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Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 5. I hope that you had a lovely Easter holiday and that you are feeling refreshed and ready for this term.

In assemblies this week, I talked to the children about all the trips and events that are coming up this term, and next term. Please have a look at the calendar attached to this newsletter. It is going to be a busy spring/summer which we are all very excited about and looking forward to.

Our value this term is 'Courage'. When I asked the children about what they thought courage meant, I was really impressed with their answers. They talked about 'keeping going when things are hard', 'not giving up', 'being resilient', and 'challenging yourself'. The children also talked about how showing courage also includes helping each other which led us to talk about the importance of being an 'encourager'.

Parent Carer Surveys

There is still time to complete the parent carer survey for us. Thank you to those parents and carers who have already completed it, and Mrs Pike would also like to thank you for filling in her survey about school choices.

Here is the link to our survey: <https://form.jotform.com/240322742654351>

The deadline to complete it is the end of this month.

Pastoral Team Coffee Morning on Monday



Our next coffee morning will be on Monday 22nd April at 8.40am in the school hall so do come along for a chat, drink and biscuit. We are very pleased that our School Health Nurse is able to join us for this, so do pop along if you have any questions that you think she might be able to help with, eg. bed-wetting, diet, sleep, health needs, nits etc.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Thank you to those parents and carers who have contacted Mrs Hunter about our parent-governor vacancy. We shall be beginning the process of electing our new governor soon.

If you think you may be interested in becoming a parent governor at Wantage CE Primary School, please do get in touch with either of our current parent governors, Barry Cook and Nicola Ormston, or Sue Hunter, our chair of governors (shuntergov@vale-academy.org). It is an immensely rewarding role and we continue to be grateful to all our governors who support Wantage CE Primary School so well.



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Blue Peter Book Badge

Mrs Jones would like as many pupils as possible to earn their Blue Peter Book Badge. It would be marvellous to see everyone proudly wearing their Blue Peter Book Badges on their school uniform. All our children are brilliant readers at Wantage CE, so I'm expecting lots of badges to start appearing.

To earn your badge, you need to fill out the Blue Peter online form to share your thoughts on a favourite book, draw a character or scene from it, and tell them about other books and writers that you adore

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Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with us by answering the questions below! You can apply using our online form or by post.
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The Mayor's Big Thank You: Sunday 21 April at Wantage Parish Church

Everyone is invited to the Mayor's Big Thank You at Wantage Parish Church on Sunday.

Celebrating all the things and people we want to say Thank You for in our community!

- Church open from 2pm for free refreshments
- Exhibition of artwork from our local schools
- Music from Wantage Glee Club
- Raising money for the Mayor's Charities: Letcombe Brook Project, Riding for the Disabled, and Team Mikayla
- 4pm service of thanksgiving and blessing the Tree of Thanks, with guest of honour the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Brigadier Dr Dennis Blease.

Our children have been creating posters illustrating the things that they are thankful for in their lives. We have produced hundreds of posters, and I know that the church will not be able to display them all, but please come along and see if you can spot yours!

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne
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Calendar

Monday 22 April	9.40 am	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning
Tuesday 23 April	9.30—10.30 am	Nursery Open Morning
Friday 3 May		F1 Cake sale
Monday 6 May		Bank holiday—school closed
Wednesday 8 May	Pm	Space in a Box workshop for Y5
Thursday 9 May	Am	F1 to Sutton Courtenay
Thursday 9 May		Y4 to Windsor Castle
Friday 10 May		Non-uniform in exchange for donations for the Spring Fair
Monday 13—Friday 17 May		SATs week
Monday 20—Thursday 23 May		Y6 Cycle training
Wednesday 22 May	8.40 am	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning
Thursday 23 May		Y1 to Beale Park
Thursday 23 May		Y5 Sleepover at school
Friday 24 May		Friends' Rainbow run and Spring Fair
Friday 24 May	3.15 pm	End of Term 5
Wednesday 5 June		Tennis Roadshow in school
Thursday 6 June		Class and Year 6 leavers photos
Friday 7 June		Nursery Cake Sale
Monday 10 June		Junior Citizen for 6NJ
Tuesday 11 June		Junior Citizen for 6CB
Tuesday 11 June		Nursery trip to Roves Farm
Wednesday 12 June		Y5/6 Cricket at Challow CC
Friday 14 June	2.45 pm	Y3 Exhibition for parents
Monday 17 June		4DG to Court Hill overnight
Tuesday 18 June		4PS to Court Hill overnight
Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 June		Y6 Cycle training
Wednesday 27 June	3.15—6.00 pm	KS2 Quad kids at Millbrook



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