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Weekly Newsletter 17th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Headteacher's Award for this week is Toby T in Year 5.

Kites have been enjoying learning all about farm animals this week in preparation for our trip to Bucklebury Farm and have been looking at the life cycle of pea plants.
Stars of the Week are Dominic T and Isaac N.

Year 1 have been learning about deciduous and evergreen trees and how to recognise their different leaves.
Stars of the Week are Lola D-C and Alexander C.

Year 2 have worked very hard this week on assessments, and they have enjoyed baking and playing rounders.
Stars of the week are Samuel W and Fenix W-B.

Year 3 have had a great week of design and technology, from building the packaging for their new product to designing and making their own sandwiches today. What a week!
Stars of the Week are Phoebe D and Casper C.

Year 4 With the sunshine the children have loved being outside, on the field for lunches! We've also been stretching their grammar knowledge with some fiendishly tricky word problems.
Stars of the Week are Araya B and Olivia P.

Year 5 have spent the week designing their Mayan masks and enjoyed the organised chaos of making them this morning.
Star of the Week are Maia S and Alejandra M-P.

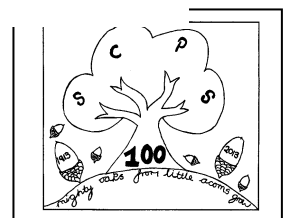
Year 6 have shown tremendous grit and determination with SATS week. We cannot be any more proud of them. They are now looking forward to the rest of their time at SCPS!
Stars of the Week are Jacob D, Vanessa P and Josh S.

PTA Running Challenge

A parent from our school is undertaking a running challenge in aid of our wonderful PTA! Phil is running 4 events this year; his next event is the Nettlebed Stinger 10K and finishing with the Basingstoke Half Marathon in October.

For further details and to donate please visit his JustGiving page: [Phil's Just Giving link](#)

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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!

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](https://www.ecocouncil.org/)

Community Noticeboard

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

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

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Dates for your Diary

May 2024	
Tuesday 21 st	Year 1 Earth Trust Trip
Tuesday 21 st	Year 3/4 & 5/6 Quad Kids first round at MECE
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 5/6 Girls Football South Oxfordshire Final
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
Wednesday 19 th	New Kites Induction Meeting 2-3pm
Thursday 20 th	New Kites Induction Meeting 2-3pm
Friday 21 st	Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip
Tuesday 25 th	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
Friday 28 th	Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 29 th	Summer Fair 12 – 3pm

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