

## William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,



Our year 6 children spent last week at Glasbury in Wales on a 5 day residential visit. They had a super time taking part in canoeing, climbing, caving and hill walking activities. Our residential visits are an important part of school life enabling our children to try new activities, take on leadership roles and develop their independence skills. A very big thank you to our staff, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Davies and parent helper Mr Wiggins who gave up their time so generously to support our children.



Our children in years 5 and years 6 visited Blenheim Palace this week as part of their work on The Victorians. During their visit the children learnt about how the Palace was used during the Victorian period.



This week Mr and Mrs Buchanan visited school to introduce their new daughter Viola Grace who was born two weeks ago. Both baby and parents are thriving and enjoying getting to know each other.

On Monday Mrs Jane, our new teaching assistant, joined our team. Mrs Jane will be working with children across the school. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new role.

We are hoping to build a river of purple crocuses in the school grounds to support a charity called Purple 4 Polio. To do this we are asking for a working party to help dig a shallow trench on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 2pm - 3pm. If you are able to help please let Mrs Chambers know.

Over recent weeks we have had some parents and carers parking their cars on the lane leading to the Nursing home. The lane cannot be used for parking as it needs to be kept clear for emergency vehicles that may need to access the Nursing home. The only exception to this is the Magpie car which has permission to park at agreed times during the day. I appreciate that Rutten Lane is very busy particularly at the moment with the additional traffic caused by the school building works but ask for your cooperation in

ensuring the lane is not used for parking when dropping off or collecting children.

Children in Need Day is tomorrow, children are invited to come to school dressed in spotty clothes for the day with a suggested donation to the Children In Need charity of £1.

This evening the PTA will be holding a shopping event in the school hall from 7.30-9.00pm. There are lots of stalls booked and this will be a good opportunity to do some Christmas shopping!

**Best wishes**

**Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team**

**Our assembly theme for the month of November is Respect**

### **Celebration of achievements**

This week Jaime Lee, Yasamin & Emma in Year 6 and Elise in Year 5 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrows. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of tasks and activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badges.



Writer of the week – George Year 3

Mathematician of the week- Charlie, Rosh, William & Callum Year 4

Reader of the week – Corey Year 2

School Value person of the week – Emily Year 5

Building Learning Power – Ethan Year 2

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: John, Raphael, Scarlet, Suzan, Sebastian and Jack in Kingfishers. Oliver, Sam & Sophia in Owls. Lillie-Ellia, Alice, Lily and Aliya in Skylarks. Amelia, Erin, Finley, Emma Holly and Charlie from Eagles.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Henry, Freddie and Lilly in Kingfishers. Reynolds in Skylarks.

### **Mrs McDonnell Research Letters to Owls, Sky Larks & Eagles Classes**

If your child is in Owls or Eagles you would have received a letter from Mrs McDonnell last week, could you please return the consent form to the office by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Children's Personalised Tea Towels**

The children have drawn a picture of themselves and the PTA have arranged for the drawings to go onto a tea towel. There is a Foundation and Key Stage 1 tea towel and Key Stage 2 tea towel. The cost of each tea towel is £3.00, if you would like a tea towel you can purchase it from the office.

## Christmas Dinner

On 13<sup>th</sup> 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

06.12.16	Foundation Stage	2pm
07.12.16	Years 1 & 2	2pm
07.12.16	Years 3 & 4	5.30pm
07.12.16	Years 5 & 6	7.00pm
08.12.16	Years 1 & 2	2pm
08.12.16	Years 3 & 4	5.30pm
08.12.16	Years 5 & 6	7.00pm

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 three tickets per family.
- Key Stage 1 has an initial allocation of two tickets per family.
- Key Stage 2 has an initial allocation of four tickets per family.

### These tickets must all be claimed by 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

- **Any remaining tickets will then be available from the office on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.** You can request these extra tickets beforehand on the slip below and these will be drawn out by lottery on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

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## **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 parent. Then on the Christmas Shopping Day the children "go Christmas shopping" and are allowed to buy two gifts priced at 50p, £1 or £1.50 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 25 November** - non-uniform day in exchange for first gift

**Friday 2 December** - non-uniform day in exchange for a second gift

**Wednesday 14 December** - Christmas Shopping Day - children to bring £1-£3 to school to buy gifts. Wrapping paper, tape etc. will be provided by the PTA.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

#### **November**

17.11.16

PTA Christmas Evening 7:30pm

25.11.16

Non School Uniform Day in exchange for first gift

29.11.16

Year 6 Big Sing Oxford

#### **December**

02.12.16

Non School Uniform Day in exchange for second gift

05.12.16

Year 6 Imps visit

06.12.16

Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm

07.12.16

Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm

07.12.16

Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.30pm

07.12.16

Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 7.00pm

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Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 7.00pm

13.12.16

Christmas Lunch in School

14.12.16

Christmas Shopping Day

15.12.16

Christmas Parties

16.12.16

**End of Term 2**

#### **January**

03.01.17

**Inset Day**

04.01.17

**Inset Day**

05.01.17

**Start of Term 3**

09.01.17

Founders Day Service

18.01.17

Help your child with Literacy evening

26.01.17

Year 5 & 6 Boccia