



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites enjoyed showing off their big cheesy smiles for their First Class photograph for the Henley Standard.

Star of the Week is Rory V.

Year 1 have been enjoying tasting fruits this week.

Stars of the Week are Alice N and Marlow P.

Year 2 have put their brush skills to the test by painting portraits in Art and the base layer of their Great Fire of London houses in Topic. In Maths, we have explored partitioning double-digit numbers using a variety of resources including dice games and part-whole hula hoops. Give them a try at home!

Stars of the week are Matthew A and Alex C.

Year 3 are in the thick of their rainforest topic for this term. This week, we learned about what the climate is like in rainforests, and in PE we did some dancing based on the different layers.

Stars of the Week are Phoebe H and Jessica C.

Year 4 have wowed the adults by working in teams across the year group to perform the entire poetic story "The Bogey Men and the Trolls next door" by Kaye Umansky. We also loved seeing a model of how a volcano erupts, thanks Paisley!

Stars of the Week are Nanaka S, Phoebe D and Beau H.

Year 5 have enjoyed writing their own Dreamtime stories and learning some dance moves from the 1950s.

Stars of the Week are Lili F and Charlie H.

Year 6 have had their first practice at a SATS reading paper this week. Year 6 staff were extremely impressed with the focus and hard work shown by the whole year group.

Stars of the Week are Jago Y and Toby T.

Mrs Salmons and Rhubarb have had a busy week. Rhubarb has particularly enjoyed getting to meet a few more children when going for a toddle around at the end of school. We loved hearing that Harvey B in Year 4 has been signed for Reading FC as their Under 9 goalkeeper because we know how hard he has worked for this. We also heard that Year 2 built an amazing obstacle course one lunchtime and helped the Kites children to use it safely. Well done, Year 2!

Cross Country

It was the first race of this year's cross country calendar with an event at Greys Court on Saturday 20th September. It is always a particularly tough start to the season with several hills, long grass and a lengthy course! Well done to those who completed it.

Year 1 Isaac C 1st

Year 3: Myles S, Sam P, Mhairi R, Olivia G, Evie C, Anya C

Year 6: Louie B, Felix C, Teddy C

Next race is at MECE on Saturday 12th October for Years 1 to 6. Races start at 10am. All are welcome (no need to be a member of Run Club).

Weekly Top 10 from the Pastoral Team

When asking children what they did at school, some respond with the same answer every day, others focus on only the things which have gone wrong, and some don't say anything at all. This sometimes leaves parents worrying that their child hasn't had a good day, when in fact they have. Varying and using more specific questions is likely to help you find much more out about your child's day, including what went well. When children are very small they answer questions by pointing to or showing you something. As learn to talk, they begin to answer 'where...?' and 'what...?' questions with words. By the time they start school, most children are can also answer questions beginning with, 'who...?', 'when...?', 'how...?' and 'if...?'. By the age of 7 most can manage 'why...?' questions too. We hope that the list below will give you ideas and help you find out more about your child's day. Different parents will like different questions, and hopefully you'll be able to come up with even more questions.

Here are 10 positive ways to ask "What did you do today?"

1. What made you laugh/smile/giggle?
2. What is your teacher's most important rule?
3. Who was nice/kind/helpful to you today?
4. Who is the most thoughtful/responsible person in your class?
5. When were you the happiest today?
6. When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
7. How did you help someone today?
8. How would you rate your day on a scale of 1-10?
9. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?
10. If an alien spaceship came to your class and beamed someone up, who would they take? Why?

Clubs and Activities

Information and booking details on after school activity clubs available is on our website:

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

Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER	
Friday 27th	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 17th	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
Mon 28 th & Tues 29 th	Year 6 Bikeability Course, booking details emailed on 19 th Sept
Wed 30 th & Thurs 31 st	Year 6 Bikeability Course, booking details emailed on 19 th Sept