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March 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of you may already be aware of the tragic death of an ex-pupil of Wychwood this week. Our thoughts are with the student's family and friends at this incredibly difficult time, and I would ask all of you to note the wishes of the family and respect their privacy.

### **Year 6 Residential**

Our Year 6 children have all had a wonderful week in Kilvrough this week, enjoying canoeing, caving, climbing and much more! I'm sure the children will all be ready for a rest this weekend, but I hope they have made lots of lasting memories. Thank you to Mrs Stratford, Mrs Witts, Miss Rumsby and Miss Capel for spending the week with the children, ensuring they were safe and having lots of fun.

### **Year 5 Hill End**

Year 5 children have also had a wonderful week together including cycling proficiency with Bikeability, art workshops with Kingham Lodge and working alongside volunteers from Wild about the Wychwoods to encourage greater biodiversity into the school grounds. The week was rounded off with a visit to Hill End today. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who have helped to make this week so successful for the children. We hope they have all enjoyed their experiences.

### **Year 4 Street Dance**

Burford School hosted a morning of Street Dance on Thursday for the partnership primary schools and our Year 4 children had a fantastic time learning some very impressive dance moves (helicopter, anyone?). Thank you to the adults who supported this visit.

### **Red Nose Day**

Next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March is Comic Relief. We are inviting the children to come to school in non-school uniform and to make a donation to Comic Relief. Rather than bringing cash into school, a payment item will be available next week for you to make a donation via Parent Pay.

### **Parent Questionnaire**



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We hope that parents who attended the parent teacher meetings found them informative. If you haven't already done so, we would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete our parent questionnaire. You can do so by clicking on this link:

<https://forms.gle/zuj92Z7rCyAtvvmA9>

### **WASP**

After school provision at WASP will be closed on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused by this and hope that communicating this to you now allows sufficient time for you to make alternative childcare arrangements. The closure is to allow for essential whole-school staff training. Breakfast provision will be unaffected.

### **Swimming Pool Lifeguarding course**

Advance notice – We will be holding our life saving training course on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May. Further details will be shared in due course.

### **Year 3/4 Musical Production**

We are all looking forward to sharing with you the Year 3/4 production of Jonah and the Whale. An email will be sent to parents in Year 3/4 next week to book tickets online.

### **Birthday Book Donations**

Belated Happy Birthday's to Scarlett and Molly (Silver Birch), Ralph (Maple), Max (Chestnut), Penelope (Sycamore) and Kate (Oak). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you had a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.

### **Update from the PTA:**

#### **Disco – Friday 28th March**

Thank you so much to those who have already bought tickets and signed up on Classlist to help at the disco. DJ Tony is all set to play the children's favourite songs and we are following the usual fun format, with Years 1-3 in the first session (5:15-6:15pm) and Years 4-6 in the second session (6:30-7:30pm).

Advance tickets are available via [this link](#) or from the school office. We will also be selling tickets on the playground in the week of the disco.

We'd love to have some more signups to donate small cakes/traybakes and for volunteers to help on the night – particularly with the Year 4-6 disco and clear-up (from 6:30 onwards). Please see the [Classlist sign-up sheet](#) for details and sign up for

anything you can help with, or speak to the office or a member of the PTA. Thank you!

You can support us in running the foundation disco (during the school day on Thursday 27th March), by [buying a ticket on Classlist](#).

**Easyfundraising** – support our school as you shop

Did you know you can support Wychwood Primary PTA for free

via [easyfundraising](#) when shopping online? There are over 7,000 popular retailers signed up to the scheme, including Sainsbury's, M&S, John Lewis, Boots, eBay, TUI and many more. You can shop via the mobile app, or use the 'Donation Reminder' browser add-on to automatically detect when you visit a retailer that offers donations. Then you just shop as normal, and the retailer gives your cause a free donation – at no extra cost to you! Visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to find out more, register and start donating.

Thank you, from the PTA

### **Dates for the Spring Term**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Who</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day	All
21 <sup>st</sup> March	J11s 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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