

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,



Last week four of our year 6 children took part in the Oxfordshire maths challenge. They spent the afternoon at St Edward's school competing against other year 6 children from across the county. Very well done to John, Emily, Maisee and Callum.

Our children enjoyed the school discos last Friday evening. Thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation and running of the discos. The DJ said that he was impressed by our children, how they joined in with the activities and their politeness.

Our year 6 children visited Witney Hospital this week as part of the IMPS programme (Injury Minimization Programme) they spent the morning learning how to administer basic first aid including CPR, they also learnt about the importance of keeping themselves safe, including wearing cycle helmets when out on their bikes. The children looked at a cycle helmet belonging to a child who had been involved in a road traffic accident. The helmet was badly damaged but it had done its job in protecting the child's head.

Yesterday our year 3 and 4 children took part in sports activities led by students from The Marlborough School, who were all working on their sports leadership skills. Our children enjoyed the activities and working with the students.

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Friendship Friday, the children are invited to come to school in their own clothes wearing something yellow. This may be something very small i.e. a t-shirt with yellow on it, a yellow headband or yellow socks. You may want to make a small donation (this should go to your child's teacher) which will go to the anti-bullying charity Kidscape. We will be linking this with Anti-bullying week which takes place next week.

Our School Council have written to all families regarding Children in Need Day which takes place on Friday 17th November. They plan to have a decorated cake competition and then a grand cake sale at the end of the day. Children are also invited to come to school in their own clothes, wearing something spotty.

I am grateful that following recent requests for a parent to take on the Chair of the PTA that parents have responded to this. Carly, parent to Edgar in year 2 has agreed to put her name forward to take on the role. The next PTA meeting takes place at school on Thursday 16th November at 6.00pm when we will be able to ratify the post of chairperson.

Best Wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Do you have a child or know of a child who will be starting school in September 2018? Applications can now be made online to join our Reception class for 2018/19 entry this is for Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 (inclusive). Parents and carers have until 15 January 2018 to apply and can do so at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. If you would prefer to send a written application please collect a form from the school office.

Our assembly theme for the month of November is Freedom



Writer of the week - Isobel in Year 3

Mathematician of the week - Ellie in Year 4

Reader of the week - Reegan in Year 5

School Value person of the week - Henry in Year 3

Building Learning Power - Arabella in Year 6

Celebration of achievements

This week Abi, Jacob and Katie in Year 5 have been awarded their bronze merit arrow. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Uhjas in Eagles. Peter, Anna and Emilie in Nightingales. Jack, Rebekah and Bella in Kingfishers. Ellie-Mae and Orla in Swallows.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Bodhi, Hazel, Emily, Lizzie, Elise & Arabella in Eagles. Lily, Alexia, Rosh, Bori, Tianna, Grace and Scarlett in Sky Larks. Max, Lucy, Abby and Scarlet in Red Kites. Callum, Nell and Dora in Nightingales. Seb in Kingfishers. Betsy, Lily-Rose, Grace and Maisie in Swallows.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Red Kites, Robins and Swallows class for 100% attendance.

Class	% attendance for 31.10.17 - 03.11.17
Eagles	95.97
Kestrel	96.43
Kingfishers	94.23
Nightingales	98.15
Owls	99.07
Red Kites	100

Robins	100
Sky Larks	96.67
Swallows	100
Wrens	93.75
Total	97.46

Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday 19th December Fresh Start is offering a Christmas lunch for all children in school. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch please log into <https://freshstartcatering.uk> and use your log in details. The cost is £2.30 per child in Key Stage 2 and is free for Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils

Christmas Play Dates

- 11.12.17 Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm
- 12.12.17 Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm
- 12.12.17 Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.30pm
- 12.12.17 Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 7.00pm
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Christmas Play Tickets

The children and their teachers have begun rehearsing their Christmas plays, which is causing great excitement. We will be selling tickets for the plays during the week beginning 21st November from the school office, **entrance will be strictly ticket only** and the ticket must be presented on the door on the night. This is to comply with numbers following Health & Safety guidelines, **please note there is a limit per play**. It is on a first come first served basis. Tickets are £1.50 each purely to cover the cost of hiring lights and play licences.

- Foundation Stage has an initial allocation of two tickets per family.
 - Key Stage 1 has an initial allocation of three tickets per family.
 - Lower Key Stage 2 has an initial allocation of three tickets per family.
 - Upper Key Stage 2 has an initial allocation of three tickets per family.
- These initial tickets must all be claimed by Friday 24th November 2017.**

Any remaining tickets will then be available from the office on Monday 27th November. You can request these extra tickets beforehand on the slip below and these will be drawn out by lottery on Monday 27th November.

..... would like to request _____ extra tickets for
 _____ performance on _____

Children's Christmas Shopping Day

The PTA organize this event each Christmas which is very popular with the children. For those of you who are new to William Fletcher School it runs like this: There are two non-uniform days and on each of these every child can wear his / her own clothes in exchange for bringing in a small gift suitable to be given to a parent. Then on the Christmas Shopping Day the children "go Christmas shopping" and are allowed to buy two gifts priced at £1 each. The children then wrap these gifts themselves in the classroom and bring them home to put under the Christmas tree. The gifts are required to be new and unopened and in date (and nothing alcoholic please!). To give you some ideas of what to donate, the children enjoy buying for their parents: Small boxes of chocolates or biscuits, sweets, shower gel, soaps, bubble bath.

Key dates:

Friday 1st December – non-uniform day in exchange for first gift

Friday 8th December – non-uniform day in exchange for a second gift

Friday 15th December – Christmas Shopping Day – children to bring £2 to school to buy gifts. Wrapping paper, tape etc. will be provided by the PTA.

Forthcoming Dates

November 2017

14.11.17	Parent-Teacher discussions
15.11.17	Parent-Teacher discussions
16.11.17	Flu Vaccination for FS and Years 1 – 4
17.11.17	Children in Need
20.11.17	INSET DAY

December 2017

01.12.17	Non-uniform day in exchange for first gift
08.12.17	Non-uniform day in exchange for first gift
11.12.17	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm
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13.12.17	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance – 7.00pm
15.12.17	Learning Cards go home for review
18.12.17	Learning Cards to be returned to school
18.12.17	Class Christmas Parties
19.12.17	Christingle Service for years 1-6
19.12.17	End of Autumn Term