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Weekly Newsletter 10th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Headteacher's Award for this week is Teddy C (Y5).

Kites have been retelling the story of the three little pigs through acting it out, using puppets and writing stories and they have of course been enjoying water play in the sun!
Stars of the Week are Noar R and Lucas F.

Year 1 have enjoyed watching their bean plants starting to grow leaves this week!
Stars of the Week are Grace B and Jonas R.

Year 2 have enjoyed creating mini beast books and researching different habitats.
Stars of the week are Florence C and Max C.

Year 3 have enjoyed testing magnets in science this week to see which type could pick up the most paperclips.
Stars of the Week are Natalie E and Freddie N.

Year 4 have learnt all about the process of erosion and deposition this week. This is a tricky topic so we pretended to be the water and the rock being eroded away, it was great fun!
Stars of the Week are Xander OBW, Oliver J and Noah B.

Year 5 have had a fantastic week preparing for, and then participating in, some formal (and heated) debates this morning. It turns out that they are really good at arguing!
Star of the Week are Ethan P and Georgie Q.

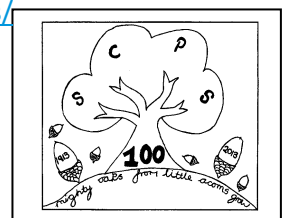
Year 6 have nailed the final week of revision. They are now proficient at multiplying fractions, finding the determiner in a sentence and explaining why the author made particular vocabulary choices. We wish them well with the actual tests next week and we know they will do us proud!
Stars of the Week are Freya K and Theo T.

Year 5/6 Girls Football Final!

Last night the Y5/6 girls' football team played their final league match of the season at home to Fir Tree in what was a league title decider. The game finished as a 0-0 draw and went to a penalty shootout. To find out what happened, read the match report by clicking the following link:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2024/05/10/y5-6-girls-footb...8-7-on-penalties/>

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Sporting success

Millie B (Y4) attended the Future Cheer National Cheerleading Championship last weekend in Milton Keynes with her team, Kick Twist. They won and were crowned 2024 Cheerleading Champions! Well done, Millie!

Parent Survey

Please find below the link to our annual Parents' Survey.

We are constantly seeking to improve our school and we value your views. Last year, for example, you pointed to many of the things we are doing well, and you challenged us to improve a number of others. In particular this year we have ensured that all pupils attend at least some Forest School sessions. We have also continued to develop our pastoral support programme by creating the role of Pastoral Support Assistant who is able to help pupils struggling with their mental well-being.

We are now looking forward to receiving your feedback for the 2024 Parents' Survey.

Please use the following link and if you would like to be entered into the draw for a bottle of something nice, please leave your name at the end.

The survey will close on 7th June 2024.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kK6Yem81YC>

Maths Made Clear

Did you struggle with maths at school? Didn't like it? Found it boring? Or do you just want to understand how we teach maths to your children at SCPS? Well, Maths Made Clear is for you. Today we are proud to launch our series of nine videos (starring Mr Burrows, Miss Snowden, and Claudia!) which should help. They explain the basics of how we teach different aspects of maths from Early Years up to Year Six, and should help you support your children with their own learning. The films are available on our MMC YouTube channel as fully captioned 6-8 minute videos, or as 1-minute shorts. We hope you enjoy them – please leave your comments on them, and pass them around.

The videos are here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjgwJ6pzEVeTFTOChdiGZlz7PI2hY02XY>,

The shorts are here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjgwJ6pzEVeSc1JqfvXD-CVm-q8kkILOa>.

We also have one or two places left on our Maths Made Clear hands-on sessions for parents and teaching assistants – 4.30pm on Thursdays. Fractions next week!

Sunflower seeds

Do you remember when we gave you the sunflower seeds to grow? We know that you have been taking great care of them at home and some of you would like to hand at least one of them back to us. We would love to see them – please bring them back in and place them by the Christmas trees near to the main entrance. Thank you.

Plants

Kites would love any spare plants or cuttings that you may have to add to their garden. Please bring any donations to either the school office or to Kites.

Spare swimming kit

A request to please donate any outgrown swimming kit to our stock of spare kit! Any donations can either be given to the school office or your child's teacher.

Sonning Common 10k

We are delighted to announce that entries for the second Sonning Common 10k on Sunday 6th October are now open! You can enter by visiting: www.soco10k.co.uk.

If you are not participating in the event but are willing to help on the day, we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please email: sonningcommon10k@gmail.com.

Young Climate Warriors

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

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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

May 2024	
Mon 13 th	Year 6 SATS week
Tuesday 21 st	Year 1 Earth Trust Trip
Tuesday 21 st	Year 3/4 & 5/6 Quad Kids first round at MECE
Thursday 23 rd	Kites Bucklebury Farm Park Trip
Friday 24 th	End of Term 5
Mon 26 th to Fri 31 st	Half Term
June 2024	
Monday 3 rd	First day of Term 6
Tuesday 4 th	Year 6 Science Oxford workshop (am)
Tuesday 4 th	Year 2 Science Oxford workshop (pm)
Tuesday 11 th	Year 6 Watersports Day (6RS/MF)
Wednesday 12 th	Year 6 Watersports Day (6DF)
Wednesday 12 th	Kites eye screening
Thursday 13 th	Whole School Photo
Wed 19 th – Fri 21 st	Year 4 Ufton Court residential trip

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