcome visitors in various year groups. Please check your child's hair regularly with a nit comb and treat if necessary.

### **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

### **Dates for your Diary**

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<b>February 2024</b>	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am Shiplake Cross Country
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Chinese Workshop
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics at MECE
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics at MECE
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	PTA School Disco
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3 – school finishes at 3:20pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Football Tournament at Peppard Primary
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am Cross Country at MECE
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Maidenhead Mosque Trip
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm Y5/6 Girls Football League Match v Goring (home)

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