



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites have been enjoying the Kites garden and construction area. Our first group, Owls, have had their first trip to Forest Camp and explored the outdoor grounds.

Star of the Week is Isabelle E.

Year 1 loved their extra PE session lead by the new Junior Active Leaders this week! We had lots of fun learning some new games!

Stars of the Week are Lucas F and Isaac N.

Year 2 have enjoyed writing poems about the colour monster to help explore their feelings and in Science they have planted cress in different conditions to make predictions about its growth. Let's see how it looks next week!

Stars of the week are Brody D and Grace V.

Year 3 have spent the week reading the classic 80s picture book, I'll Take You To Mrs Cole, and being very polite about Mr. Burrows's attempts at a Cornish accent.

Stars of the Week are Chloe B and Evie C.

Year 4 have loved singing in music this week and seeing how volcanoes are made.

Stars of the Week are Finn W and Albie W.

Year 5 have enjoyed reading a variety of Dreamtime stories and creating silhouette portraits!

Stars of the Week are Araya B and Poppy C.

Year 6 One half of year 6 has enjoyed a week learning to run engaging sports sessions on the Junior Active Leaders course. The remaining half have developed their map reading skills, written playscripts and taught their teachers to play Danish Longball!

Stars of the Week are Joey D and Zach S.

Pupdate

Rhubarb, our school dog, will be starting to come into school soon. She is a very calm and friendly puppy and you may see her around the school grounds at the end of the day. We will be writing to you next week to ask if you would prefer that your child did not have any contact with her due to allergies etc. We believe that being around animals can be very calming for some children and a great experience for those that do not have pets at home. We have been visited by Dogs' Trust already this term so that all children have learned how to behave safely around any dogs that they meet.

Healthy Eating School

Please do not send celebration/birthday cakes or sweets into school for your child to give out to the children in their class. We have had several parents request that their children are not given sweets at school. We also have children with a variety of allergies and intolerances.

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. Snacks can only be fruit and vegetables, no sugary snacks, cereal bars, fruit winders etc.

Clubs and Activities

Information on after school activity clubs available is on our website:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/activities/>

Guitar lessons

Russ Payne, from Go Guitar, offers guitar lessons during school on Mondays and has some availability for this term. Please contact Russ directly at goguitarmail@yahoo.co.uk for all enquiries.

Volunteers

We have been working hard over the holidays to maintain and, in places, improve aspects of our school grounds. We are fortunate enough to have interesting, low-maintenance and eco-friendly grounds. We know we could do more to improve our school grounds, if we are able to have a few more people involved. We are looking for a group of volunteers who would be able to be involved in school ground maintenance projects on a regular basis (monthly). The types of maintenance tasks we need assistance with are:

- Ongoing weeding and pruning
- Planting trees, shrubs and bulbs
- Looking after Christmas trees and the fruit orchard
- Managing brambles, mile a day track, and ivy at forest camp.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office.

Community Noticeboard

Remember to look at the [Community Noticeboard](#) for local events and activities.

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER	
Saturday 14 th	Cross Country at Greys Court, Years 1 to 6, races start at 9am
Monday 16 th	Henley Standard photo of Kites class being taken
Friday 27 th	INSET day – children not in school
OCTOBER	
Tuesday 1 st	Open afternoon 1.30pm – 3pm
Sunday 6 th	Sonning Common 10K run
Monday 7 th	Flu vaccinations
Friday 11 th	Sonning Common Library quiz night 7pm
Saturday 12 th	Cross Country at MECE, Years 1 to 6, races start at 10am
Tuesday 15 th	Individual school photographs
Thursday 17 th	Year 6 French performance evening
Thursday 24 th	Open morning 9.30am – 11am PTA children's disco after school – details to follow
Friday 25 th	Last day of Term 1