



Wantage CE Primary School

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Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good couple of weeks since our last newsletter. The weather has certainly changed from unseasonably warm and overcast to typically frosty with a touch of snow! As always, we aim to be outside as much as possible during break and lunchtimes, so please make sure everyone comes to school with suitable coats, hats and gloves.

Children in Need

I am delighted to inform you that we raised over £400 on Friday for BBC Children in Need. Thank you so much for your generosity in support of such an important charity.

A massive well done goes to our Strictly dancers who performed so well to the school on Friday afternoon. Everyone who took part – including the children who danced for their classes and in the semi-finals – should feel very proud of themselves. Congratulations to Clarke and Sylvie whose dance scored the highest from our judges... I believe they are already planning their dance for next year's competition.



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Vale Cross Country Competition

Last week, 21 pupils from Wantage CE took part in the Vale cross country competition. They faced chilly conditions and a course that became increasingly boggy and water-logged as they ran against schools from around the local area. Everyone ran well, with both Max and Maisie in Year 4 coming second for their age group which is a brilliant achievement.



Antibullying Week

We enjoyed 'Odd-Socks Day' last week on Tuesday. During collective worship, we talked about how wonderful it is that we are all different and how our odd socks remind us to celebrate and respect each other's uniqueness. Throughout antibullying week, we discussed how to 'choose respect' and how important it is to **tell someone** if there is any form of bullying behaviour going on.

These posters are being displayed in every classroom...

Reading Ambassadors

Your son/daughter may have mentioned that they have been reading to an older pupil over the last few weeks. That older pupil will have been one of our amazing Reading Ambassadors. Each week, our Reading Ambassadors will be reading with younger children: helping them with their reading, sharing books that they love, and promoting a love of reading for pleasure. Well done Reading Ambassadors!



Here is who is going where...
Nursery - Amelia F
Reception - Megan and Hanan
Y1 Charlie and Maisie
Y2 Owen and Millie
Y3 Edith and Alice
Y4 Lyra and Kacey-Mae
Y5 Chloe and Rudra



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Stopping cars outside the school gate

Please can I remind parents and carers not to drop children off on the road outside school in the morning. Stopping on the road outside the school gate slows the traffic down for everyone else and it is extremely dangerous due to the risk of children being hit by other road users as they get out of the car. Drivers also risk prosecution if they stop on any part of the road that contains the zig-zag lines.



Please use the memorial park car park, which is safe to use and involves just a short walk to school. However – please do not park in the disabled spaces in the memorial park car park, as these spaces need to be available at all times for disabled users of the park and tennis club.

Thank you so much for your understanding with both these important issues.

Lollipop Lady Dawn

Many of you will already be aware that Dawn sadly passed away recently. Dawn was known to many parents and children at Wantage CE having served for many years as the friendly Lollipop Lady at the bottom of Mill Street. She will be sadly missed by the whole community. Dawn's funeral service is at 12 noon on Monday 2 December at the Parish Church and there is a donation page to raise funds for a memorial bench and to help the family with the funeral expenses – <https://gofund.me/bbcd2404>

I hope that you have a lovely weekend. I shall be starting my Christmas shopping!

Yours sincerely,

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Calendar

Monday 25—Friday 29 November		3CP swim every morning
Tuesday 26 November	9.30— 11.15 am	Boccia at WCE
Friday 29 November		Non-Uniform in exchange for Hamper donations
Friday 6 December		Dickensian Evening
Tuesday 10 December	9.15 am	FS1 Nativity
Tuesday 10 December	am	2AS to Victorian Christmas at the Museum
Tuesday 10 December	2.30 pm	Nursery class Nativity
Tuesday 10 December	6pm	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 11 December	1.30 pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 12 December	9.30 am	Christingle in Church for KS2
Thursday 12 December	am	2SC to Victorian Christmas at the Museum
Friday 13 December	3.15 pm	Friends' Christmas Event
Wednesday 18 December		Christmas Dinner
Friday 20 December	12.15 pm	End of Term 2



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