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This month we will be looking at the following values:

- Thankfulness
- Going for goals
- Self-belief

We will be discussing these values in classrooms and in collective worships.

*We are also looking at our **Golden Rules**:*

- Be friendly, respectful and kind
 - Be responsible
 - Be the best you can be

Friday, 1st February 2019

Dear Parents,

The cold is back again, and the temperatures yesterday were at an all-time low with a -9° C in Bicester! This morning, the scenery was beautiful but the driving conditions traitorous and I took the decision to close the school for the safety of all involved. We hope the children will have fun in the snow today.

School Council

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the NSPCC Dance-a-thon fundraiser. Elizabeth from the NSPCC led a thank you assembly on Wednesday afternoon and saw some children receiving "Best Dressed" and "Best Dancer" certificates. You may also notice Mrs Bending with her "Best Dressed" certificate! All the children received a badge. An amazing **£1003.90** was raised so thank you once again from Mrs Pike and the School Council.





School Life

We are all very excited to announce that the transfer from the old school website to the new one and the School Life new App is progressing well. We are hoping to be using the School Life New Platform in the next few weeks. We will be sending out letters for you to register very shortly. Thanks to the new App, you will have all the information you need at your finger tips on your phone which should improve communication greatly.

Share & Celebration Assembly

Please don't forget the Yr1/2 Share & Celebration Assembly on Friday 8th February at 2.30 pm. Everyone is warmly welcomed.

Mobile Phone

We are aware of some pupils having their mobile phones at school without the knowledge of their teachers. Parents must tell us if their child has a phone and the child must hand it in. I am sure you realised that for safeguarding reasons, the children are not allowed phone at school.

Extracts from the Policy that you can find on our website:

Use of mobile phones Pupils:

- *Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones at school or on trips*
- *In the rare event of a parent wishing for his/her child to bring a mobile phone to school to contact the parent after school:*
 - *the parent must inform the school*
 - *the phone must be handed in, switched off, to the reception office first thing in the morning and collected from the office by the child at home time (the phone is left at the owner's own risk).*
- *Mobile phones brought to school without permission will be confiscated and must be collected by the parent.*

Thank you for your cooperation.

ASL

Please note that ASL will still provide normal After-School Club alongside the other clubs starting on 25th Feb.

KS1 is Reception & Yr 1/2 - **KS2** is Yr 3/4 & Yr 5/6

These will be alternated to ensure that all children have a chance to take part in the different clubs.

Please contact Maxine Ingram directly if you wish to book your child for those clubs.



Advanced Sports Ltd

Football Club

FSU & KS1

Tuesdays 3:15-4:30

£4 per session



Street Dance Club

KS2

Thursdays 3:15-4:30

£5 per session



Gymnastics Club

FSU & KS1

Fridays 3:15-4:30

£5 per session



Only 16 spaces available per club.

Clubs commence on the week beginning 25th February until week commencing 1st April.

Bookings are allocated on a first come, first serve basis through our online booking system.

For further enquiries contact Maxine Ingram
m.ingram@advancedsportsltd.com 07901 792248

PTA

Winter Disco Friday 8th February

Booking forms were sent out yesterday via book bags and ParentPay email, if your child would like to go please complete and return with payment by Thursday 7th February.

Rags to Riches

If you're having a "spring" clear out, don't forget Rags to Riches are having another collection on Tuesday 12th March, so please put any unwanted wearable clothes, paired shoes, sheets, blankets, duvet covers etc to one side for the collection.

The PTA will also be collecting DVDs and electronic games discs e.g. play station, Wii etc. If you have any to donate, they can be brought into the office for collection by the PTA.

Easy Fund Raising

Don't forget if you're internet shopping or even booking a holiday on line have a look at doing it through the Easy Fund-Raising site as money will be donated to the school from 0.5% to 6% of your spend. It's easy to do and won't cost you a penny, let friends and family know about it as well. See the link below.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/charltononotmoor/

If you have ideas or suggestions for raising money or would like to join the PTA committee please let us know via the playground, office, email charltonschoolassociation@gmail.com or Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/149362305695629/>

Upcoming Events, Save the Dates

Friday 8th February - Winter Disco 5.30pm to 7pm – look out for booking forms next week

Tuesday 12th March – Rags to Riches collection

Friday 15th March – Family Bingo evening from 5.30pm

Thursday 4th April from 3.30pm – Easter Event

Sunday 9th June – Duck Race

TikTok

Thank you to **Hazard Alley** for coming in and delivering e-safety sessions across the school and a drug safety session to Year 5 and 6. The children were surprised to find that many apps they use have an advisory age of 13+. Attached is a leaflet about TikTok formerly known as Musically.

Tik Tok

TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips - typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

What parents need to know about TikTok

BEING INFLUENCED
More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their talents, moments and knowledge from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions.

INAPPROPRIATE SONG LYRICS
TikTok lets users lip-synce to their favourite songs and produce their own music videos. Some of the music choices contain swear words or sexual themes. So not only can children be exposed to potentially inappropriate content but they can broadcast themselves miming or singing these lyrics.

CONCERNING CONTENT
Some of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-harm and violence.

DANGEROUS TRENDS & CHALLENGES
On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon, and sometimes, these challenges can pose risks to young people.

STRANGERS CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDREN
If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Of course, as with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts - for example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coins to purchase emojis to show approval. These can be expensive and easily purchased - there is the option to buy 10,000 coins for £97.99 with a one-click buy button.

ANYONE CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIONS
TikTok encourages users to share their passion and creative expression through their videos and while something may seem fun at the time, videos can get in the wrong hands and cause embarrassment in the future. If posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade music video and potentially cause bullying within personal friendship groups or even online.

