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Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have celebrated World Book Day, all our girls took part in a football event, Year 1 have had a fantastic trip to Oxford Castle, and many Wantage CE Primary School pupils (past and present) took part in the VAT Singing Festival on Wednesday.

Vale Academy Trust Parent and Carer Survey

This term, all the parents and carers across the Vale Academy Trust are being invited to complete a survey about their children's schools.

These annual surveys provide us with excellent feedback from you, to help us to know what we are doing well and where we need to improve.

Please follow this link to complete the survey: <https://form.io/form.com/240322742654351>

The survey will remain open until the end of this term.

World Book Day

We had an excellent World Book Day on Thursday. The atmosphere in school was brilliant and we were all exceedingly impressed with the effort that everyone put into their costumes. Here are a selection of the many brilliant costumes that everyone wore:



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Letter from Mrs Boehm about gaming and language in school

Mrs Boehm has written a letter to parents and carers about gaming and language in school which accompanies this newsletter. Please take the time to read her letter.

We are aware that some of our pupils are playing or watching computer games which are inappropriate and rated for an age group which is much older than primary aged children. There is a risk that children may be upset by the levels of violence and adult themes in some computer games, and we have noticed that some children are using language, including swearing, on the playground which is not acceptable in school.



If you would like more information or guidance about computer games and children, please follow these links:

<https://www.uswitch.com/broadband/studies/parents-guide-to-gaming/>

<https://pegi.info/page/tips-parents>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/>

Attendance Data

Our attendance for the whole school at the end of Term 3 was 95%. This is in line with the national average for primary schools across the UK, however, I believe that we should be an above average school, and our target for attendance continues to be 97%!

Please keep attendance a priority – every school day counts – and there is still time left this academic year for us to improve our attendance.

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

Overall Attendance 95%

Attendance Matters



Every School Day Counts

Well done to Years 2, 3 and 5 – 96% is close to our target. Year 1 and Year 6, your challenge is to catch up with them!



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Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March 2024



Wear something red for Red Nose Day!!!

This year, to raise money for Comic Relief, we would like everyone to come to school wearing something red (which isn't school uniform!) Don't worry if you don't have anything red, home clothes will be fine.

Please send us your donations for Red Nose Day using Parent Pay.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Miss Sigee

I'm delighted to inform you that Miss Sigee is expecting her second child. This is wonderful news and we are all excited for her and her growing family. Miss Sigee will continue to teach Year 3 for the rest of the academic year.

Friends' Meeting

The next Friends' meeting is on Monday 11 March at 7.30 pm in the staff room at school. All parents/carers are welcome and we hope to see some new faces on Monday.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend. I'm looking forward to England vs Ireland in the Six Nations.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Browne
Headteacher



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Monday 11 March	7.30 pm	Friend's meeting in the staff room
Friday 15 March		Red Nose Day
Monday 18 March		Theatre group in school for Y3
Wednesday 20 March		Y3 Roman Theme day
Wednesday 20 March		Nursery closed pm
Wednesday 20 March	3.30—5.30 pm	Netball at Wantage CE
Thursday 21 March		KS2 Friends' Film Night
Monday 25 March		FS1/KS1 Easter celebration in the hall (time TBC)
Monday 25 March	11 am—7.30 pm	Dance Competition at Wyvern Theatre, Swindon (times TBC)
Tuesday 26 March		Police talk for Y6
Tuesday 26 March	3.30—5.00 pm	Football home v Ladygrove TBC
Wednesday 27 March		Y2 visit Botanic Gardens
Wednesday 27 March	9.30 pm	Passion Play in Church for Y5 Parents
Wednesday 27 March		VAT Science Fair
Thursday 28 March	12.15 pm	End of Term 4
Monday 15 April		School reopens for Term 5
Tuesday 16 April	3.30—5.00 pm	Y5/6 Girls' football home v All Saints TBC
Friday 19 April		Y1 Cake sale
Tuesday 23 April	9.30—10.30 am	Nursery Open Morning
Wednesday 24 April	9.30—11.30 am	Y4/5/6 Girls football at St James, E Hanney TBC
Friday 3 May		F1 Cake sale
Monday 6 May		Bank holiday—school closed
Thursday 9 May	Am	F1 to Sutton Courtenay
Thursday 9 May		Y4 to Windsor Castle
Monday 13—Friday 17 May		SATs week
Monday 20—Thursday 23 May		Y6 Cycle training
Thursday 23 May		Y1 to Beale Park
Friday 24 May		Friends' Rainbow run/Spring Fair
Friday 24 May	3.15 pm	End of Term 5



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