



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have been exploring 'Light and Dark' this week with a focus on questioning and investigative skills. In our specially adapted dark den, they have been making shadow puppets, investigating using black and white paint to make different shades and sorting animals into nocturnal and diurnal. Star of the week is Florence P.

Year 1 are enjoying getting in the Christmas mood: making decorations and learning songs for Christingle and the Nativity. Star of the week is Gabriel M.

Year 2 have been busy rehearsing their dances for the nativity. Keep working on learning any speaking parts at home! Stars of the week are Zach S and Lana H.

Year 3 were lucky enough to be visited by a rabbi who taught them lots about Judaism. In DT, they have started sewing their Christmas stockings. Stars of the week are Jesse D and Mhairi R.

Year 4 have wowed us with their Christmas decorations which they have designed and built themselves. Watching their visions be built to the way they want has been a complete joy this week! Stars of the week are Jacob N and Harvey B.

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about metamorphosis and writing a diary entry as the protagonist of 'Street Child,' Jim Jarvis. Stars of the week are Charlie C and Xander O-B.

Year 6 have impressed us this week by continuing to work hard and making great improvements in their Reading paper practice. Stars of the week are Bethany B and Camden A.

Year 5/6 Girls' Football Tournament

On Thursday our Y5/6 girls' football team ventured to Moulshford Prep for a football tournament. How did they do? Find out by clicking on this link:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/sport/2024/11/21/year-5-6-girls-f...t-moulshford-prep/>

Parent Consultations

Online Parent Consultation meetings are taking place on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th December from 4pm to 7pm. The booking system will go live at 7pm this evening on MCAS (either the app or desktop version).

PTA news

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair next **Saturday 30th** from 12 noon to 3pm. Sadly, Father Christmas is on his last-minute holiday so is unable to come. However, we are hopeful that he will be able to visit us before the end of term. At the Fair there will be an opportunity to send a letter to him and he has left small gifts for those who do.

Friday 29th is non-uniform day when we ask you to donate a bottle for the adult tombola and a small wrapped gift for the children's tombola. We will also be collecting cake and hamper donations, as well as good quality toys and games.

Thank you for your support.

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

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

Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

NOVEMBER	
Saturday 23 rd	Cross-Country at The Oratory School. Races start at 9am CANCELLED
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, 2pm
Tuesday 17 th	Year 2 Christmas performance to parents, 9.30am
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