



# Wantage CE Primary School

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely half term. I spent it with 30 teenagers on a swim club camp at Oundle School, which is near Peterborough. I am always impressed by young people who have a passion for a sport and are prepared to spend hours every week working hard and training to hone their skills and improve their personal best. The same could be said for the children learning musical instruments or even those practising for hours striving to beat their highest score in TTRockstars!

## Parent and Carer Survey

It feels like a while since we have asked you to complete a survey for us. Surveys are a really helpful way for me to hear from parents and carers about what we are doing well and also what we need to do to improve further.

Please follow this link to complete the survey:

<https://forms.gle/QhEQJ8NxTQZDn9Cz6>



I would be very grateful if you could complete it by next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## Wantage CE Does Strictly Come Dancing for BBC Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

We will be raising money for BBC Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November in our traditional way.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> will be a non-uniform day – please 'dress to impress' – and donations for Children in Need can be sent via Parent Pay.

In the afternoon, we will hold our Wantage CE Does Strictly competition – auditions for the final dance-off will be taking place over the next couple of weeks.



## Year 5 Evacuee Day

Year 5 have started Term 2 in dramatic style, re-creating the experience of evacuees during World War 2. I thought you would like this brilliant photo of some of our Year 5s along with Ms Tavener and Mrs Farmer.



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## Our value this term is Respect - "Show proper respect to everyone." 1 Peter 2:17

Collective worship this week was led by Rev Katherine, who spoke to KS1 about the Christian festival of All Saints. We thought about who our heroes are, and learned about examples of heroic people throughout history.

Next week, during collective worship, we will be paying respect to those members of the armed forces who lost their lives in World War 1 and 2, and in more recent conflicts. We will also have poppies in school if any children would like to make a donation to the Poppy Appeal.

The week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November is Anti-Bullying Week, and our focus for collective worship will be the importance of respecting everyone and saying 'No' to bullying.



The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying week is 'Make a Noise About Bullying' – for more information about the national campaign, please go to: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>

## Drop off and Collection Guidance

Please find attached our Drop off and Collection Guidance leaflet. We would particularly like to remind parents and carers that we can only release children to a person aged over 18, including older siblings. We appreciate that in emergencies you may wish a younger teenage sibling to collect your child. We will only release a child to an under 18 if we have had a written request from the parent and only in exceptional circumstances.

May we also remind you to only use the paths at the front of the school. Please do not cut across the car park particularly at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

## School Photographs

You will have received the proofs of your children's photos this week. Orders through school must be with the school office by 3 pm on Thursday 9 November to be included in our bulk order. Online orders must be completed by Monday 13 November for free delivery to school. You can still order after these deadlines but you will then have to pay a £5 delivery charge.

Fortunately, the weather appears to have calmed down somewhat today, and I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne  
Headteacher



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## Calendar

Monday 6—Friday 10 November		5AD swim everyday
Wednesday 8 November		Y3 to Matilda the Musical at the Beacon
Thursday 9 November		Y6 Maths Challenge at KAs Centre site
Thursday 9 November	3pm	Deadline for photo orders through school
Monday 13—Friday 17 November		3PS swim everyday
Monday 13 November		Deadline for online photo orders for free delivery
Tuesday 14 November	9 –10.30 am	Open Morning for prospective parents
Wednesday 15 November	3.30—5 pm	Basketball at Charlton
Monday 20—Friday 24 November		3JS swim everyday
Monday 27 November—Friday 1 December		3LC swim everyday
Friday 1 December	3.15 pm	Year 4 Cake sale
Friday 1 December	6—9 pm	Dickensian Evening
Tuesday 5 December	9.30 am	Early Years Christmas performance
Wednesday 6 December	2 pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 7 December	5.30 pm	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 12 December		2AS to Victorian Christmas at the Museum
Wednesday 13 December		2KV to Victorian Christmas at the Museum
Thursday 14 December		Whole School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 20 November		End of Term 2
Tuesday 9 January 2024		School reopens for Term 3



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