



# Wantage CE Primary School

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a sport-filled couple of weeks, culminating in our fabulous visit on Tuesday from Nerys Pearce.

## Goal Ball

Last week, a team of pupils went to Grove CE School for a Vale Goal Ball competition. Our team performed very well and everyone enjoyed trying out this new sport. Thank you to Mr Chadwick for organising and Mrs Brew for taking our team.



## Dance for the VAT 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Also last week, a team of our dancers from Years 5 and 6 performed at the Vale Academy Trust 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at St John's CE Primary School in Grove. We had the pleasure of watching their dance in assemblies this week, and they were brilliant! (We are all looking forward to the Dance competition at the New Theatre Oxford after half term – I think our dances will be even better than last year's.)

## Nerys Pearce

Then, on Tuesday, we welcomed Nerys Pearce to Wantage CE Primary School. She was accompanied by Jack Rutter who turned out to be a Paralympian who had captained the Team GB Football Team in the Rio Paralympics in 2016!

In the morning, the whole school took part in sponsored fitness circuits in the school hall. I have included a selection of photos here, and there will be more on our website. The atmosphere in the hall was electric and it was brilliant to watch everyone pushing themselves as hard as they could with their press-ups and star jumps.



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Nerys then spoke to the whole school in an assembly after break. Her message - told through the story of her life, including her traumatic injury, recovery and transformation through sport - was absolutely compelling and inspirational. The children listened in rapt attention, and I'm sure her visit will have left a lasting impression on them.

Nerys reminded us all, in both good times and bad times, to keep 'pushing on' and to never give up. She is someone who is always pushing to be a better version of herself.



## Parents' Evenings for Reception – Year 5

Parents' Evenings after half term will take place on Tuesday 27th February until 6.30pm and Wednesday 28th February until 5.30pm.

This time, we will be using an online booking system, which we hope will be a lot easier to use than paper stuck on the back of doors. We will be sending out information about how to book your parents' evening appointment after half term.

## Interruption to electricity supply – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

We have been notified by the electricity company that the electricity supply to the school and neighbouring houses will be switched off for two hours between 10:00am and 12:00pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



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Whilst this will cause some inconvenience for us, it is not necessary for us to make any significant changes to the school day.

This will, however, cause some disruption for our kitchen staff so we will not be able to serve hot meals on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We would very much appreciate it if you could send your children with a packed lunch on that day, but we will of course provide a brunch bag for any families who are unable to do this. More details will be sent home next week.

## Car Park Permits

You may have noticed me standing at the school gate at the start of this week as Kevin was on a well-earned holiday.

Please can I remind parents and carers not to use the school car park to drop off or pick up children. We do not have the space for parents and carers to do this, and any additional cars entering the school site at the start or end of the school day is dangerous due to the children and their families walking in and out of school at these times. Please use the Wantage Park car park and walk the short distance into school.

**The only cars allowed on site are those belonging to staff or parents/carers who have a permit to use the car park.**

If you think you may be eligible for a school car park permit, please do speak to our office staff.

## Broadwater Place

Please do not use the car park spaces at the end of Broadwater Place. These are residents only places. Please also make sure that if you park in the entrance to Broadwater place, you are considerate of the residents who live there and pedestrians who will be crossing the road.

## Pastoral Team Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning which was due to take place before Christmas has been rearranged for Monday 25 March at 8.45 am in the School Hall. All parents and carers are welcome to drop in.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend. I am delighted that the Six Nations have come around again. After the bruising semi-final in the rugby world cup in October against South Africa, I'm hopeful that we'll have a fantastic Six Nations competition.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne  
Headteacher



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## Calendar

Monday 5 February		Wonderdome in school for Year 5
Tuesday 6 February		Parents evening for Year 6
Wednesday 7 February		Parents evening for Year 6
Thursday 8 February	Am	Year 4 visit Library
Thursday 8 February	Am	Police visit Year2
Thursday 8 February	2.45—3.15 pm	Y5 parents invited to visit classrooms
Friday 9 February	3.15 pm	End of Term 3
Monday 19 February		Start of Term 4
Tuesday 20 February		Dance Festival at New Theatre, Oxford
Tuesday 20 February		Y5 Mini Speaks competition
Thursday 22 February		NO HOT MEALS, please bring a packed lunch if you can
Friday 23 February		David Johnston MP in school
Friday 23 February		Friends' Bingo night at Wantage Town FC
Monday 26 February		Heights and Weights for Y6 and F1
Tuesday 27 February		Parents Evenings for Foundation—Y5
Wednesday 28 February		Parents Evenings for Foundation—Y5
Wednesday 28 February	3.30—5.00 pm	Y5/6 Football at St Nicholas School, East Challow
Thursday 29 February		Hanney Bible Group in school for KS2
Friday 30 February		Y2 Cake sale
Tuesday 5 March	Pm	5AD visit the Convent
Wednesday 6 March		Girls' Football event
Wednesday 6 March		VAT Singing Festival
Thursday 7 March		World Book Day
Thursday 7 March	Pm	5KH visit the Convent



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