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A Message from the Headteacher

We have learned to adjust to the space left by former colleagues, while the new faces seem to have fitted in very easily indeed. The new nursery has established itself and is serving an increasing number of children.

We have added teaching and learning in the Sixth Form to our School Development Plan for this year. This is partly to ensure that the focus on the International Baccalaureate that we have spreads to current provision and also to sharpen up practice at Advanced Subsidiary Level, which lags behind our practice at A Level and GCSE.

The proposed all weather pitch is in the hands of the Planning Office at Oxfordshire County Council. We are close to resolving issues to do with ecology, which centre on the presence of bats. If we are able to get over this hurdle we will have an archaeologists report to digest, followed by a flood risk analysis. There is a realistic chance of an all weather facility with some lighting. It is almost certainly not going to be available to other youth groups in the town, for reasons I understand and have some sympathy with. We may yet have to send the money back. We will have to see what the authorities decide.

The Education Social Work Service and Police Liaison Officer are working very hard on attendance across South Oxfordshire. They have asked that I draw your attention to the penalty Notice leaflet with this newsletter. We are keen to reduce our unauthorised absences because some young people are falling short academically as a result of the lessons they miss. We have moved to a texting system to inform parents as soon as we know of an absence and installed Closed Circuit Television to monitor movement on and off site. The Penalty Notices should be one more way that we can try to get young people into school as often as they should be and on time.

I would like to thank the Wallingford School Association and its members for all the hard work they do as the Parent and Teachers group for the school. It is a friendly and conscientious group of people who make a real difference. The small acts of kindness they perform during the course of the year are rarely high profile but always welcome. If you were able to spare some time to help them you would be very welcome. It is a good way to make new friends and it does provide a chance to support children at the school.

We all hope the new academic year has started well for you and the young people in your family. If there is anything more you feel we can do to help please feel free to get in touch.



Wyll Willis

Wallingford School OPEN EVENING - Thursday 1st October 2009

**For prospective parents and students in Year 6
seeking admission to secondary school in September 2010**

**Exhibitions open in all departments from 6 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
The Headteacher will address parents in the Main Hall at 7.15 p.m.**

Job opportunities at the school

Cleaning Assistant

**Cleaner Grade 1 Pts 5 – 6 £6.28 - £6.51 per hour
15 hours per week minimum, term time only + 5 weeks
during school holidays**

We are looking for a Cleaner who is able to work 3.15 – 6.15pm and to ensure that the school is cleaned to a high standard. Successful candidates should be responsible, friendly and reliable; they must be able to work as part of a team.

For further information and an application form please phone 01491 837115 or email admin.4140@wallingford.oxon.sch.uk

INVIGILATORS REQUIRED! £8.56 per hour

We are looking to recruit more people to help supervise our exams in the coming year. No previous experience is required and full training will be given. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Ms Bowler (our Exams Officer) at the school or via email: exams.4140@wallingford.oxon.sch.uk. Please give a contact telephone number.

USED UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the School 2nd hand uniform / PE kit shop will **NOT** be open the first Thursday of the Month.

Uniform and PE kit is still available by request

If you would like to purchase any garments then please call the main school number on 01491 837115 and either leave a message with your requirements or ask to speak to Helen Grindey, alternatively e-mail Helen on hg3486@wallingford.oxon.sch.uk

You will be notified if your request can be fulfilled - the garments can then be collected from the school office.

Still wanted used uniform and PE Kit

All proceeds go to charity

Castle Leisure Centre

Badminton coaching Thursdays 6-7pm 6-15 year olds
Trampolining Fridays 6-9pm Age 6+yrs
Archery sessions Fridays 6-9pm age 9 years –adults
£4ph non-members, £2.80ph members
For more information please contact Castle Leisure Centre reception on 01491 839755

Sainsburys and Tesco's School Vouchers

Wallingford School will be collecting vouchers from both Sainsburys and Tesco's again this year. They will help to pay for sports equipment for use by all year groups. We have used these schemes very successfully in the past to buy items such as balls, shuttlecocks, hurdles, bibs, springboards and many other items to enhance pupils' experience. Please hand all vouchers in to the school office.

