



## **Sonning Common Primary School PTA Newsletter**

Welcome to 2026 at Sonning Common Primary School. We would like to update you on recent achievements of the PTA, ongoing activities, future plans and how you can help contribute to the success of our school and help enhance your child's time with us.

### **What we have done this year**

We've worked on many events this year. We've worked with various community groups such as On your Bike and Sonning Common 10k. During the Summer and Christmas fairs we had many local partners and charities take part. Other events we have held included two school discos, wine tasting event, Easter trail, the gift room and Christmas tree sale. Thank you to those volunteers that have helped us with these events over the year, including Mr Simic and Kites Kitchen staff.

As well as running events we have been supporting many activities to raise funds for the school. This has included the clothes bank, commissions on name tag clothes labelling, our school lottery program, easyfundraising, cash4coins, Christmas card project, match funding opportunities and our second hand uniform shop. Thank you to those volunteers that have helped us with these activities over the year.

Our funds this year have so far been spent on renovating the Kites garden, a new BBQ, a skipping workshop, a Science Oxford membership for the school, an author event, sponsoring a child in Africa, a First News Education newspaper subscription, shorts for the girls football teams and new visualisers. Also, thanks to the success of the 10k run over the last 3 years, we are now in a position to investigate options to install a running track looping around the field and paddock area.

### **AGM**

We recently held our AGM where the following committee members were elected as officers.

Emily Doubek – Chair

Tiffany Belcher – Secretary

Charlotte Hunt – Treasurer

Rachel Kelly – Vice Treasurer

### **What's coming up next?**

#### **Disco**

Our next disco will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Our first disco is 4.15pm-5.15pm for KS1 (Kites, YR1 and YR2). Our second disco is 5.30pm – 6.45pm for KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). You can buy tickets on MCAS.

#### **Village Quiz**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm we will be hosting the bar for the Village Quiz held in the school's hall. We will also be holding a raffle. All profits from the quiz will go to the PTA.

If you would like to take part please get in touch with Rosemary Dunstan on [rmdunstan@hotmail.com](mailto:rmdunstan@hotmail.com)

#### **Easter Trail**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding an Easter trail for children to complete and win an easter egg. It will be held from 1.15pm when they finish school. Tickets will be available on MCAS until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Bridges Estate Agents have kindly sponsored this event.

#### **On Your Bike**

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May the next On Your Bike will be taking place. Look out for opportunities to marshal the event if you are not taking part yourself of course.

#### **Summer Fair**

We will be holding our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 12-3pm. If you would like to get involved and help us plan the fair please email us on [pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk) or speak to your year rep.

#### **Colour Run**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 4.15pm we will be holding our 2026 Colour Run. This is a very fun event for the children and parents as you run about our field and have powdered paint thrown at you! You'll end up very messy but very colourful! We'll also have a BBQ and soft drinks available. Tickets will be available on MCAS. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you have some time to help please fill in your availability on this form <https://forms.gle/gey7pNEwKDCMiPLP8>

## **Sonning Common 10k**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the 10k will be returning for the 4<sup>th</sup> year. Entries will open later this year but in the meantime, if you are interested in helping with this event either in the lead up or on the day, please contact [sonningcommon10k@outlook.com](mailto:sonningcommon10k@outlook.com)

## **How can you help us raise money for the school?**

### **Your School Lottery**

A reminder that the PTA have a lottery. Tickets cost £1 each, for each weekly draw and 40% of any ticket sales is donated back to our school. By taking part in the draw, you have the chance of winning a weekly prize, and everyone is entered into the national £25,000 jackpot prize.

To start supporting, please visit

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/sonning-common-primary-school>.

### **EasyFundraising**

Raise money for the school when you shop online! Over 8,000 brands will donate part of your spend when you shop from the Easyfundraising web site or app. For example, Tesco will donate 1% of your weekly online shop.

1. Go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
2. Search for a cause - **Sonning Common Primary School**
3. Sign up to create your profile
4. Download the browser extension called Donation Reminder. It will pop up on every retail site where a donation is available, so you don't have to go to Easyfundraising first.
5. Track your donation.

Once a quarter School will receive the donated money from Easyfundraising.

We really encourage you to sign up to this please as its a very simple addition when you do your online shopping and it costs you absolutely nothing. Also during February if we get 50 more people sign up we get an extra £250 so please consider doing this.

### **Clothes Bank**

You may be aware we have a clothing bank located outside the front of the school (at the opposite end to the library entrance) where you can donate good quality unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and towels anytime. We get 40p for every kilo we collect.

### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop is open every Friday from 3:20pm. Donations of unwanted uniform can be left in the yellow bin outside the uniform shed. All items for sale are 50p and all the money goes back to support your school.

### **Costume Donation**

To those parents that have unwanted Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Medieval costumes leftover from these special educational days, we would appreciate it if you could donate these to the PTA. We will hold a second hand sale of these later in the year for the next year's children that need them. There is a box for you to put your costumes in at Reception.

### **Name Tag Labelling: we can earn commission**

If you are needing to name any new uniform or equipment, please consider using the code below:

[Easy2name](#)– Various types of labels. Raise up to 20% per order by entering the fundraising group: **FR-SONNING-99**. Any order using this code will also receive free shipping with their purchase.

[Stikins](#) – Various types of labels. Raise up to 30% per order by entering the code **18186**

### **Matched Funding: are you able to help?**

Did you know that our fundraising efforts could be potentially doubled if your employer offers a 'match funding scheme'. A number of employers now offer Match Funding scheme where the employer will match some or all of the amount raised at a fundraising event. We would be very grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme (the name of the scheme may vary depending on the company) and if they are willing to match funding at any of our events. We have a number of events in the pipeline this year and it would make a huge difference to our fundraising efforts, if the amounts could be match by an employer. You may need to be involved, but please note this could be as simple as helping out on the day and we will not ask you to arrange the event or join the PTA if your employer can support the school! This is just a few of the companies who operate a matched funding scheme: Whitbread, GSK, PwC, Barclays, Boots, Ocado and many more. For more information please contact: [pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk) or via the school office.

### **Cash4Coins**

Did you have a holiday abroad this summer? Do you have leftover foreign currency? We will take it off your hands for you. Cash4coins will take any foreign currency from us and will send us £s in return. Every little € or \$ helps. If you have any currency to donate please put it in an envelope and post it into the PTA post box outside the Reception.

## Would you like to get involved in the PTA?

Whether it's for a one off event, a particular activity or a more long term involvement we are keen to get more parents involved in the PTA. Maybe you'd like to join our working group for the Summer Fair? Could you help at the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop? Do you want to help us with marketing our events? Can you help us apply for school funding grants? You don't have to get involved in the PTA all year round, maybe just join us certain times of the year, or just specialise in one activity. There are many ways you could help the PTA. We occasionally meet in person but it's mostly monthly online meetings. But of course you're not committing to joining us every time. Any time you can give to helping the PTA would benefit the school and in turn your children.

If you'd like to get involved or have an informal chat for more information, feel free to have a chat with your year rep below or drop us an email on [pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@sonning-common.oxon.sch.uk)

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Do you have a child starting in Kites in September? Would you like to be their year rep? Please get in touch with us if you do.