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Weekly Newsletter 15th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteachers Award for this week is awarded to Sophie A.

Happy News

Kites have loved STEM week, creating their own sand timers and clocks, observing the changes in apples in different liquids over time and measuring how many exercises they can do in 1 minute or 10 minutes!
Stars of the Week are Michael N and Dominic T.

Year 1 have absolutely loved making and testing parachutes and marble runs and are full of ideas!
Stars of the Week are Harvey W and Nelly H.

Year 2 have been sewing this week. They worked very hard despite a few tangles!
Stars of the week are Mia H and Forest G.

Year 3 have loved STEM week. From building their own investigations in teams to find out when Year 3 was the quietest, exploring how the sun or moon can tell the time and making water clocks with the fantastic scientists from Johnson Matthey today.
Stars of the Week are Albie W, India S-B, and Nanaka S.

Year 4 has had a brilliant STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) week! The children have investigated string telephones, found out about the carbon cycle with the help of visitors from Johnson Matthey and created posters about different elements of time.
Stars of the Week are Jack A and Krisan J.

Year 5 have enjoyed STEM week, learning about the extinction of the dinosaurs, the action of a pendulum in a clock, and the dissolution rates of salt and sugar.
Star of the Week are Jack G, Scarlett H, Serenna B and Jonah W.

Year 6 started STEM week by investigating factors affecting the time it takes for jelly to set. They have also begun work on information leaflets about their WW2 topic.
Stars of the Week are Ptolemy S and Leo N

Reading Heroes

The following children have impressed us by reading at home EVERY day since September:
Year 5: Louie B and Lucy W.

Our very own "Music Makers"

On Sunday 3rd March, a recorder group went to Rupert House to represent Sonning Common Primary School as part of the Henley Youth Festival. The event, "Music Makers", helps to encourage budding

musicians from across the area to come together to celebrate music. The children got some practise time before then sharing their performances on stage in front of each other, parents and carers. The feedback our children received was very complimentary and included comments such as, "You are obviously all very keen players and worked together with professionalism". What a brilliant reflection of our children! It was a fantastic opportunity for all those involved and a particular thank you must also go to Mr Marples who has taught the children. Super!

Sonning Common 7-2 Goring

On Thursday evening the Year 5/6 boys' football team hosted Goring Primary School in the second match of our football league season.

It was the visitors who made the better start, keeping us in our own half with some slick passing and moving and looking very dangerous. After some sustained pressure, Goring did take the lead with a low, drilled shot inside the near post.

We needed to respond, and did so, very quickly. A quick throw in down the right from Xavi was latched on to by Levi, who flicked the ball across goal for Louie to tap in an equaliser. Energised by this goal, it wasn't long before we were 2-1 up. A loose ball rolled to Louie's left foot, which he used to smash the ball into the roof of the net from outside the box.

With the game fast becoming a frantic end to end spectacle, it was Goring who struck next. A long goal kick from their keeper's hand bounced awkwardly and into our net to send us in at half time with the score at 2-2. The second half would have a massive impact on both team's seasons.

In complete contrast to the first half, it was us who started the brighter, and within moments of the restart we were back in front. Teddy played a great long pass to Jonah, who curled in a shot that was parried by the Goring keeper straight to the feet of Levi, who rolled us into a 3-2 lead. This would turn out to be a huge turning point in the game.

Goring pressed forward, determined to equalise again. However, after some solid defending and super saves from Teddy, it was us who grabbed the next goal. Arthur sent a corner into a dangerous area where Levi rose to head the ball into an empty net to put us 4-2 up.

From here on in, we relaxed and showed some excellent desire to keep going and add to our tally, Xavi struck a shot that was saved well by the Goring keeper but fell nicely to Louie, who pounced to make it 5-2 from close range. From the restart, the ball arrived at the feet of Oli, who steadied himself before striking a low hard drive that went through the Goring defence and keeper to put us 6-2 up.

To their credit, Goring didn't give up and kept creating chances but failed to find a way past Teddy or any of the defenders in front of him. As the ball rolled out for a throw in to us, Xavi showed some fantastic quick thinking, throwing the ball to Louie who held off his man and fired a low finish into the far corner to make the final score 7-2.

After a slow start, it was great to see the boys demonstrate their superb teamwork, desire and determination, bouncing back from a slow start to win a tough game against a decent Goring side who were league winners last season.

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

Last of all, congratulations to Teddy, who was declared the owner of the best sports ball 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.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

The PTA will be selling original glazed Krispy Kreme doughnuts by the second-hand uniform shop after school next **Friday 22nd March**. First come first serve for the bargain price of £1.20!

