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Weekly Newsletter 24th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Headteacher's Award for this week is Lily-May Y (Year 6)

Kites loved their trip to Bucklebury Farm and writing all about it today!
Stars of the Week are Brooklyn V and Marlow P.

Year 1 have had an exciting week visiting the Earth Trust for bug hunting and pond dipping, and today getting to sit in a flashy tractor!
Stars of the Week are Zoe P and Evie C.

Year 2 have made some fantastic animal poems and have included lots of exciting adjectives and descriptions.
Stars of the week are Daniel R and Flavia M.

Year 3 have enjoyed exploring the school grounds whilst on their daily walks this week. They have also been impressing us with their dramatic folk tale performances. Amazing effort right until the end!
Stars of the Week are Paisley B, Nanaka S, Elliana D, Dino D, Toby R and Ethan T.

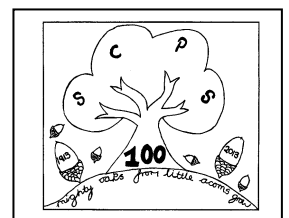
Year 4 We are all looking forward to the half term break and have been working extra hard on our times tables to make sure we remember them over the break!
Stars of the Week are Lilli F and Ella Y.

Year 5 have loved decorating their Mayan masks, based on their own faces. They look spectacular, and a little scary.
Star of the Week are Olivia Z and Teddy C.

Year 6 have written World War 2 diaries and have auditioned for parts in the Y6 play.
Stars of the Week are Will W and Will S.

Year 6 French Performance Charity Collection

The Year 6 French Performance evening raised an amazing £116.85 for Sport in Mind. Thank you to all the generous audience members who contributed. Anyone wishing to make a further contribution can go to:
<https://www.sportinmind.org/donate/supporting-sport-in-mind>



£150 for school PTA!

A group of parents and friends of SCPS travelled to Nettlebed on Sunday to compete in their 10k fundraiser for the school; the Nettlebed Stinger. The team came in 1st place (with all team members running sub 45 mins!) and we won £150 for the school PTA pot. Thanks to all those involved in helping secure the prize.

KS2 Quad Kids

On Tuesday, our KS2 Quad Kids teams travelled to MECE for the first round of the annual Quad Kids competition, looking to begin positively en route to defending our titles from last year. Click on the link to read more: <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2024/05/21/ks2-quad-kids-first-round/>

Y5/6 Girls' 5-a-side Football Tournament - South Oxfordshire Finals

On Wednesday our Y5/6 girls' football team travelled to Rotherfield United FC to compete in the South Oxfordshire Finals, aiming to better our previous highest finish of 4th place. Could we do it? Click on the link to find out: <https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2024/05/22/year-5-6-girls-5...fordshire-finals/>

May's Big Thank You

The Big Thank You for May has been awarded to Miss Meredith. She has been nominated because she has been working so hard lately at Breakfast and After School Club. She always has a smile on her face; making sure that all the children are well looked after and have lots of fun before and after school. She deserves a treat for her hard work!

Thank you to Jessie's Coffee Truck in Woodcote for providing this month's treat - more information about their delicious coffee and cake can be found here: <https://jessiescoffeetruck.co.uk/jessies-coffee-truck>

Forest Camp

Find out all about Year 1 making nettle risotto last week:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/greenpages/2024/05/20/nettle-risotto/>

Eco-council – half term Upcycling Competition

We are encouraging all pupils to take part in an upcycling competition over the half-term break.

The idea is to make either something that is functional or decorative from rubbish that you would ordinarily throw away. Here's some ideas: [65+ Upcycling Projects for Kids \(Super Fun Craft Ideas!\) - Upcycle My Stuff](#)

The Eco-council members will judge the competition and there will be prizes for the winners in each category. The categories are Kites, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4, Year 5 and 6. There will be prizes for both functionality and looks. Closing date for entries will be 8th June 2024.

Please do not bring your entry into school but upload a picture of your entry to:

<https://photocomp.sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/>

Summer Fair – Saturday 29th June 12-3pm

We have our Summer Fair coming up soon and this year our theme is the Olympics. We will have lots of exciting games and stalls with a sporty twist and we will also have our classic games and many stalls from local charities. If you would like a stall on the day, please contact us on pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

We will need volunteers from each year group to help us set up the fair from 10am, run the games and help us put everything away at the end. If you can spend some time that day helping us, please let your year rep know or email us on pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

We are particularly looking for someone to lead the BBQ team on the day. We will provide all the equipment and food. If you have an interest in helping us with this, please email pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

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.

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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>

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 their website: <https://www.youngclimatewarriors.org/>

Their half-term challenge is about wildflowers. Young Climate Warriors are encouraged to identify some of their local wildflowers and plant a 'wildflower meadow in a pot'.

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	
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
Wednesday 5 th	Year 6 Science Oxford workshop (am)
Wednesday 5 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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