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School Newsletter

Autumn term 3

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I've seen many of you around the school and said hello over the last few weeks but a general and belated happy New Year to you all now that this is the first newsletter of the year - Mr Hibbs

Parking on the school site around and during the school day

Again we have to give a clear reminder to parents who persistently abuse school policy about use of the staff and visitors car park at the front of the school building. We have noticed that some of the main problems occur with parents and carers using the car park to pick up nursery children. This car park is exclusively for the use of staff, known visitors and deliveries. It is limited in size and restricted in access. Some parents and carers have been repeatedly told not to use this car park and asked to find other areas to park e.g. the adjacent VWHDC park car park.

Persistent abuse of this policy creates:

- Increased health and safety risks
- Access problems for legitimate users of the car park
- Frustration and annoyance of parents and carers who kindly abide by our policy

PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS CAR PARK UNLESS YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO

New school website

Feedback from parents' questionnaires in the past had suggested a revamp of the tired and old website. This has now been done and the results can be seen at www.wantageceprimary.co.uk Please have a look and let us know what you think. There are many areas that will be added over time but if you email suggestions (address above) these can be forwarded to the person contracted by the school to manage the site.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should not be brought into school. If your child has to bring a mobile phone, it should be handed to the office staff on arrival at school and collected again at the end of the school day. Pupils' mobile phones are not covered by the school's insurance and we cannot be held responsible if a phone goes missing from the school premises, so please consider this before you send your child to school with a mobile.

Secondhand Uniform Sale

The Friends' will be having a second-hand uniform sale at the front of school at 2.45pm next Friday 25 January.

School receives 'Activemark'



Just before Christmas we were informed that we had received this award in recognition of our combined efforts with the Wantage Partnership of Schools (WASPS) in King Alfred's Sports College's assessment against this national standard for sports provision. Many thanks for the efforts of all our staff, but especially Ms Cresswell and Mrs Patten for their involvement in PE.

Cycle Proficiency Training

Are any parents able to help with Cycle Proficiency Training for children in the Upper Juniors? Please let us know if you are interested.

Christingle Service & The Children's Society

Mrs Rose, the Treasurer for the Wantage Committee Children's Society, writes, 'On behalf of the Children's Society I would like to thank you for the collection at the Christingle Service in the Parish Church.' The collection totalled £285.61 and Mrs Rose wanted to pass on her thanks to everyone involved.

'PRE' school gymnastics

Wouldn't it be great to work with children who can already perform handstands and forward rolls before they come into year 1!

When? 11am. - 12noon, Saturday term time from 20th January to 6th April.

Where? King Alfred's West Site.

How much? £30 per term

Who do I contact? Kim Paul (Specialist Gymnastics Coach) KAs East Site, tel: 01235 225823, email: kp0117@kingalfreds.oxon.sch.uk

The death of Grove and Wantage County Councillor Jim Moley.

We have been saddened to learn of the death of Grove and Wantage County Councillor Jim Moley. Councillor Moley was elected to the council in 1997 having been a member of the Vale of White Horse District Council since 1991 and Wantage Town Council since 1983. He was Mayor of Wantage in 1988, 1996 and 1997. In recent years Jim has shown a keen interest in the School Travel Plan and, in particular, the development of a second pedestrian access onto the site.

"CANAL MANIA" at the Vale and Downland Museum

Family Friendly Day - 26th January 2008 - 10.30am - 4.00pm

Come and find out all about canals and take part in fun activities for all ages. Complete 4 challenges to win a biscuit and juice in the Museum café. See a canal ware painter and find out what a proggy mat is. Live music from 3 - 4pm

Forthcoming events and dates

- Friends Discos - 5.30pm on Wednesdays 23rd (KS1) and 30th (KS2) January
- Year 3&4 visit from Japanese students - Thursday 24th January
- Dental examinations - 11am. on Tuesday 29th January
- Football match Vs. Faringdon (Away) - After school on Thursday 31st January