

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers

Our children in Foundation Stage this week enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service in Kidlington. The children learnt about all of the equipment used to fight fires. Everyone particularly liked hearing the fire engine siren. Most importantly they learnt the fire service message if they find themselves in a building on fire which is “get out, stay out, call the fire brigade out”.

**May Day Celebrations**

We will be holding our traditional May Day celebrations on Wednesday 4th May. We will begin at 9.30am by crowning the May King and Queen. This will be followed by each class performing a country dance and the year 6 children dancing around the May Pole. The children should come to school dressed in their dancing clothes, for the boys this is dark trousers (no jeans please) and a shirt (shirts with no logos please) and for the girls a summer dress. All children should also have a flower pinned to their outfit. Children should wear their trainers when dancing.

Building work

Our building work is due to start Friday 6th May, from this date the school car park will no longer be in use. In agreement with the Parish Council, school staff will use the Playing Fields Car park in order to minimise any parking congestion on Rutten Lane during the building work period. The builders will form a new entrance to the school office and this should be the entrance that children in year 5 and 6 should use to access their classrooms. All other children should continue to use the entrance by the bike shed.

At the end of the day we will ask children in year 5 and 6 to exit school by walking through the school hall and out through the door between Swallow and Red Kite class. We will work with our builders to try and minimize any disruptions over the coming months and look forward to having two new classrooms ready for use in January 2017.

Best wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of April is Honesty

Celebration of achievements

This week Anna in year 6 and Hugo, Yasamin and Jamie from year 5 have been awarded their Gold merit arrow. Charlotte and Emma from year 5 have been awarded their Silver merit arrow. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of tasks and activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badge.



Writer of the week – Samantha (Year 4)
Mathematician of the week – Ava (Year 1)
Reader of the week – Hope (Year 4)
School Value person of the week – David (Year 6)
Building Learning Power – Jessica (Year 2)

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Anika, Declan & Oliver in Nightingales. Karena in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Alan in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Freddy in Swallows, Scarlet, Raphael H & Alfie in Kingfishers. Jessica in Nightingales. Samantha & Alex in Red Kites. Kim, Henry & Isobel in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Corey in Kingfishers. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Curtis in Sky Larks. Aled in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Jayden in Swallows. Bori in Owls. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: George in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Amelie in Kingfishers. Well done to everyone, keep up the good work.

Music Lessons with World Beats Music

Does your son or daughter fancy learning to play drum kit or guitar? We are now enrolling new students to start lessons. Please visit www.worldbeatmusic.co.uk and follow the link to enrol your child for instrumental lessons!

Application for Free School Meals

We would like to make you aware of the 'Free School Meals' scheme which operates in our School.

Pupils whose parents/guardians are in receipt of particular support payments and meet certain criteria may be eligible to receive free school meals. The relevant support payments include:

- **Income Support (IS) or Employment Support Allowance (IR) (ESA(IR))** – proof of entitlement is in the form of a Job Centre plus letter or FF260 form or letter from the Department of Work & Pensions. ESA (C) is not eligible
- Income Based **Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)** – proof of entitlement is in the form of a Job Centre plus letter.
- Support under part VI of the **Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** – proof of entitlement is in the form of a Home Office letter.
- **Child Tax Credit**, provided that Working Tax Credit is not included, and that your ‘annual income for Tax Credit purposes’ does not exceed a threshold figure. – proof of entitlement is assessed by the ‘TC602 Award Notice’
- The Guarantee element of **State Pension Credit** will be an additional qualifying ‘benefit’ – proof of entitlement is assessed by the ‘Pension Credit M1000 Award Notice’.

Should you feel you might qualify, please contact the School Office for an application form and return this with your proof of entitlement (original, up to date copies must be produced and we are unable to authorise free school meals without the necessary paperwork).

Should you be entitled to the free school meals scheme you should be aware that you have a legal duty to inform the school of any changes to your support payment. Re-application to the scheme will be required on a six monthly basis.

Sainsbury’s Vouchers

We are collecting the vouchers which we use to purchase equipment for the school. When you have any of these vouchers please hand them into the office where they will be counted!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs every day from 07:30 – 08:45. The children enjoy a range of breakfast cereals, fruit juices, yoghurts and toast, followed by the opportunity to play indoor games. The cost is £3.50 per child starting at 07.30 and £3.00 per child starting at 08:00. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club please see Mrs Morris in the office.

Email Newsletter

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you every week, can you please email Mrs Morris at office.2354@ocnmail.net and your details will be added to the email list. Our newsletters can also be viewed online at

<http://www.william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk>

Forthcoming Dates

May 2016

03.05.16	Class Photos
04.05.16	May Day Celebrations
05.05.16	Year 3 and 4 Tennis - Witney
06.05.16	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala at Marlborough School
12.05.16	Year 3 and 4 Tennis – Standlake
17.05.16	Year 5 Maths Challenge
18.05.16	Year 5 and 6 Living Rainforest Trip
24.05.16	Year 3 Book Feast at Pitt Rivers
25.05.16	Year 2 Ultra Olympics
25.05.16	Year 6 Chairman’s Cup Rugby Tournament

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2015/2016

Term 5

Monday 11th April to Friday 27th May

Term 6

Tuesday 7th June to Tuesday 19th July

Monday 6th June INSET Day

Wednesday 20th July INSET Day

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2016/2017

Term 1

Friday 2nd September to Thursday 20th October

Thursday 1st September INSET Day

Friday 21st October INSET Day

Term 2

Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December

Term 3

Thursday 5th January to Friday 10th February

Tuesday 3rd January INSET Day

Wednesday 4th January INSET Day

Term 4

Monday 20th February to Friday 7th April

Term 5

Monday 24th April to Friday 26th May

Term 6

Tuesday 6th June to Tuesday 21st July

Monday 5th June INSET Day