



# Sonning Common Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Happy News

**Kites** have enjoyed an autumn walk to Millenium Park in the sunshine!  
Star of the week is Lenny L.

**Year 1** have enjoyed learning about autumn through lots of art and craft activities.  
Stars of the week are Dominic T and Leo V.

**Year 2** have embraced the autumn weather by venturing outside for science. They searched for different flowers in their environments to draw and label in their books. Some even found some minibeast!  
Stars of the week are Evie C and Bella N.

**Year 3** have created some wonderful art to mark and celebrate Black History Month.  
Stars of the week are Sophie B and Wilfie Y.

**Year 4** enjoyed starting the finale of their extreme earth topic by testing their LEGO buildings in a home-made earthquake simulator.  
Stars of the week are India S-B and Tilly H.

**Year 5** have begun designing their own house in Computing and enjoyed trying out some dance moves from the 1990s!  
Stars of the week are Isabella D-S and Isla P.

**Year 6** had a fantastic week preparing for, and then excelling in, their French play that took place last night. We are all very proud of their accomplishments.  
Stars of the week are James H and William A.

### Positions of responsibility

We are pleased to confirm the children who have been chosen to hold positions of responsibility this year. Well done to all of them:

Head Boy: Toby T

Head Girl: Hazel BM

House Captains: Georgie G, Teddy C, William Q, Serenna, Alejandra, Donnie, Sienna, Freddie P

Sports Captains: Louie B, Levi B, Georgie Q, Sylvie F

### **French Play**

Madame Baillie and Year 6 treated their audience to a magnificent performance on Thursday evening, totally in French! A great evening which showcased the talent of our children, both in their French language skills and their acting, ably supported by great props and brilliant stagehands. Thanks to all who helped on the evening and to the children for putting in the effort to learn their words and give up their lunchtimes rehearsing. The biggest MERCI goes to Madame Baillie for her endless enthusiasm and brilliant language teaching which gave the children the skills and confidence to perform.

### **Term 1 Inter-House Challenge Results**

#### **How many pieces of pasta can you pick up with chopsticks in 1 minute?**

Year 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Lana H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvey W, 3<sup>rd</sup> Harry C, 4<sup>th</sup> Megan T.

Year 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Evie C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Myles S and Lucas Y.

Year 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Jessica C and Sophie P, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry V and Kit G, 3<sup>rd</sup> Phoebe D and Paisley B, 4<sup>th</sup> Tilly H, Georgie E, Wilbur H and Ethan T.

Year 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Ella Y and Ivy H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alice B and Ollie J, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lili F and Noah B, 4<sup>th</sup> Jaxson J.

Year 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Romeo H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Azor S, 4<sup>th</sup> Ella W.

Overall results: 1<sup>st</sup> Earth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Water, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire, 4<sup>th</sup> Air

### **Cross Country**

The first race of the MECE series was on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Great running by all!

Year 1: Isaac C 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 3: Mhairi R 9<sup>th</sup>, Evie C 11<sup>th</sup>, Anya C 17<sup>th</sup>: Girls Team was 1<sup>st</sup>!

Year 3: Max C 7<sup>th</sup>, Myles S 13<sup>th</sup>, Joey Q 15<sup>th</sup>, Lucas Y 19<sup>th</sup>; Boys Team was 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Year 6: Felix C 16<sup>th</sup>, Toby T 18<sup>th</sup>, Teddy C 19<sup>th</sup>; Boys Team was 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Next race on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Races start sat 10am. Year 1 to 6. All welcome.

### **PTA News**

We look forward to welcoming the children to the disco next Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Please place your order for Christmas cards by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The online shop will close after Friday.

### **Visit your Child's Classroom**

We would like to invite parents into classrooms after school on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **After School Club Cancellations**

Please remember to cancel any bookings that you no longer require. Many days, staff members spend time looking for children who have already been collected from school.

### **Sickness policy**

To help limit the spread of vomiting bugs, we follow the NHS guidelines:

*Diarrhoea and vomiting can spread easily. Stay off school or work until you've not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.*

## Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Saturday 19th	School Tidy-Up Day 9.30am to 12.30pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Classrooms 3.20pm to 3.40pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 1
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Milestone Museum trip PTA Wine tasting evening
Saturday 9th	Cross Country at MECE. Races start at 10am
Friday 15th	Children In Need
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Toys Day at school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Visit from a Rabbi
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cross Country at The Oratory School. Races start at 10am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair