



Wantage CE Primary School

Newbury Street, Wantage, Oxon, OX12 8DJ



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John 10:10

18th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance

	This week	Total
1SD	98.2%	97.8%
1JG	94.0%	98.6%
2SMH	96.0%	97.4%
2KV	90.0%	96.2%
3VL	96.2%	97.5%
3AW	95.3%	96.1%
4DG	97.6%	96.5%
4TL	97.1%	97.8%
5KH	96.7%	97.3%
5NJEW	97.5%	96.1%
6AD	94.7%	95.6%
6SC	96.1%	96.4%

Whole school attendance for this week is 95.4%.

Whole school attendance since the beginning of term is 96.8%

Our overall attendance this term is just below our whole school target of 97%... *we are so close!* Very well done to those classes with over 97% this term.

This week, a couple of classes stand out as having particularly low attendance. Let's all aim to achieve at least 97% next term. Every day counts.



Congratulations to 1JG for winning 'Best Class Attendance' this month, and 5KH for 'Most Improved'. Well done!

This Term

It is remarkable how quickly this term has gone, and it is hard to believe that we are already one sixth of the way through the year. My personal highlights have been spending the week at Kilvrough with Year 6, a sleepover at Court Hill with Year 4, Harvest Festival with Reception and KS1, attending church with KS2, and being a caveman for Year 3.

As well as these memorable events, it has been a pleasure to spend time with pupils, parents and staff at the starts and ends of the day, during break times, and in lessons. This term, pupils have impressed me with their politeness, engaging conversations and enthusiasm to share their learning and interests with me. I have seen some outstanding writing throughout the school (Year 6 deserve a special mention for the quality of their arguments concerning a proposed reservoir) and some brilliant maths (recently I watched younger pupils tackle challenging maths problems with confidence and skill).

Next term looks like it is going to be even busier and I hope that the calendar attached to this letter is of help to you. There will be even more events to add as the term goes on!

Sports News

At the WASPs Cross Country in Wantage Park we had 3 teams in each race with a total of 68 children representing our school:

Year 3/4 girls	Year 3/4 boys	Year 5/6 girls	Year 5/6 boys
1st Wantage A	3rd Wantage A	1st Wantage A	5th Wantage A
8th Wantage B	7th Wantage B	7th Wantage B	8th Wantage A
10th Wantage C	14th Wantage C	14th Wantage C	14th Wantage C



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Individual performances came from Poppy, 1st, and Evie P, 2nd place in the Year 5/6 race. We also had 8 runners finish in the top 20!

Rose was 3rd in the Year 3/4 girls race and Annabel and Annie also finished in the top 10.

The girls and boys in Year 3/4 and the Year 5/6 girls went on to represent the school in the Vale Cross Country. The Year 3/4 girls came 4th, Year 3/4 boys came 10th, and the Year 5/6 girls came 1st with Poppy in 1st place and Evie P in 2nd place overall. The Year 5/6 girls will now represent the Vale at the Oxfordshire School Games later in the year.



The boys and girls football teams played in the ESFA U11 7 a side football competition at Our Lady's School, Abingdon. The teams played really well and improved during the afternoon however did not make it to the final.

Also, the sports clubs have started and take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday after school, these are well attended by the children, however there are spaces if any other children would like to join us.

Friends Committee

Please make sure that you read the letter from the Friends committee that has gone out today. They are aiming to raise over £10,000 for school this year, which will make an enormous difference to the resources and experiences that we can provide for all our pupils. We are so grateful for everything that the Friends committee have funded through your generosity.

Wantage CE does Strictly for Children in Need 2018

I would also like to draw your attention to the letter from Mr Tomlinson. Get your sequins ready for Children in Need on the 14th November!

Wantage Literary Festival

We are grateful to Wantage Literary Festival for arranging a visit from author and illustrator Mini Dryer who gave a brilliant presentation to our KS1 Children yesterday.

Also, congratulations to Evie P, Year 6, for being one of the top three writers in the Wantage Literacy Festival 200 words competition!



And Finally...

I hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term, and I look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term 2 on Wednesday 31st October.

Yours sincerely,
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