

Principal: Mrs Robinson *WPA's Newsletter* 25th October 2024

Dear WPA parents and carers,

What a busy week we have had here in school! Our children have continued to amaze us with their positivity and brilliant attitude to learning right up to the last day of the half term. We are so proud of the start they have made to this academic year and the superb progress they have already made. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our teachers and TAs for their commitment and incredible hard work this half term. I would also like to say a big thank you to all of you for the warm welcome you have extended to our amazing new staff and for the continued support you have shown for your children and for our school, especially to those of us who have embarked upon new roles this term. Your kindness is hugely appreciated.

Next week, school will be closed to pupils for the half term holiday.

We hope you will all have a lovely time with your families and that the children come back on the 4th of November, refreshed and ready for the next steps in their learning journey.

A reminder that teachers have uploaded half term homework. We would encourage children to try their best to complete their activities but do not worry if you are unable to complete all of it- we understand that family time, fun and rest are all vitally important too. Please keep up with the daily reading.

Key Dates for the remainder of this half term (see full calendar below)

Date	Who?	Event
October 25 th	All pupils	End of term. Normal times of day

A big thank you to those of you who have made donations to our school uniform swap shop and to those parents who came along to find items of pre-loved uniform for their children. We hope that parents will find this a really useful scheme and we plan to run it once a half term in a bid to reduce clothes waste and ease the strain on people's purses.



Thank you also to those of you who have donated to the Wantage and Grove Children's Clothes Bank. Your unwanted items will make a huge difference to others.

'WPA Family Coffee Morning

Join us on Thursday 21st November at 8:45am and meet representatives from different groups in our community. Find out about local organisations such as Locality Community Support Service, Kingsgrove Community Church and GroW Grove and Wantage Family Community Group. Come and chat about the ways they may be able to support your family.

Further information will be sent out after half term.

We look forward to seeing you there.'

Year 5 Residential Assembly

We had a lovely morning welcoming Year 5 parents and carers into school to hear all about the amazing experiences their children had while on their residential at Oxenwood earlier this half term. The children presented their memories of the trip beautifully and it was wonderful to see them happily sharing photos of the trip with their parents afterwards.



Celebration Assembly

Very well done to Quentin (Year 6), (Year 4), Leah (Year 3), Ivy-Jay (Year 5), William and Melvin (Year 1), Alba and Ranjit (Year 2), Ava and Felix (Reception) and Billy (Nursery) for their amazing hard work. We are very proud of you!



House Points Competition

Well done to all WPA pupils for demonstrating our values this week. I have been particularly impressed with how maturely and compassionately children of all ages have resolved disagreements and with the kindness, respect and generosity they have shown one another both inside and outside the classroom.

Last week's winners were the Yellow (Topaz) Team.



Exciting News!



We have some exciting news to share on behalf of Miss McNally and Miss Stewart...these lovely teachers got engaged to their long-term partners this half term and we are so happy for them both.

Miss Stewart is also expecting a baby in spring and we are sure you will want to join us in congratulating her on this wonderful news and wishing her well.



Staffing News:

We are excited to introduce three new members of WPA staff.

After half term, Mark Tomlins will be joining us as a partner teacher in Year 5 and Michelle Lloyd and Kimberly Kelly will be joining us as TAs. We hope you will join us in making them feel really welcome to the school.

I am also pleased to announce that, after a rigorous selection process, Mrs Hammond has been appointed our new Assistant Principal. She will take up this new role in November but rest assured, she will continue to teach her wonderful Year 1 class as normal but will be given some additional non-contact time to complete her leadership tasks.



OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear parents,

My name is Ana Crockford and I work for the Locality Community Support Service (LCSS) and will be the link worker for ADD SETTING NAME HERE.

As the school's link worker, I offer support and guidance to school staff, can refer and signpost to external agencies and ensure all children and families, where needed, are offered Early Help. This might look like a Strengths and Needs conversation being had with families or attending a team around the family meeting. For more information on what Early Help is please see here: [Early-help-guide-for-families-Sept-2023.pdf \(oscb.org.uk\)](#)

The aim of LCSS is to ensure families have their support needs met by agencies within the community so that support is offered in a co-ordinated way, at the right time to make sure worries don't become bigger for children and their families. This could include support from school staff, school health nurse, a GP, the voluntary sector, anyone that offers a service to children and families. Please see further information here: [Early Help and the Locality Community Support Service \(LCSS\) - Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board \(oscb.org.uk\)](#)

There can be opportunities arranged for me to meet with you in person where I am happy to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to supporting your child's school to ensure all children and families are supported by Early Help when its needed.

Many thanks,

Ana

Please contact me via

LCSS@oxfordshire.gov.uk



Space Activity Days

October Half-Term 2024

Give children the perfect fun-filled space-themed activity day! Exciting and adventure-packed activities, games and sports to keep children engaged during school holidays - promoting creativity, learning, imagination & social skills!

Tues 29th Oct - Fri 1st Nov

09:00 - 16:00

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aged 5 to 11 years
£35 per child, per day.
Sibling discount available
See back for dates & venues!

Firework Science



FUN SCIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

October Holiday Camps 2024: Venues and Dates

Monday 28th Oct	West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY
Tuesday 29th Oct	Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN
Wednesday 30th Oct	Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Begbroke, OX5 1RN
Thursday 31st Oct	Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL
Friday 1st Nov	Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Road, Abingdon, OX14 5HB

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

Firework Science

Investigate the science behind fireworks in this exciting activity day. We'll take a brief look at the periodic table and then get stuck into practical investigations as we examine the elements and compounds used in fireworks and discover what colour flames they make. With safe practical investigations, fun craft activities and some great WOW moments, it'll be unforgettable!



To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website and click the 'Register Now' button. All bookings are processed through Active Network. Spaces are subject to availability. Sibling discount available.

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Wantage & Grove Children's Clothes Bank



Helping local families

We collect used and new children's clothes to pass on to local families in need of support.

For what and where to donate, please see our Facebook page or email us:

 wantageandgrovechildrensclothesbank

 w.g.clothesbank@gmail.com

 Wantage Community Church

Little People



**LEFT TO
THEIR OWN
DEVICES?**

‘Left to Their Own Devices?’ is an evening for parents and carers of under-11's to explore confident parenting in a world of screens.
Drinks and desserts served!

Monday 18th Nov, 7-9pm
The Barn, Christ Church Abingdon, Northcourt Rd

BOOK YOUR SPOT AT
WWW.CCA.UK.NET/EVENTS



Have a lovely half term break.
Best wishes,
Hannah Robinson
Principal