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Top Tips for Parents

TALK ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING
Encourage your kids to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online, explaining that their 'digital footprint' can shape their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them.

HANDLING CRITICISM
While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be aware that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure they know how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback. In the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest using these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.

SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE
When signing up to TikTok, you are prompted to input your birth date. If your child inputs their age as 'under 13', the app will not allow them to sign up and will be locked for 24 hours. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain that the rating is there for a reason; to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without even creating an account, so it's important to check if your underage child has downloaded the app to their devices.

USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING
If you're concerned about the amount of time your child is spending on TikTok, in the app's setting, you can switch on a feature called Digital Wellbeing. This includes 'Screen Management' to limit the amount of time your child spends on the app.

SET THE ACCOUNT TO PRIVATE
This means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
If you or your child see something on TikTok that appears to be inappropriate, they can report content in different ways within the app. They can report an account, video, comment or chat conversation by simply tapping 'Report'. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is also an 'Enhanced Restricted Mode', which limits the appearance of videos that may not be appropriate for all audiences.

AVOID IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS
To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES
To lower the risk of your child making accidental in-app purchases, teach them exactly what in-app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com



Trophies

Trophies have been awarded to the following children for their hard work and effort:

Week beginning 28th January 2019

<i>Be friendly, respectful and kind</i>	<i>As the school is closed today the trophies were not awarded to the children</i>
<i>Be responsible</i>	
<i>Be the best you can be</i>	

Stars of the Week



FSU	
Year 1/2	
Year 3/4	
Year 5/6	



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 12th February	Yr 5/6 trip to Woodstock Museum
Friday, 15th February 3.15pm	End of term
	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday, 25th February	Term begins
Friday, 1st March	Secondary offers to be sent to parents for September 2019
Tuesday, 12th March	Reception and Year 6 weights and heights with school nurses
Friday, 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday, 19th March 6-8pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 20th March 3.30-5.30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday, 22nd March	FSU Sharing Assembly and Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
Friday, 29th March	Mothers' Day service at St Mary's Church at 11 am followed by lunch at school
Thursday, 4th April	End of term
Friday, 5th April	Inset Day
Tuesday 23rd April	TERM STARTS

Week beginning Tuesday, 7th May	Year 2 SATs
Week beginning Monday, 14th May	Year 6 SATs
Monday, 3rd June	Inset Day
Wednesday, 5th June	Yr 5/6 trip to Cadbury World
Week beginning Monday, 10th June	Yr 1 phonic screening

<u>Gardening Sessions</u>	
Wednesday 13 th Feb	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 20 th Feb	HALF-TERM
Wednesday 27 th Feb	Yr 5/6
Wednesday 6 th March	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 13 th March	Yr 3/4
Wednesday 20 th March	Yr 5/6
Wednesday 27 th March	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 3 rd April	Yr 3/4

Events outside school:

Parenting Practitioners



Oxfordshire



You want your child to be happy, sociable, confident, BUT...

What if it doesn't FEEL good enough?

What if your child is difficult, upset, angry, anxious?

What if ...you want some help?

Our small and friendly team has wide experience of working with parents when problems arise with children and teenagers.

These might include:

- *Challenging behaviour*
- *Emotional difficulties*
- *Anxieties*
- *Tricky parent-child relationships*
- *Special needs, mental health conditions or problems*



We know that parents can sometimes feel under enormous pressure. What could our team offer you?

- *One-to-one work, or you might prefer a group*
- *Effective strategies, a toolbox of ideas*
- *Greater understanding of your child's behaviours*
- *Improvements in parent-child relationships*

Find us at:

www.parentingpractitionersoxfordshire.co.uk

Hello,

Please find below the flyers for all the upcoming family friendly events here at the Vale & Downland Museum. We would appreciate it if you could share them with your members/students.

Kind regards

Hazel Conder

Church Street, Wantage Oxfordshire, OX12 8BL

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Celebrating Chinese New Year!

All welcome to join our free event
Vale and Downland Museum
Thursday 21 Feb 2019 10:00-14:00

with **Y&DM** Vale & Downland Museum Wantage
SNOWFLAKE BOOKS

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN!
Video with Taiwanese families. Dance with the Dragon! Story telling. Play the Gong! Colouring and Crafts. Try on Traditional Costume. Try Chinese Writing! Use chopsticks And a lot more!

CHILDREN AND CARERS ALL WELCOME

Address : 19 Church Street, Wantage OX12 8BL



THE BRILLIANT BRONZE AGE!

TUESDAY 19 FEB 10AM - 3PM

Meet experimental archaeologist and Bronze Age expert James Dilley. Enjoy gallery crafts and activities. Free admission but donations welcomed. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Vale & Downland Museum

Church Street, Wantage OX12 8BL

T 01235 771447

E vale.downland@gmail.com

Open Monday-Saturday 9.30am - 4pm

Y&DM Vale & Downland Museum Wantage

Brass Rubbing Workshop for Families



**Thurs 21 Feb
10am - 12noon**

Free drop-in brass rubbing session for families. No need to book but children must be accompanied by an adult. Donations welcomed.

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Alfie Meets

*Mondays 28 Jan, 25 Feb, 25
March, 29 April, 27 May & 24 June
10.30am - 11.15am*

Come and join Alfie Bear as he meets different objects and people from Wantage past and present.

This is an under 5's group aimed at children aged 3-5 years but all ages welcome.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Spaces are limited so please book in advance. Suggested donation of £2 per family.

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Fun & friendly music sessions for under 5s

Music Mondays

Join in with traditional songs and rhymes accompanied by live music

**14 January, 18 February, 11 March,
10am - 10.30am**

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Spaces are limited so please book in advance. Suggested donation of £2 per family.

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Best wishes

Mrs Bending and the Team

