

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is on its way! All of our children in school have been rehearsing their lines and songs for our school plays. I have spoken to lots of parents who have commented how enthused their children are about the prospect of performing in their plays. If you have not yet organised your tickets they are available from the school office.



This week our children in year 6 took part in the Christmas Big Sing held at Oxford town hall. The children joined other schools from around Oxfordshire. They performed a Christmas song on their own and then joined the massed choir to perform other Christmas songs and carols. It was a super concert with some of our children also taking on solo parts in the evening. I

am grateful to our music teacher Mr Ashton, class teacher Mrs Phillips and teaching assistant Mrs Jane for giving their time in the evening to support this event. We were all very pleased with the way the children conducted themselves and the commitment they all displayed when performing, it was a super evening!



Tomorrow we are inviting children to bring a gift suitable for a parent for the children's Christmas shopping event we will be holding on Friday 15th December. The day will be a non-uniform day for children bringing a gift to school.

Road Safety

We received a phone call from a member of the public this week regarding children crossing the road in the mornings. The caller was very concerned about two children who crossed the road without looking, nearly causing an accident. Please can you remind children to cross the road at the school crossing, remembering to look in both directions for approaching cars, before crossing.



Last week a group of Year 6 pupils took their cycle proficiency test. Thank you to Mrs Hambridge, Mr Bye and Mrs Smith who kindly taught the children and well done to all the children.

Best Wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of December is Love



Writer of the week – Poppy in Year 4
 Mathematician of the week – Ami-Jayne in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Alfie in Year 3
 School Value person of the week – Alicia in Year 2
 Building Learning Power – Rebekah in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

This week Tiffanie in Year 5 has been awarded her gold arrow. Luke, Mason C, Callum B and Immy in Year 6, Millie and Charlie 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: John in Kingfishers. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Esme and Mia in Kingfishers. Kyron in Nightingales. Alicia in Swallows. Max F and Hakan Abby in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Jovan in Kingfishers. Dora in Nightingales. Betsy, Zachary, Charlie and Maisie in Swallows. Phineas and Austin in Kestrels. Abby, Lucy and Jessica in Red Kites. Charlie in Sky Larks.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Robins class for 98.18% attendance.

Class	% attendance for 20.11.17 – 24.11.17
Eagles	96.23%
Kestrel	97.54%
Kingfishers	97.24%
Nightingales	96.18%
Owls	96.94%
Red Kites	98.04%
Robins	98.18%
Sky Larks	95.80%
Swallows	98.15%
Wrens	97.65%
Total	97.11%

Lost Property

Nate in Robins has lost her jumper which is labelled. Please check that your child has not taken the wrong items home by mistake.

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
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Christmas Play Tickets

Christmas play tickets for the plays are selling fast, if you have not got yours yet, please come into the school office to get yours asap, **entrance will be strictly ticket only** and the ticket must be presented on the door on the night. This is to comply with 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.

Children's Christmas Shopping Day

The PTA organise 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:

Tomorrow – 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.

Christmas Fair

Erdington House are holding their Christmas Fair on Sunday 3rd December at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Forthcoming Dates

December 2017

01.12.17	Non-uniform day in exchange for first gift
08.12.17	Non-uniform day in exchange for second gift
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13.12.17	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 7.00pm
15.12.17	Learning Cards go home for review

January 2018

04.01.18	Spring Term begins
09.01.18	Founders Day Service Key Stage 2
12.01.18	Eagles Class start swimming lessons
25.01.18	Sky Larks Street Dance at The Marlborough School
01.02.18	Year 5 & 6 Boccia Caterton
02.02.18	Learning cards go home
06.02.18	Eagles Class Junior Citizen

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 2

Tuesday 31st October to Tuesday 19th December
Monday 20th November INSET Day

Term 3

Thursday 4th January to Friday 9th February

Term 4

Monday 19th February to Thursday 29th March

Term 5

Monday 16th April to Thursday 24th May
Friday 25th May INSET Day