

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of last half term over 40 of our children in key stage 2 took part in the cross country tournament at Carterton. The children joined hundreds of other children from around the county and took part in very competitive races. Everyone performed well and represented the school proudly. Maisee and Charlotte did particularly well in the girls race, with Maisee coming first and Charlotte 8th out of 150 competitors. This means that Maisee qualifies for the school games final later in the year.



This week our children in Key Stage 1 took part in story telling workshops led by The Story Museum. The children enjoyed listening to stories and then writing their own.

Our parents of children in Foundation Stage and year 1 are invited to a meeting on Thursday 10th November at 8.30am in the school hall to hear about violin lessons for children which are being offered by the County Music service. Lessons take place during the school day and cost £5.99 per lesson. The children are taught in small groups and parents and carers are welcome to take part in the lessons too if work commitments allow.

Our school Maths Evening takes place today; this is an opportunity for parents to find out how we teach maths at school and review the different types of maths activities the children take part in during the day.

The PTA are busy fundraising for new playground equipment for the school. Their next event is a Christmas Shopping Evening on Thursday 17th November from 7:30pm. There will be stalls offering a selection of handmade gifts, ideal for Christmas, so please come along.

Best wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of November is Respect

Celebration of achievements

This week Amelia and Flora in Year 6 and Flossie and Samantha 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.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Iris, Max F, James, Austin, Rory, Phineas, Lucy M and Alfie C in Swallows. Saeesha in Nightingales. Aanya in Kingfishers. Tianna in Owls. Flossie, Sophie, Karena, Samantha, Luke, Emily, Arabella, Libby and Ami-Jayne. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Alfie E in Swallows. Olivia in Kingfishers. David, Madalyn and Lucy in Owls. Uhas and Callum B in Sky Larks.

School Photographs

School photos will take place tomorrow. Family groups with pre-school members will be taken from 8:15am. This early session is only for families with younger children **not** at school. All children will be photographed with their siblings unless you inform us otherwise. We will also be getting all children photographed individually so we have a current photograph for their school record. If you have any queries please see Mrs Morris in the office.

PTA - Christmas Shopping Evening

The PTA are holding a Christmas Shopping Evening on Thursday 17th November at 7:30pm. Please come along and browse local stalls for handmade gifts, natural products, quality cards and more. There will be a chance to win raffle prizes on the evening too! Entry will be £1, including mulled wine and a mince pie. We still have a couple of tables left if you would like to book or know of anyone who would, please collect a booking form from the school office.

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.

Lost Property

A pair of glasses were found in Red Kites classroom recently, if your child has lost their glasses please come into the office.

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 the staff in the office.

Music Lessons with World Beats Music

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

Email Newsletter

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you every week, can you please email Mrs Morris at office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk 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> and on the William Fletcher Primary School App.

Forthcoming Dates

November

03.11.16	Maths Fair 5pm
04.11.16	Individual School Photos
07.11.16 –	
11.11.16	Year 6 Glasbury
08.11.16	Years 1, 2 & 3 Flu Vaccinations
10.11.16	Foundation Stage Eye Test
16.11.16	Year 5 & 6 Blenheim
17.11.16	Year 1 Dance at The Marlborough School
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
08.12.16	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm
08.12.16	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.30pm
08.12.16	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

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2016/2017

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 Friday 21st July

Monday 5th June INSET Day