



Wantage CE Primary School

Newbury Street, Wantage, Oxon, OX12 8DJ



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John 10:10

23rd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Attendance this week & since September

	This week	Total		This week	Total
1SD	92.2%	96.5%	4DG	97.8%	96.4%
1JG	87.0%	96.5%	4TL	96.5%	96.8%
2SMH	97.7%	97.4%	5KH	98.3%	97.2%
2KV	95.2%	96.4%	5NJEW	96.7%	96.7%
3VL	97.5%	97.7%	6AD	96.1%	95.8%
3AW	98.2%	95.8%	6SC	95.3%	96.5%

Some excellent attendance this week especially from 3AW and 5KH. Well done everyone who achieved over 97%. Thanks to Mrs Baker, we now have a beautiful attendance tree painted on the wall outside the KS2 Library. Any pupil with 97% or above attendance at the end of this term will receive an attendance certificate and have a leaf with their name on added to the tree.

Anti-Bullying Week

I hope that your son or daughter has told you about the Power of One anti-bullying assemblies that we enjoyed on the 12th November. The actors presented a clear and entertaining message about what bullying is and what to do if children experience bullying behaviour. Please ask your son or daughter what they should do if they, or someone they know, is experiencing bullying.



Children in Need



We also celebrated Children in Need last week. We raised over £400 and even had a mention on the Ken Bruce Show on Radio 2! The highlight of last week was Wantage CE does Strictly Come Dancing. It was a fabulous show and I was so impressed by the quality (and bravery) of all the dancers who had practised hard for their performances. Congratulations to everyone who took part and to our winners... Daisy, Poppy, Lacey, Evie and Lucy. Thank you to Mr Tomlinson and Mr Ballard who did a great job organising the event.

blog.wantagece.org

If you would like to see more photos from the Power of One assemblies, or if you would like to see videos of the children performing their dances for Children in Need, please go to our online blog: blog.wantagece.org (I'm sure the staff dance was uploaded by mistake – the hours of rehearsals seem to have had no effect...)



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Cross-Country at Cokethorpe School

I had the privilege of taking 6 teams from Wantage CE to the cross-country competition at Cokethorpe School last Friday. Our teams ran exceptionally well and were brilliant at cheering each other on and supporting their team-mates. I was immensely proud when all three girls' teams won their events and we returned to Wantage with three trophies! I must pay tribute to Mrs Brew who manages all our sports teams and fixtures so magnificently – she is so passionate about sport and she has the gift of encouragement and the ability to bring the best out of our pupils.



BBC Radio Oxford

Finally, BBC Radio Oxford have invited us to take part in the afternoon show 'Back to School' feature. We'll be on air every day next week at approx. 2:40pm talking about our learning and choosing a song!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 26 November		Pyjama Swim sessions for 3AW, 5KH and 5NJ
Tuesday 27 November		4TL Museum Trip
Wednesday 28 November		4DG Museum Trip
Monday 3 December		2SMH Museum Trip
Tuesday 4 December		Y4 to visit Library
Wednesday 5 December		2KV Museum Trip
Thursday 6 December	12 – 4 pm	Y5 Hockey at Cokethorpe
Thursday 6 December	3 – 5 pm	Friends' Christmas Fair
Friday 7 December		Non-Uniform for Christmas Hampers
Friday 7 December		Dickensian Evening
Tuesday 11 December	1.30 pm	KS1 Christmas Play
Wednesday 13 December	6pm	KS1 Christmas Play
Thursday 13 December	1.45 pm	FS1 Play
Thursday 13 December	2.15 – 5.15 pm	Vale Y5/6 Basketball at Wantage Leisure Centre
Thursday 13 December	9 am	Christingle Service in Church (<i>NB change of date</i>)
Friday 14 December		Non-Uniform for Save The Children (Christmas Jumper Day)
Monday 17 December		Christmas Dinners (F1SO, 1JG, 2KV, 3AW, 4TL, 5NJ, 6SC)
Tuesday 18 December		Christmas Dinners (F1PS, 1SD, 2SMH, 3VL, 4DG, 5KH, 6AD)
Wednesday 19 December		Pals Productions in School
Friday 21 December	12.15 pm	End of Term 2
Tuesday 8 January		School re-opens for Term 3

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