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Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day has been a great success this year. Thank you for your kind donations and helping your child to wear something red. The playground and the hall during assembly time looked so bright! As a school we have raised an incredible £328.76.

Parent Consultations

These are on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March between 4pm and 7pm. The booking system will remain 'live' on MCAS until 7pm the day before each consultation.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform is named to aid its safe return if lost!

JNR Easter Holiday Camp

This will be held at Sonning Common Primary School over the Easter Holidays. Weekdays from Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 12th April. £25 per child and £22.50 for siblings per day. Please see their poster on the [Community Noticeboard](#) for further details and [JNR Holiday Camps \(buildarray.com\)](http://buildarray.com)

On Your Bike 2024

We are delighted to have 'On Your Bike' return this year, on Sunday 21st April.

Some of the organising team attended the school assembly recently, and the children were very excited (probably more so after seeing a bike they could win), as Rob from AW Cycles attended. We hope your children may have mentioned it to you?

On Your Bike is open to everyone, regardless of ability, as it's a ride, not a race! This is a fun and relaxed way to enjoy cycling round the quieter roads of Oxfordshire whilst raising money for charity. Everyone cycles at their own pace or alongside friends and families. You choose: 6, 12 or 20 miles. There is also a supervised playground cycle for youngsters (an accompanying adult needs to remain throughout).

100% of all entry fees are shared between Sonning Common Primary School PTA and this year's chosen local charities, Sonning Common First Responders and Sport in Mind.

Registrations are now live. All registrations (at £7) by 22nd March will be entered into a prize draw to win a new bike, kindly donated by AW Cycles. The draw will take place on Monday 25th March in the school assembly.

For further information and to register: [On Your Bike](#)

These events can't take place without many volunteers, if you are happy to help for a couple of hours route marshalling or maybe in the kitchen then please get in touch via:

onyourbikesonningcommon@outlook.com or complete this Form:

<https://forms.gle/4KPdbUJrdygegvLW9>

Sublime Science!

In Sonning Common Library on 9th April. Ages 8-11 years. Details are on our [Community Noticeboard](#)

Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

We have a daily average score of 47.99 and are currently lying in 86th place in the South of England out of 159.

Let's try to be in the top 50% by the end of next week.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is taking place from the 11th – 22nd March.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. There are daily prize draws for schools who have over 15% of pupils taking part. Pupils inform their teachers at register if they walked or wheeled to school and this will be submitted by the school on a daily basis. As an added bonus (and to encourage some healthy competition!), the class with the highest percentage of 'walkers and wheelers' will win an extra break-time!

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What goes in what bin?

Following a visit to Ardley Energy Recovery Facility our Eco-council is on a mission to either promote or transform the way that you recycle.

Your food caddy – South Oxfordshire District Council

Your food is collected every week. Use your small kitchen caddy to collect your food scraps each day and then transfer them into your larger outdoor caddy which we'll empty each week.

What can I put in my food recycling caddy?

All your raw and cooked food waste such as leftovers and spoilt food, and including:

- meat and fish – raw and cooked including bones
- all dairy products such as cheese and eggs
- raw and cooked vegetables and fruit
- bread, cakes and pastries
- rice, pasta and beans
- uneaten food from your plates and dishes
- tea bags and coffee grounds
- cooking oil, lard and fats (can be placed in a plastic bottle inside or beside the caddy – please see below)

South Oxfordshire District Council can now collect cooking oil placed in a plastic bottle (no bigger than 1 litre) from inside your food recycling caddy. If it does not fit inside your caddy you can place it next to your caddy. We will only collect from plastic bottles and will not accept oil in glass bottles/jars or any other container.

Young Climate Warriors

Keep up to date with their weekly challenges via our website: [Eco Council](#)

Community Noticeboard

Remember to look at the [Community Noticeboard](#) for events and activities that may be of interest.

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

Dates for your Diary

March 2024	
Tuesday 19 th	Parent Consultations 4 – 7pm
Thursday 21 st March	Parent Consultations 4 -7pm
Thursday 21 st	Year 5 & 6 Science Oxford Workshops
Friday 22 nd	PTA selling Krispy Kremes at home time!
Saturday 23 rd	Cross Country Winter Dash at Oratory Prep NEW DATE
Tuesday 26 th	Year 1&2 mixed football tournament at Kidmore End 9:15am
Thursday 28 th	End of Term 4 – school finishes at 1.15pm
Friday 29 th	Good Friday
Sunday 31 st	Easter Sunday
April 2024	
Monday 15 th	Term 5 starts

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Sunday 21 st	On Your Bike
Tuesday 23 rd	School Class Photos
Friday 26 th	Year 6 Yearbook Photos

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