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**Shine as Lights in the World**  
**Philippians 2.15**

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February 7<sup>th</sup> 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Children's Mental Health Day**

Thank you for your donations to Place2Be. We have raised £335. It was lovely to see the rainbow of colours worn by the children today and we hope that drawing attention to the importance of looking after our children's mental health has been useful. It is, of course, something that we are always striving to do, whatever the week.

If you have not yet donated and would like to, please make your way to ParentPay.

### **Year 3 Ball Skills**

Congratulations to all of the Year 3 children who represented Wychwood at this week's ball skills competition at Burford School. The children behaved beautifully and the adults were all very proud to see how well they participated and supported one another. Thanks to the adults who supported this trip.

### **Staffing**

One of our Teaching Assistants in Reception, Miss Harper, is leaving at the end of this term to begin her maternity leave. We will miss her and wish her and her family well as they welcome their second child.

Recruitment is underway to cover Miss Harper's absence, and in the meantime, children will be supported by colleagues from across the school so the children's experience will remain unchanged.

### **PTA News**

Following the PTA AGM last night, we are pleased to announce that Susie Morgan is taking over as Chair of the PTA Committee. We are very grateful to Susie for volunteering to take on this role and look forward to working with her and the rest of the team in the near future. We are also happy to announce that Nicole Lipscombe and Laura Hutson will be taking on the role of Co-Vice Chair to support Susie.



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Once again, we are incredibly grateful to Daisy Pratt for all the work she has done in recent years to reestablish a great PTA to support the school in raising funds to help in so many ways. Please see the poster attached to this email for details of the money that has been raised and things we have been able to do as a result.

The Committee would love to be joined by other parents from our school community in arranging the rest of the events they are planning this year. Please do get in touch with the office so that we can pass details on if you are willing to help in any way.

### **Dates for the Autumn Term**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Who</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Workshops	Year 2, 5 & 6
12 <sup>th</sup> February	U11s Tag Rugby Tournament	Selected Year 5 & 6
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Kilvrough Information Evening, 5.30pm	Parents of Year 6
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Story Museum, Oxford	Reception
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term Holiday	All
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country Finals	Year 3/4 girls team
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent – Teacher Meetings	All
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	All
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Kilvrough Residential	Year 6
10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Course	Year 5
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Street Dance Festival	Year 4
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Hill End Visit	Year 5
21 <sup>st</sup> March	U11s Swimming Gala	Selected children
26 <sup>th</sup> March	STEAM Museum visit	Year 3 & 4
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 Performance – 2.15pm	Year 3 & 4 Parents
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 3 & 4 Performance – 5.30pm	Year 3 & 4 Parents
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Vision Screening	Reception
7 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holidays	All
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 4 Languages Day (Burford School)	Year 4
30 <sup>th</sup> April – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bushcraft Residential	Year 4

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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