



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 25th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have enjoyed making pumpkin muffins, and the best part was eating them with all our friends, yummy!

Star of the week is Ethan Q.

Year 1 are really excited about meeting their Year 6 buddies today!

Stars of the week are Lyra P and Nellie M.

Year 2 have created mini concertina books with characters to tell a story. They cannot wait to show you at home!

Stars of the week are Rowan K, Megan T and Hiromi C-H.

Year 3 have celebrated their final week of studying the rainforests by writing some excellent non-fiction reports and pitting their wits against each other in a themed Kahoot quiz!

Stars of the week are Chloe C and Layla H-P.

Year 4 have enjoyed being opinionated this week: using their questioning skills in literacy to work out who is more guilty, Rumpelstiltskin or the King. There are some children who could certainly become very efficient lawyers, interrogators, or judges in the future!

Stars of the week are Annabell A-C and Harvey W-B.

Year 5 have had a great time finishing their futuristic drawings in Art and showing off their reading comprehension skills during the Open Morning.

Stars of the week are Adomas B and Keegan H-B.

Year 6 have enjoyed a wonderful autumnal walk. They prepared well and used their map skills to help the adults stay on track!

Stars of the week are Levi B, Georgie G and Ella W.

October's Big Thank You

This month's winner is Ruth Chadwick. Ruth is always smiling and supports so many children by offering a listening ear and a helping hand. She is an amazing colleague who is kind, supportive and funny.

PTA Wine Tasting Evening

Hosted by Madame Baillie on Friday 8th November, 7.30pm to 10pm. Canapés and wine pairings with a welcome drink on arrival. Tickets still available, £20 per person. Please email caterockell@hotmail.com to reserve your tickets.

Tidy-Up Day

We are grateful to the families who came to school at the weekend to help with a tidy-up of our wonderful grounds. We weeded borders and edges, trimmed shrubs and emptied the greenhouse ready for refurbishment, plus many other jobs. It was a lovely session and we feel grateful to our school community for supporting us in this way!

Chess

We have some children who really enjoy playing chess so we are looking to collect some more chess sets. If you have one you could spare, please bring to the School Office (standard size preferred, not the small travel sets or giant garden ones!). We would love to start a Chess Club again so do let us know if you would be willing to run one, either before or after school or over a lunchtime.

Half Term Art Competition

Theme: Nature

Deadline: Friday 8th November

Please create a drawing or painting over half-term on the theme of Nature. It could be a drawing of a leaf, a tree, an animal, an insect or a painting of the countryside. It can be artwork based on anything that interests and inspires you that is linked to the topic of Nature. Your artwork can be on any size paper and you can use pencils, pens or paints.

All artwork will earn team points and will be put into a prize draw to win a Hobby Craft voucher.

Please hand your artwork in to the **school office** by Friday 8th November. Please remember to label your art with YOUR FULL NAME, YOUR YEAR GROUP and YOUR HOUSE. e.g. John Smith, Year 5, Earth. We look forward to seeing your artwork!

PTA Christmas Tree Sale

We are again offering quality Christmas trees at a competitive price.

5ft - 6ft £35

6ft - 7ft £46

Pot grown trees, 2-3ft £20

Harvest your own 6ft tree (grown at school), on request £45

Available for collection on December 6th 4pm to 5pm or December 7th 10am to 11am.

Please email your order to pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk by 15th November.

Thank you for your support.

School Dinner Balances

Please clear any outstanding school dinner balances on your child's MCAS account.

Nits

There have been reports of cases of nits across various year groups. Please check your child's and family's hair and treat accordingly.

Community Noticeboard

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

New – Half Term clubs and activities, Girls Football clubs.

Rachel Salmons

Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER	
Friday 25 th	Last day of Term 1
Mon 28 th & Tues 29 th	Year 6 Bikeability Course
Wed 30 th & Thurs 31 st	Year 6 Bikeability Course
NOVEMBER	
Friday 8 th	Year 5 Milestone Museum trip PTA Wine tasting evening
Saturday 9 th	Cross Country at MECE. Races start at 10am
Friday 15 th	Children In Need
Monday 18 th	Year 1 Toys Day at school
Thursday 21 st	Year 3 Visit from a Rabbi
Saturday 23 rd	Cross Country at The Oratory School. Races start at 10am
Wednesday 27 th	Christingle
Wed 27 th – Fri 29 th	Scholastic Book Fair after school in the KS2 playground
Friday 29 th	Non-uniform day
Saturday 30 th	PTA Christmas Fair