



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 11th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have loved making bread rolls and vegetable soup this week.
Star of the week is Penny F.

Year 1 have enjoyed using Paint (on the computer) to draw the Evil Pea from Supertato and making a 'Wanted' poster to describe him.
Stars of the week are Lily W and Isaac C.

Year 2 have worked on their feelings this week. They have written complaint letters as if they are an angry or upset character from 'The Day The Crayons Quit'. They have thought about other people's feelings in their PSHE lesson by guessing the emotion from the facial expression - they especially like 'Excited' face. Give it a try at home!
Stars of the week are Harry C and Riley B

Year 3 have spent the week collecting interesting rainforest facts. In Art, we have been taking rubbings from different textures to create beautiful flower collages.
Stars of the week are John S-B and Miles R.

Year 4 have really enjoyed building giant sentences to explore the range of conjunctions they can use in their writing.
Stars of the week are Robin B-M, Nanaka S and Vivienne R-H.

Year 5 have loved producing their own comic strip and using Oreo cookies to show the different phases of the moon!
Stars of the week are Issy C and Harrison E.

Year 6 have been working hard on newspaper reports this week and have enjoyed developing their journalistic style by rewriting fairy tales as reports.
Stars of the week are Scarlett H, Lexy S and Emily-Rose V-H.

Visit your Child's Classroom

We would like to invite parents into classrooms after school on Wednesday October 23rd from 3.20pm until 3.40pm. This is an opportunity for your child to show you round their classroom and to share this term's work with you. Teachers will not be available for individual conversations about your child, instead it is a chance for you to enjoy being with your child and finding out more about their school day.

Mrs Salmons and Rhubarb are inviting you to join them for a School Tidy-Up Day on Saturday 19th October from 9.30am to 12.30pm. This is our first attempt to mobilise the school community to help make the most of our wonderful grounds. Come along and help us have a good tidy ready for winter, make some new friends and give your children the chance to show off their school. Grandparents, neighbours and older siblings are very welcome. Click the link <https://forms.office.com/e/JgkbzuMX2d> to let us know you intend to come so we can prepare enough drinks and biscuits for hungry workers! Please note that due to sharp tools and the pond / main gates being open on that day, you are very welcome to bring children, but parents will be responsible for keeping them safe. No particular skills are necessary – tasks include litter-picking, hedge-trimming, weeding and sweeping.
<https://forms.office.com/e/JgkbzuMX2d>

Sonning Common 10k

We welcomed 300 runners, including many parents and ex pupils to the school last Sunday for the 2nd Sonning Common 10k.

We would like to thank our sponsors, [Shiplake College](#) and [Focus at Badgemore Park](#) for their ongoing support.

We would also like to thank the local businesses who supported the event with their time and resources:

- [Kathryn Fell](#) who was at the school during the 10k and specialises in family photoshoots, wedding & events, headshots and photography course
- [Charlotte Dingley](#) who was based at Memorial Park and specialises in family & event photography
- [Simon/Stokerpix](#) who was based in Wyfold and is a wildlife photographer.
- [Beville Estate Agency](#) for all the signs and advertising boards.
- [Hazell & Jefferies](#): who provided the traffic management signs and who have a skip hire & surfacing business
- [Southern Plant](#): who provided the crowd control barriers and are our local plant and tool hire company. They also sell tools too.

And finally, thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day to ensure the event ran smoothly.

News from your PTA

A massive thank you to the Sturgess family with their team of volunteers, including parents and staff, who made Sunday's SoCo 10K Run such a great event.

PE on wet days

Pupils will still go outdoors for PE in most weathers, so spare clothes, including shoes and socks, to change into once back indoors are advisable.

Community Noticeboard

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

NEW – Brick Building Club half term workshops

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER	
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
Saturday 19 th	School Tidy-Up Day 9.30am to 12.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Open Classrooms 3.20pm to 3.40pm
Thursday 24 th	Open morning 9.30am – 11am PTA children's disco Kites, Y1, Y2 & Y3 4.15pm to 5.45pm PTA children's disco Y4, Y5 & Y6 6pm to 7.30pm. £3 payable on the door.
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