



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 15th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have been exploring Diwali by dressing up, dancing and exploring religious artefacts. They have made some beautiful Rangoli patterns in maths through learning about 2D shapes and symmetry. Star of the week is Sully G.

Year 1 have enjoyed talking about their favourite toys and looking at toys from olden times. Star of the week is Olivia W.

Year 2 have hunted around the school to find different materials and explain their uses for our new Science topic 'Everyday materials'. Stars of the week are Rory W and Reuben C.

Year 3 have been showing off their amazing performance skills this week, looking at fairytale plays in Literacy and performing them in front of their friends! Stars of the week are Eliza E and Joshua A.

Year 4 have enjoyed using tints and shades to give a three-dimensional effect when painting. Stars of the week are Nia B and Lottie H.

Year 5 have had a great time debating whether Jim Jarvis should stay in the workhouse or escape, and have become particularly fond of Jim's friend, Tip, in the story *Street Child*. Stars of the week are James B, Olivia P, Isla P and Sam M-S

Year 6 have impressed us with their sea creature writing. Their work is fantastic and they should be proud of themselves. Stars of the week are Ethan P and Toby D.

Cross Country

Our runners competed at MECE on Saturday 9th November. Some came along for the first time - well done to them especially but also to all competitors!

Year 1: Isaac C 4th

Year 3: Myles S 6th, Max C 8th, Alexander W 9th, Lucas Y 10th, Mhairi R 9th

Year 6: Toby T 6th, Teddy C 7th, Phoebe E 6th

Year 3 Boys Team came 1st!

Next race: Saturday 23rd November at Oratory Senior School, races start at **9am**. Saturday 7th December at MECE, races start at **10am**. All welcome.

Children in Need

Thanks to your generous donations, today we have raised an incredible £422.50 for Children in Need!

Lost Property

We have quite a pile of lost property in KS2 at the moment. To avoid this growing further, we will be following the following procedure:

- Cloakrooms will be emptied every Friday afternoon
- Named items will be returned to their owners
- Unnamed items will be put into a year-group-specific box (clearly labelled)
- These boxes are then put under the shelter on the KS2 playground the following Monday for collection
- Unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of that week

We hope this makes it easier for parents to track down lost items.

PTA news

Date for your diary: PTA AGM Monday 20th January 2025, full details to follow.

PTA Christmas Tree Sale – Last call for orders!

We are again offering quality Nordmann Fir Christmas trees (non-drop, smooth to touch) 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 end of the day on **15th November**.

Thank you for your support.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

We can only currently accept donations of PE uniform. We are fully stocked and can't take any more donations until further notice.

Christmas Card Orders

The online shop for Class Fundraising (Christmas card) will open again on 15th November until 24th. We will not earn the same level of commission but will give you a second chance to place an order.

Christmas Wreath Workshops

Booking is now open for our Christmas wreath making evening on Thursday 5th December from 7:30pm. Tuesday 3rd December is now fully booked! Hosted by Bea from Dots & Joys, you'll receive all the materials and tuition to make a beautiful Christmas wreath for your front door whilst enjoying some festive tunes and mulled wine. Tickets are £45. This is a fundraiser for the school & also an opportunity to meet other parents. Please feel free to bring any friends & family along too!

To book, please email: pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

NOVEMBER	
Monday 18 th	Year 1 Toys Day at school
Tuesday 19 th	KS2 Cross Country Competition at Rotherfield FC, 1pm
Thursday 21 st	Year 3 Visit from a Rabbi
Thursday 21 st	Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament at Moultsford Prep, 1pm
Friday 22 nd	Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Tournament at Moultsford Prep, 1pm
Saturday 23 rd	Cross Country at The Oratory School. Races start at 9am
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
DECEMBER	
Tuesday 3 rd	PTA Wreath Making Evening – SOLD OUT!
Tuesday 3 rd	Parent Consultations 4pm -7pm
Thursday 5 th	PTA Wreath Making Evening, tickets £45.
Thursday 5 th	Parent Consultations 4pm – 7pm
Saturday 7 th	Cross Country at MECE, races start at 10am
Friday 13 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th	Year 2 Christmas performance to parents in the afternoon
Tuesday 17 th	Year 2 Christmas performance to parents in the morning
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Lunch Kites singing to parents in the afternoon
Thursday 19 th	Carol Concert Evening
Friday 20 th	Last day of Term 2, school finishes at 1.15pm