



Sonning Common Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter 8th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have had a spectacular week focusing on mark making. They have created some amazing firework art, zoomed through the sky like dancing rockets and even made edible sparklers!
Star of the week is Izzy W.

Year 1 Miss Snowden's class have loved preparing for Remembrance Day by painting poppies!
Miss Bartlett's class have loved making and testing their spinning tops!
Star of the week is Isla A.

Year 2 have enjoyed reading The Bog Baby and describing him and his magical pond. They especially love our class bog baby!
Stars of the week are Charlie B and Saif HG.

Year 3 have been flexing their creative muscles this week, thinking about how to write an advert to attract new recruits to a team of diving...giraffes!
Stars of the week are Florence Ch and Theo W.

Year 4 have enjoyed writing war poetry with powerful similes and metaphors. We also loved learning the 'Lindy Hop' dance in PE.
Stars of the week are Vitya P and Ryder J.

Year 5 loved learning more about the Victorians during their trip to the Milestones Museum!
Stars of the week will be awarded next week.

Year 6 have had a great first week back, starting information texts in literacy, fractions in maths and light in science.
Stars of the week are Scarlett W and Hazel B-M.

Run Club

Run Club meets every Wednesday at 8am for 30 minutes of activity. Children in Years 1 to 6 are welcome to come along. Please wear something suitable for running, plus gloves and hats when it gets colder. The cost is £20 per family per year but feel free to come and try it for free if you aren't sure. No booking needed – just turn up! Remember to bring a change of clothes for after – particularly DRY SHOES and SOCKS as we usually run on the field. These are the most forgotten items (especially for those who have PE on a Wednesday) so members this year will get a Run Club Boot Bag as part of their membership to help them remember to bring a change of footwear!

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.

MCAS (My Child At School)

Please ensure that any outstanding balances for school trips, wraparound care and school dinners are paid promptly. Please contact the school office if you have any queries or wish to check your account balance.

Please also check that the pupil and contact details we hold for your child are correct. Amendments can be submitted on the MCAS app under 'Data Collection Form'.

PTA news

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. If you would like one of the good quality Christmas trees we have on offer, please send your request to pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk by 15th November.

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

PTA Christmas Tree Sale

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 15th November.

Thank you for your support.

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.

Community Noticeboard

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

Space to learn, grow and be inspired

www.sonningcommonprimary.co.uk

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

NOVEMBER	
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
DECEMBER	
Tuesday 3 rd	PTA Wreath Making Evening – SOLD OUT!
Thursday 5 th	PTA Wreath Making Evening, tickets £45.
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