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Weekly Newsletter 28th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Headteacher's Award for this week is Sofia M-P (Year 6)

Kites had an amazing time at Sports Day, showing great perseverance on a very hot day!
Stars of the Week are Bailey W and Tomie M.

Year 1 have enjoyed sorting animals and birds into groups.
Stars of the Week are Bella N and Harvey W.

Year 2 have enjoyed writing playscripts in literacy and creating Eiffel Towers in art.
Stars of the Week are Joshua A and Sam P.

Year 3 have made some wonderful Japanese blossom and print art for the Tokyo Olympics display in the hall.
Stars of the Week are Riad R and Nia B.

Year 4 had a very exciting week with Sports Day, Olympic displays and continuing with our Viking myths. We hope everyone has fun at the fair tomorrow!
Stars of the Week are all Year 4 for their fantastic attitude at Ufton court with a special mention for Zac E, Charlie H and Oliver J.

Year 5 had a great time listening to song lyrics and trying to analyse the meaning. Songs included *That's just the way it is* by Bruce Hornsby, and *Positively 4th Street* by Bob Dylan. Songs with powerful messages.
Stars of the week are Teddy E and Serenna B.

Year 6 rehearsals are in full-swing for their play, Star Warts. Songs and lines are coming along well, although teachers say "Slower and louder!" at least 50 times each rehearsal!
Stars of the Week are Thomas O and Joseph F.

Summer Fair – Saturday 29th June 12-3pm

We have our Summer Fair tomorrow and this year our theme is the Olympics. We will have lots of exciting activities with a sporty twist and our classic games, plus many stalls from local charities and companies. We will also have performances from our choir and glee club at 1pm and Rabble drama club at 1.45pm, as well as a bar, tea and cake shop, BBQ and a raffle. Entrance is via the Grove Road gates. £1 entry for adults, children are free. Limited parking available in the KS2 playground. Please bring plenty of cash as there will only be a few card readers mainly for the BBQ and Bar.

June's Big Thank You

Rachelle Bartlett is the winner of June's Big Thank You.

She has been nominated for all her hard work around the school with Year 1, phonics, DT and more - all of which she never takes any credit for! Thank you, Rachelle.

This month's prize has been kindly donated by Brambles of Sonning Common, @brambles_reading (Instagram)

<https://brambles-sonning-common.co.uk/>

Mobile Phones

If your child has access to a mobile phone, then we would hope that as parents you know what your child is using it for. There have been a few incidents recently where mobile phones and group chats have been used inappropriately and children believing that their activity is fun. We have regular conversations with the children about what is appropriate use and what is not. We also tell them that whatever they do, someone will record it and, even if they delete images or text, it will have left its digital footprint somewhere. Please be vigilant and speak to your child about developing their safe, sensible use of social media.

Cycling or scooting to school

We expect every child who cycles or scoots to school to be wearing a helmet. Please ensure that your child wears one and it fits properly.

Snacks

Children in Key Stage 1 are provided with a free piece of fruit each day at break time. Key Stage 2 children are allowed to bring in a fruit or vegetable snack for mid-morning break. We are a healthy-eating school so please can snacks be only fruit and vegetables, no sugary snacks, cereal bars, fruit winders etc.

School Photo

The whole school photograph, which was taken on Thursday 13th June, is now available to view and purchase from Tempest Photography: <https://htmp.st/360124-262WSG> For free delivery to school, please place your order by 7th July.

Scholastic Book Fair

The last Book Fair before the summer holidays is on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (3rd, 4th and 5th July) after school in the KS2 playground. This is a '3 books for the price of 2' book fair, so don't miss your chance to get a free book for your child - or even as a gift for someone else's child!

Guitar lessons

Russ Payne teaches guitar in school on a Monday afternoon during school hours and will have availability from September for pupils in Years 3 to 6, beginners and experienced. Please contact Russ directly for enquiries: Russ Payne, Go Guitar, [goguitar@mail@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:goguitar@mail.yahoo.co.uk) or 07921 087816

Eco-council – Upcycling Competition

We are encouraging all pupils to take part in an upcycling competition (continued from half-term).

The closing date for previous entries was 8th June 2024 and prizes will be awarded to all entrants.

The idea is to make either something that is functional or decorative from rubbish that you would ordinarily throw away.

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 a prize for the best looking and also a prize for the most functional. There will also be 5 house team points for all entries.

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

<https://photocomp.sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/> It would be great if you could also state which house you are in.

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The closing data for this new competition is 5th July 2024.

JNR Summer camp

Please click on the link for information on JNR's Summer Activity Camp:

<https://www.buildarray.com/u/BOMX>

Young Climate Warriors

Keep up to date with their weekly challenges via their website: <https://www.youngclimatewarriors.org/>

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

June 2024	
Saturday 29 th	Summer Fair 12 – 3pm
July 2024	
Wed 3 rd – Fri 5 th	Scholastic Book Fair KS2 playground at 3.20pm– 3 for the price of 2
Thursday 4 th	Reserve Sports Day (same timings as above)
Friday 5 th	Year 5 morning at MECE 9am – 11am
Monday 8 th	Year 1 visit to Harcourt Arboretum
Wednesday 10 th	Highdown School Year 5 Day
Friday 12 th	INSET Day – No children in school
Thursday 18 th	Year 6 Performance at 1.45 and 6pm, plus Evening Leavers' Ceremony
Tuesday 23 rd	Kites singing to parents 2.45pm
Wednesday 24 th	End of Term – school finishes at 1.15pm

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