



# Wantage CE Primary School

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sending an additional newsletter this week to keep you up to date with various news and events.

## We have a new website!

Over the next few days, our old website will disappear, and a new website will be launched. The address stays the same and I hope that you will find our new website a lot easier to use and more attractive. [www.wantagece.org](http://www.wantagece.org)



## Parent and Carer Survey

Thank you to the parents and carers who have already completed our survey. It would be wonderful if a few more people could complete the survey so that we have a fully representative sample of everyone's views. I will keep the survey open until the middle of next week, so if you have time over the weekend, please take 5 minutes to fill it in.

Here is the link to the survey. Thank you so much: <https://forms.gle/9qCZsPEK483k2Ycw8>

## BBC Children in Need

I'm delighted to inform you that we raised £287 for Children in Need last week. In these economically challenging times, it is encouraging that we are able to continue to support charities like Children in Need in this way.

I would like to thank all the staff involved in organising the Wantage CE Does Strictly event on Friday and a special 'well done' goes to all the children who auditioned and then danced in front of the whole school so enthusiastically. Congratulations to Sylvie and Florence for their fabulous winning dance.



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## Free Autism Support

Autism Central offers free support for parents/carers of children with autism and they are keen to offer their support to families at Wantage CE. If you are interested, please follow the link on this letter.

Autism Central offers a wealth of resources for parents, carers and personal assistants of people with autism in England – from articles and learning materials to signposting to services and support in the local area.

The project is run by leading not-for-profit organisations, supporting families and people with autism and has been commissioned by Health Education England. It has been set up to help parents/carers access information they can trust, all in one place. Our resources have been developed together with people with autism, parents and carers and subject matter experts, and follow the most recent research and guidance.



## Reminder about dogs

Please can I remind parents and carers not to bring dogs at pick up and drop offs. Please also do not leave dogs unattended at the school gates. There are a number of dogs that have been left tied up by the cemetery gate. Whilst most dogs are friendly, there is always the risk that a child may go to stroke an unattended dog who could then injure or frighten the child. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

## Change of date for the Christingle Service

Please note that we have changed the date of the Christingle Service to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Full details will be coming home next week.

## Coffee Morning

Our Pastoral Staff will be hosting a Coffee Morning on Monday 18 December at 8.45 am in the school hall. All parents and carers are welcome.



## Code of Conduct for Parents

We are fortunate at Wantage CE Primary School that we have excellent relationships between parents/carers and school staff. Our school values of love and respect really help to remind us of the importance of maintaining warm, positive and supportive relationships with each other.

This academic year, there have been occasions when some staff have been spoken to in a manner which falls short of our school values and how we all expect to be spoken to. Whilst this involves a very small minority of parents and carers, it is important to bring this to everyone's attention.

As with all public organisations, we will not tolerate any threatening or abusive behaviour, and we will take action to limit anyone's access to the school site if this behaviour were to persist.

We have a code of conduct for parents, which is the expectation held for the parents and carers of children across all the Vale Academy Trust schools. If you would like to view it, you can access it via the policies page on our new website. This message



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is never an easy one to give, however, I hope that you appreciate how important it is to have a reminder for everyone when necessary.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne  
Headteacher

## Calendar

Monday 27 November—Friday 1 December		3LC swim everyday
Monday 27 November		4PS Library visit
Tuesday 28 November		Y5 Library visit
Wednesday 29 November	8.30am—12.30pm	Vale Cross Country at Tilsley Park
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	9.30 am	Christingle Service in Church for KS2 (Y3-6)
Wednesday 13 December		2KV to Victorian Christmas at the Museum
Thursday 14 December		Wear something Christmassy
Thursday 14 December		Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14 December	3.15—3.45 pm	Friends' Hot Chocolate afternoon
Friday 15 December		Mr Campbell's singers visit Framlands
Monday 18 December	8.45 am	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning in the hall
Wednesday 20 November	<b>12.15 pm</b>	End of Term 2
Tuesday 9 January 2024		School reopens for Term 3
Thursday 11 January 2024		Nursery reopens for Term 3



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