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Friday 28th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like summer has finally arrived! I hope that you enjoyed Sports Day on Monday. It was really lovely to see so many families watching the events, and I am always proud of our older pupils who do such a great job managing their teams and helping the younger children. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Brew and her team of helpers who have worked so hard to organise the days.



Smartphone Free Childhood

I have attached a letter to this newsletter from Victoria and Kate, parents of children in nursery, foundation and Year 2.

The letter is about a smartphone free childhood. We would really appreciate your opinion about children and smartphones. There is a survey which Victoria and Kate would like you to complete - the link is on the letter - please do take 5 minutes to complete the survey.

If enough parents and carers are interested, this is something that we could promote and encourage across our school community.

Car Parking

Please can I remind parents and carers not to use the school car park. The best place to park is the car park belonging to the Wantage Memorial Park next door to the school site.

Parents and carers with mobility issues may apply for a car park permit, which allows them access at drop off and pick up times. If you think you may need a permit, please speak to the school office.

All about Wantage CE's Dance Final

We started practising our dances last year in 2023 with our teacher, Miss Gillian, from the American Dance School. She taught us three dances that we performed, but only one dance got through. The dance was performed to a song called: 'Heaven is a place on earth', sung by Katie Thompson. We made many people in the audience cry with this beautiful contemporary dance. Since we had made it to the finals, we were rewarded with delicious street food from the Westgate Centre.

We would like to thank all the teachers and parents that helped out this year and especially during the final. A special thank you goes to Mrs Brew, Mrs GP and Mrs Pike.



It took a long journey for us to get to this stage, and we are very proud of ourselves.

By Phoebe and Florence



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New Families Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to the new families evening yesterday. Mrs Lang and Mrs Godfrey gave an excellent presentation about starting school at Wantage CE, and I hope that it not only answered lots of your questions but also inspired and excited you for September and everyone's first day at big school!

NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme

Also attached to this newsletter, is an additional letter about the NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe programme.

Speak Out, Stay Safe is a programme from the NSPCC which teaches children about safety, how to recognise harm or abuse, and what to do if they or someone they know needs help to be safe. Children will watch an age-appropriate virtual assembly in their classes and complete a survey. For more information please do refer to the attached letter and/or visit

www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

This is an important part of the work that we do every day at Wantage CE Primary School to help every child to flourish and stay safe.

Family Disco

I am really looking forward to the Family Disco this Saturday afternoon. It was a brilliant occasion last year, and this year's is going to be even better. If you haven't already bought your tickets, the deadline is 4pm today. (As I write this there are still a few tickets left.)



Year 6 Cooking

Year 6 have had a busy week planning, preparing and cooking a meal for their classmates. We are extremely proud of the whole of Year 6 for working well as a team to ensure that their meal was a success. At school we have very limited cooking facilities. However, they were able to make meals in slow cookers. The children all tried their meals and although there were a few children who didn't enjoy them, the majority of children loved their meals and had a fabulous time making them. Thank you so much to Mrs Simpson and Mrs Douglas as well as the Year 6 team for helping the children to have such a wonderful experience.



Mrs Morris-Hornby

Some parents and carers may already be aware that Mrs Morris-Hornby will be leaving us at the end of this term to take on the role of SENCO at St John's CE Primary School in Grove. We are so grateful for the excellent work Mrs Morris-Hornby has done not only as our SENCO, but also as a fabulous class teacher for over eight years at Wantage CE. We will miss her enormously. I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Pike will be our acting SENCO from September.



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I hope that you have a lovely weekend. I shall be watching England on Sunday afternoon – let's hope for a more exciting match than this week's, with a great result for the team.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne
Headteacher



Calendar

Saturday 29 June	4.00—6.00 pm	Family disco
Wednesday 3 July		Y3 to Harcourt Arboretum
Wednesday 3 July	9.30—11.30 am	KS1 Quad kids at Stanford-in-the-Vale School
Wednesday 3 July	4.30—5.30 pm	Tea Party for new September F1 children and parents
Friday 12 July		Y5 to Ashmolean Museum
Tuesday 16 July	5.15 pm	Y6 Performance
Wednesday 17 July	1.30 pm	Y6 Performance
Thursday 18 July		Y2 to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Monday 22 July	1.15 pm	Y6 Leavers Party
Tuesday 23 July	9.30 am	Leavers Mass in Church
Wednesday 24 July	9.40 am	Pastoral Coffee Morning
Thursday 25 July	9.15 am	Leavers Assembly
Thursday 25 July	12.15 pm	End of Term 6



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