The Food Technology department would like to send a huge **THANKYOU** to all students, staff and their families for collecting the Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers for schools. We have been able to replenish some of our stocks of equipment to help enable our students to create their culinary masterpieces!
Your help has been very much appreciated.

Please ensure that your child's name is **clearly marked** on their school clothing and equipment

If your child is asthmatic, please ensure that they bring an inhaler to all PE lessons and that a spare inhaler is labelled and stored in the School Office.

Wallingford School Newsletter will be published on the following dates:

30 th September	Issue No. 293
18 th November	Issue No. 294
27 th January	Issue No. 295
17 th March	Issue No. 296
12 th May	Issue No. 297
23 rd June	Issue No. 298

News from the Wallingford School Association

Every penny raised by the WSA goes to help your children in school – please support us if you can.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our fund-raising events soon.

Best wishes

Karen Richards - Chair

Please check out the **Whats On /Stop Press** page of the school Website for the latest information on Wallingford School

Parents and visitors are reminded that the school site is closed to all traffic except school buses from **15.00 – 16.00 Monday – Friday**. This is to enable the safe entry, boarding and departure of school buses.

Parents are also asked to refrain from stopping outside the school to drop off and collect their children at the beginning and end of the school day

Dates for Your Diary.....

October

Thurs	1	Sports G & T visit to Bath this month Open Evening 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm School ends at 12.35 pm
Fri	2	WSA Quiz Night 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.
Mon	5	Deadline for UCAS subject references Oxford Lieder Project – Secondary Day 1
Tues	6	Oxford Lieder Project – Secondary Day 2
Wed	7	Year 6 Teacher visit – afternoon Year 10 Dance students Theatre trip
Thurs	8	Oxford Lieder Project – Secondary Day 3 Staff Training Day
Fri	9	Staff Training Day
Wed	14	Year 7 Parents meet Tutor Evening @ 7 p.m. World Gymnastics Championships trip Oxford Lieder Project–Secondary/Primary Day 1
Thurs	15	Oxford Lieder Project–Secondary/Primary Day 1
Fri	16	Oxford Lieder Project: Rehearsal a.m. – concert @ 1.45 p.m. in Wallingford School Hall.
Tues	20	Girls Rugby Taster Day 9.30 a.m.– 3 p.m.
Wed	21	PE Ordering Kit
Fri	23	Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccination Young Ambassadors event (tbc)

OCTOBER HOLIDAY

November

Mon	2	Visit to Palace of Westminster this term Progress Reports go home this week – Year 7 – 13
Wed	4	Sixth Form Open Evening @ 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
Thurs	5	Senior Maths Challenge – Years 12 and 13
Thurs	12	Year 3-4 Rugby Tournament Year 13 Parents' Evening @ 5.30 pm
Fri	13	Year 7 Citizenship Day (tbc)
Mon	16	Primary Swimming Gala- 4 Year 12 Sports Leaders out lessons 1-3
Wed	18	Ski/Snowboarding Trip – Parents Meeting
Fri	20	6 th Form Philosophy of Religion Conference
Mon	23	Kids Lit Quiz Oxfordshire Heat
Tues	24	Year 7 – 9 Team Superschools
Wed	25	Year 10 Tetanus Vaccinations Year 9 Careers Fair – p.m.
Thurs	26	Year 11 Parents' Evening @ 5.30 pm
Fri	27	Kids Lit Quiz World Final – Oxford Town Hall
Mon	30	Year 12/13 Progress Reports start Sportshall Athletics staff training 3.45 – 5 at Wallingford School

WALLINGFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

proudly presents the annual fun

QUIZ & SUPPER NIGHT



Friday 2nd October in Wallingford School Hall
7.30pm for an 8pm start

Teams of 6 (please ensure all members are eligible to avoid later disappointment....)

Price of £12.50 per person includes delicious two course supper and nibbles

Bar

To reserve your table please call:
Karen Richards 01865 858133
Miriam Sadler 01491839607

EVERYONE WELCOME