

WPA's Newsletter

Principal: Mrs Robinson

15th November 2024

Dear WPA parents and carers,

What a busy week we have had in school! The children have continued to astound us with their brilliant approach to learning and they have participated superbly in our whole school events too. It was wonderful to see them sporting their odd socks on Tuesday in recognition of Anti-Bullying Week. We have used this event as a stimulus for discussions about friendship and how to include our peers in our games at playtimes.

We had a brilliant turn out for parents' evening on Tuesday and Wednesday, and we hope you found the chance to chat to your children's teachers helpful. We also hope you enjoyed the book fair which was laid on. We have spoken to lots of children who have been loving their new books!

It was wonderful to see the children looking so bright and colourful in their spots today in aid of Children in Need. A big thank you to all of you for supporting this great cause at the cake sale on Thursday and with your donations today. **We have raised £415 which is fantastic! Thank you all.**



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

Date	Who?	Event
November 12 th – 17 th December	Year 5	Year 5 Swimming – Every Tuesday from 12 th November for 6 weeks
November 21 st	Parents	WPA Family and Community Support Coffee Morning 8:45am in hall
21 st November	New, prospective parents	Open day visits for prospective parents
November 29 th	All community	Christmas tree light switch on and WPA choir singing
29 th November	Parents	Coffee morning for all parents. Come to the hall for a brief presentation (subject matter to be circulated nearer the time)
11 th December	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age event
December 12 th	All children and staff	Christmas jumper day
December 12 th	Reception parents	Reception Christmas performance 2:45pm
December 13 th 3pm	Nursery parents	Nursery Christmas concert for parents at 3pm
December 17 th	Year 1 and 2 parents	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity 2:15pm
December 18 th	All pupils Rec- Y6	Christmas dinner
December 19 th	Nursery	Last day for Nursery sessions
December 20 th	KS2 parents	Christmas carol concert 11:15am
December 20 th	All school-age pupils	School closes at 12 noon today. Christmas holidays

Reception Applications

A reminder that the window for Reception place applications is now open. Parents of children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 need to apply for an infant or primary school place for September 2025. All Reception place applications must be submitted by the 15th January 2025.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>

WPA Family and Community Coffee Morning –1 week to go!

Join us on Thursday 21st November at 8:45am in the hall to find out about help and support in the local area. Meet representatives from:

- Locality Community Support Service
- CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services)
- Vale Community Impact
- Kingsgrove Community Church
- GRoW (Grove and Wantage Family Community Group)
- Active Communities Team
- Home Start
- Wantage Library
- Vale and Downland Museum



Christmas at Kingsgrove 2024

MINGLE AND JINGLE WITH NEIGHBOURS

Join us at the forth annual KINGSGROVE Christmas celebration!



NOVEMBER
Thursday
28th
5-7pm

Sing Christmas Carols

Live Music FROM Wantage Silver Band

Christmas Lights Switch On

FREE Mulled Wine

Late opening at the Kingsgrove Cafe

FREE Mince Pies

MEET Santa

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Wantage Community Church

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Rutherford Road, Wantage,
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Wantage

Barnards Way Post Office, Campbells Opticians
Charlton Garden Centre, Sainsbury's
Waitrose, Wantage Health Centre

Grove

Smiths DIY, Co-op

Post boxes will be in position from
**10am Saturday November 30th to
5pm Friday December 20th**

Postage costs **40p** per card and should be deposited into
the post boxes along with the cards. We aim to deliver as
soon as possible but we may not be as quick as Royal Mail.
All post will be delivered between 15th December and
Christmas Eve.

All proceeds go to the local Scout Groups.
Should you need any details please call 760889.

Registered charity no's: 300516 and 277162

Next Week's Learning:

Here is a short overview of the learning that will be taking place in each class next week. This enables parents to be more informed about what their children are doing in school and support where necessary. Please continue to read daily and carry out homework.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>Book focus: I Can Eat a Rainbow</p> <p>Maths focus: repeating patterns</p> <p>Phonics focus: segmenting and blending</p> <p>PSED: make healthy snack choices and make rainbow fruit kebabs.</p> <p>PSED: design a healthy lunchbox</p> <p>PSED: brush away the dirty marks on teeth using toothbrushes</p> <p>EAD: using toothbrushes to make splatter paintings</p> <p>M: making simple and more complex patterns using fruit</p>	<p>Phonics: Sounds R and H</p> <p>Literacy, UWE, CL: Learning about seasonal changes with focus on Autumn to Winter and the tree life cycle</p> <p>EAD: Autumnal crafts and nativity practice</p> <p>Maths: Numbers 1-5</p>	<p>Phonics- Phase 4 CCVC</p> <p>English- Innovating the story of Claude In the City</p> <p>Maths- Counting in 2s,5s,10s</p> <p>PSHE- To be able to understand bullying and know how to deal with it</p> <p>RE- The meaning of gifts</p> <p>History- Wantage in different time periods</p> <p>Computing- sorting</p>	<p>English - Planning and writing an eyewitness account</p> <p>Maths - Column subtraction and addition</p> <p>Science - Describing how to best use materials based on their properties</p> <p>History - Comparing past and modern London & Fire Service visit</p> <p>Art - Water lillies by Claude Monet</p> <p>PSHE - Making new friends and celebrating differences</p>	<p>English - Completing a group write on pebble in my pocket focusing on similes and metaphors, sentence types, powerful verbs, adjectival phrases and conjunctions</p> <p>Maths - Multiplication and division, focusing on making equal groups, using arrays, the 2s, 5s and 10s and completing word problems</p> <p>Science - Contact and non-contact forces</p> <p>Topic - Iron Age</p> <p>Spellings - the prefix mis and re</p>	<p>Spellings - Year 4 Statutory Spellings</p> <p>English - Newspaper Article Features/Writing</p> <p>Maths - Multiplication, Area</p> <p>Guided Reading - Finishing up The Twits and starting a new book, Tom's Sausage Lion</p> <p>Art - Learning shading with oil pastel</p> <p>Science - Sounds through Music</p> <p>PHSE - Kind acts</p> <p>Spanish – Animals</p> <p>RE - Christianity - Nativity Story</p>	<p>English - Persuasive letter writing</p> <p>Maths - Multiplication and Division by 10,100 and 1000</p> <p>Spellings - Apostrophes for possession</p> <p>Computing - Coding and Scratch</p> <p>Spanish - Learning the names for parts of the bodies</p> <p>Swimming and Ukulele</p>	<p>English: Plan, write and perform a descriptive monologue.</p> <p>Maths: Add and subtract fractions.</p> <p>Science: Predict and explain where light will travel after hitting a reflective surface.</p> <p>Art - Compare Yulia Brodskaya and Sena Runa's art pieces.</p>

Celebration Assembly

Well done to Ajooni and Zoe (year 1), Indie and David (Year 2), Joshua (Year 3), Noah (Year 4- Freya kindly accepted his certificate for him in his absence), Rachel (Year 5) and Maisie (Year 6) for your amazing hard work and being in our celebration assembly this week!



Have a lovely weekend!
Best wishes,
Mrs Robinson
Principal