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Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2024!

Attendance so far this year

Our overall attendance continues to be 95%, which is in line with the national average for primary schools in the UK. It would be wonderful to be above average, and I am pleased to say that our attendance is improving compared to the end of Term 1. Well done to Year 1 and Year 2 for improving their attendance. Please keep it up Year 1 and Year 2; aim for at least 95% attendance by the end of Term 3. Very well done Years 3-6 for staying at 96% or more so far. Thank you everyone for keeping attendance a priority. Every school day counts.

	Term 1	Term 2
Year 1	93%	94%
Year 2	93%	94%
Year 3	96%	96%
Year 4	96%	96%
Year 5	97%	97%
Year 6	96%	96%
Total	95%	95%



Word Millionaires

We have four new word millionaires to celebrate. Very well done to Charlie in 6NJ, Megan in 6KH, Tarun in 6NJ and Edith in 6KH – what a fantastic achievement! Thank you for sharing your book recommendations in this week's assembly too.

Charlie = 1 034 807

Megan = 1 219 273

Tarun = 1 226 882

Edith Paterson = 1 278 133

How wonderful that we have so much more of the year school year to go, and very many books and words to read between now and the end of Term 6!

Goodbyes

We say farewell to two members of staff this week.



Miss Watson

Miss Watson is leaving us to pursue a career on the ski slopes of Canada before starting university at the end of next year. We are very grateful for the time that she has spent with us in Year 5 and we will miss her calm manner and kindness with everyone that she has supported.



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Mrs Tobin



There is not enough space in this newsletter to describe the impact that Mrs Tobin has had on Wantage CE Primary School and the enormous number of children, families and staff that she has helped during the 19 years that she has been with us.

I will be careful not to repeat the words that I used when I wrote about Mrs Tobin recently, instead I would like to add that it will be hard to imagine Wantage CE without Mrs Tobin. She infuses everywhere she goes with positivity, good humour, and bucket-loads of empathy, kindness and compassion. Mrs Tobin is someone with a can-do-attitude, who never takes no for an answer, and who will always keep going to achieve the best for people.

Fitzwaryn School are very fortunate to have her from January, and we have some small solace that we will continue to see Mrs Tobin on the playground for a little while longer whilst Ralph is still with us.

Our new SENCO

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Sarah Gerard will be joining us in January as our new SENCO. Miss Gerard has taught at Lady Grove Primary School in Didcot for a number of years, where she completed her NASENCO course with Oxford Brookes University.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Pike for leading SEND at Wantage CE Primary School since September.

School Dinners

The menu for Term 3 is now available on Parent Pay and you can book your children's dinners up to the February half term. Please note the deadline for booking for the first week of term is **Thursday 2 January**.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I shall be spending Christmas with my family and looking forward to having everyone back from university. On the 30th we'll be celebrating what would have been my dad's 100th birthday; we'll be raising a glass to his memory and thinking of everyone remembering family members and absent friends this festive season.

Yours sincerely,

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Calendar

Tuesday 7 January		School reopens for Term 3
Thursday 9 January		Nursery reopens for Term 3
Friday 10 January		Year 4 Cake Sale
Tuesday 14 January		Year 4 classes visit the Museum
Wednesday 15 January	7.30 pm	Friends meeting
Monday 27 January		Dance Festival at New Theatre, Oxford
Tuesday 28 January	9.30—11.00 am	Goalball at Grove CE School



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