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Weekly Newsletter 13th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News

Kites have been practising their singing from Around the World. They have also been working hard at kindness tasks left by their sneaky elves.

Star of the week is Annabel M.

Year 1 have enjoyed making books retelling the Nativity story and dressing up in their costumes for Nativity rehearsals. Miss Snowden's class have enjoyed dressing up and taking part in their school play!

Star of the week is Robyn J.

Year 2 have been getting into the festive spirit and enjoyed writing letters to Santa and making Christmas cards.

Stars of the week are Ronnie W and Jared B.

Year 3 have been feeling very festive this week! We have been making excellent progress with addition and subtraction in Maths. Our Christmas song is nearly performance-ready, and we are all very excited for the Christmas Carol Concert on Thursday 19th.

Stars of the week are Ocean S and Flo C.

Year 4 have created some lovely newspaper reports about kindness and have been showing great Christmas spirit while practising the Christmas songs.

Stars of the week are William C and Rafael F.

Year 5 have had great fun testing their Victorian cam toys but will miss reading about the adventures of Jim Jarvis in 'Street Child.'

Stars of the week are Ivy H and Claudia V.

Year 6 have had a lovely week writing Christmas stories for their buddies and perfecting their Christmas performance!

Stars of the week are Romeo H and Sylvie F.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for helping us to raise £226.63 today for Shelterbox.

Kites Kitchen

We are delighted to share with you that Kites Kitchen have been awarded a 5-star food hygiene rating after an unannounced food hygiene and safety inspection this week.

Cross Country

This week our runners have competed in two events. On Saturday 7th we were at MECE for the final race of the Autumn series. Most other events were cancelled in the face of Storm Darragh but not Mr Nutt and cross country! Only our toughest runners made it, so real kudos to them!

Year 6: Teddy C

Year 3: Myles S, Alexander W: This dedication then ensured that the Year 3 boys won the trophy for the series. Good effort!

On Tuesday, we walked to Rotherfield FC to compete in some tough races there. It was pretty cold but not a single moan was heard, either on the walk there, during the afternoon or on the walk back!

Great running by all over some longer distances than our usual races.

Year 3/4

Jack S 9th, Jacob N 17th, Sam M 22nd, Myles S 30th, Toby R 38th, Miles R 34th, Theo G, Kit G 37th, Joey Q 35th, Max C 39th **Boys' Team came 3rd**

Georgie E 19th, Robin BM 20th, Evie C 32nd, Flo C 38th, Vivienne RH 45th, Olivia G 51st

Year 5/6

Jonah W 8th, Oliver J 15th, Freddie P 21st, Louie B 22nd, Jago Y 26th, Felix C 32nd, Teddy E 37th, Noah S 41st, Levi B 44th, Ben N 61st

Georgie Q 10th, Sylvie F 17th, Hazel BM 26th, Issy C 34th, Isabella DS 38th, Ella 35th, Sienna 44th, Lily F 47th

Next races:

Saturday 25th January 09.00 start at the ORATORY SCHOOL, races for yrs 1 - 6

Saturday 1st February 09.00 start at SHIPLAKE COLLEGE, races for yrs 1 - 6

Saturday 1st March 10.00 start at MECE, Oxfordshire County Championships

Christmas Lunch Menu – Wednesday 18th December

Turkey, Festive Pastry puff, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, stuffing.

Christmas tree brownies

All allergy and dietary requirements available as usual.

PTA News

Thank you from PTA for donations to the gift room and providing the children with money to spend. Hopefully they manage to keep your gift a secret until the big day.

If you brought a Christmas tree from us, we would love to see a picture of it decorated. Please send to pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk

Term 2 Inter-house Challenge

This term we asked the children to design a showstopper cake for the most beautiful time of the year. Miss Green has had a very tough job shortlisting all the entries to decide the winners. There were some incredible entries throughout the school, but a special shout out needs to go to year 5 for having the most entries.

The results are as follows:

Year 1: 1st Isabella R-H (Water)

Year 2: 1st Bella N (Air)

Year 3: 1st Olivia G (Air)

Year 4: 1st William C (Earth) and Eliza S (Water); 2nd Theo G (Air); 3rd place Vivienne R-H (Water)

Year 5: 1st Issy C (Earth) and Ben N (Air); 2nd Ella Y (Water) and Harrison E (Fire); 3rd Bella B-L (Fire) and Keegan H-B (Earth)

Year 6: 1st Bay K (Earth); 2nd Phoebe E and 3rd Georgie G (both for Water).

The total points for each house: Water = 200, Air = 180, Earth = 170, Fire = 50

MCAS School Dinner Balances

Please ensure that any outstanding balances are paid before the end of term.

After school clubs and activities last sessions

Please check the website for the last session dates for after school clubs and activities:

<https://sonningcommonprimary.co.uk/parents/activities/>

Street Dance, Rabble, Run Club and Y5/6 Boys' Football have now finished until next Term.

Supporting the school on social media

As you may have noticed, the school has recently started a real push with marketing itself on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter/X by making them places to keep you updated with all the things that happen in school. In order to spread the word, we would really appreciate it if you could follow us on these platforms if you don't already, and like and share our posts.

Community Noticeboard

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

Rachel Salmons
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER	
Monday 16 th	Year 2 Christmas performance to parents, 1.45pm
Tuesday 17 th	Year 2 Christmas performance to parents, 9.30am
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Lunch Kites singing to parents, 2.30pm
Thursday 19 th	Carol Concert Evening with Years 2 to 6 performing, 6pm
Friday 20 th	Last day of Term 2, school finishes at 1.15pm
JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6 th	INSET Day – No children in school
Tuesday 7 th	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 16 th	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day
Tuesday 21 st	Year 1 Toys Day
Friday 24 th	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
Monday 27 th	Kites & Year 6 Weighing and Measuring