

## Sonning CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I find it hard to believe that this will be the final newsletter of the 2015-16 academic year. The Summer term has certainly passed by quickly.



Yesterday the children met their teachers for next year and had an exciting morning in their new classrooms. You should have also received information regarding staff allocation for the 2016-17 academic year via email. Information sessions have been arranged for early in the Autumn term, where you will be informed of the individual arrangements and requirements for your child's class. We will also be informing you next week of some changes across the school which will be implemented in September.

As I reflect on the 2015-16 academic year, the school has enjoyed another successful year. We have been recognised as a 'Good' school in our Ofsted and SIAMS inspections and have begun to develop plans in order to improve the front of the school, playground and curriculum. We need to celebrate our Year 1 phonics screening test results this year, with 97% of our children achieving the expected standard. This is a 30+% improvement on previous years and puts us in the top bracket of schools nationally. Many thanks to Key Stage 1 staff for their high quality teaching and the PTA for contributing towards our new phonics resources. Our Key Stage 1 and 2 results in Reading, Writing and Maths also look to be above national averages and our Acorn children have achieved above last year's national average for 'Good level of development'. We look forward to building upon these good results next year.

As always at this time of year, we are saying 'goodbye' to a number of staff and families who have enjoyed a long association with the school. To those of you who are moving on, may I say thank you for your support and contribution to the school. We wish you every happiness.

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed becoming part of the school's community since January and would like to thank you again for your warm welcome and support during the Spring and Summer terms. It has been greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the staff, may I wish all families a happy and enjoyable summer period. I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 6th September.

Yours sincerely,

**Luke Henderson**  
Headteacher

**LAST DAY OF TERM** – The last day of term this year **will be a Non Uniform Day**. However we will **NOT** have a 'Toy Day' as in previous years, as some fun learning activities have been planned for the children.

**LUNCH MONEY – URGENT** -PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNTS ARE NOW PAID UP TO DATE AND ALSO THAT THEY COVER ANY LUNCHES TO BE TAKEN UP TO AND INCLUDING THE LAST DAY OF TERM.

**CLUBS 2016/17** - Please see attached clubs overview.....sign up will be available during the first weeks of the Autumn term with clubs beginning on the 19th September.

**PARENT REPORT SLIPS** - Could we remind all parents that it is an expectation that parents complete and return the parent feedback forms supplied with your child's annual report. Thank you to those parents who have completed and returned them already. If you have not yet done so can you please return your slip to class teachers by the end of term.

## Calendar 2016

### JULY

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Village Rounders  
Match

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Leavers Service

### SEPTEMBER

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - INSET DAY

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – BACK TO  
SCHOOL, 8.45am

(New Reception  
Children 9am)

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> - Reception  
Children 8.45am

Sat 17<sup>th</sup>- Sonning Show

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>- New class  
information meetings  
(Times TBC)

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**YEAR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE-** A reminder that on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1:45pm the Year 6 leavers service will be conducted at St Andrews Church. All are welcome.

**NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE –** We are currently developing a new school website which will contain all key information as per our existing site, but within a more modern layout. Hopefully this will be up and running by September and you enjoy the new site!

**DATES FOR 2016-17 ACADEMIC YEAR-** The staff have been looking to decide on key dates throughout the 2016-17 academic year, in order to provide parents with as much notice as possible regarding school events. We hope to be able to provide you with a 'key dates' list across the academic year in September.

**PLAYGROUND -** Many thanks to those families who provided responses for our playground consultation. We are currently collating them and will use the information to create a brief for playground designers in the Autumn term. We also hope to arrange for some staff, members of the PTA and children to visit nearby schools who have re-developed their playgrounds to obtain more information for our brief. Once designs are finalised we will communicate these with the school community before making any final decisions.

**NEWSPAPER TEAM –** The Newspaper Team has been busy preparing a summer edition of the school newspaper; please now find a copy attached. You can read all about sport at the school, class topics, art and much more! The team has worked really hard, choosing what they wanted to include and writing their own articles. We hope you enjoy reading it.

**SONNING CLUB PARTY -** The Sonning Club are holding a Hawaiian Style Summer Party on Saturday 23rd July. There will be BBQ food served with chips and music will be provided by function band "Fingertips" Tickets £6 per head in advance or on the door. Come along and join the party!



## PTA NEWS

**CDs/DVDs -** Firstly, thank you to everyone who recently donated CDs and DVDs. We managed to raise over £230 by selling these online. We are still collecting more so please let us know if you have any to donate.

**Rounders tonight from 6pm -** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to play! The weather looks fine so come along, watch the fun and buy a burger or sausage from the PTA BBQ.

**Ice-Cream! -** Our usual ice-cream man won't be around for the rest of term but never fear, the PTA will be selling ice-creams after school on Wednesday so bring your pennies!

**Sonning Show - Saturday 17 September -** We'll soon be looking for volunteers to help cover the stalls at this year's show. This year, we will be trialling a new online system for signing up to help. Look out for details on our PTA Facebook page later in the summer. Email [sonningschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sonningschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk) for details.

**Foreign Coins -** If you're away abroad this summer, please save your leftover foreign money as we will be collecting it in September to raise more funds.

**Goodbye and Good Luck -** The PTA would like to say a big goodbye and good luck to Mrs Worthington and Mrs Tallent. Thank you both for your help and support and we hope you enjoy your retirement!

Thank you to everyone for your support throughout this busy school year.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and see you in September, if we don't see you tonight at the Rounders!

**Best wishes from the PTA.**