

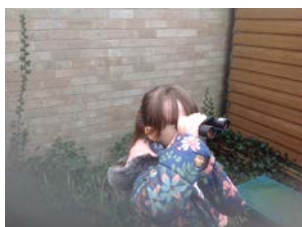
William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,

All of our children enjoyed a very special Shrove Tuesday this week courtesy of our PTA who cooked pancakes. The children thoroughly enjoyed the treat with many saying they were the best pancakes ever! Thank you to all of the PTA who gave of their time so generously.



Our Indoor Athletics team who won the Woodstock Tournament took part in the Indoor Athletics tournament for West Oxfordshire. Seven teams took part and our team came third. Well done to all of the children who took part and many thanks to all of the parents who helped with transporting and cheering on the team. Thank you to Mr Lister for coaching the team.



Following on from an excellent assembly by Dr. Daniel Hayhow on the Great British Bird Watch our Eco Committee and other interested children took part in a bird watch in the school grounds. Below is a table of the types and number of birds they saw in an hour. They were amazed by the number of species of birds

who visit our school grounds. Many thanks to Mrs Brown and Mrs Partridge for working with the children during the afternoon bird watching. The children would like to repeat the bird watching exercise in the summer to see how the numbers and species spotted might differ. We will keep you posted.



Species of bird	Number spotted
Blackbird	3
Crow	7
Chaffinch	1
Sparrow	7
Robin	3
Collard dove	2
Woodpigeon	5
Wren	1
Song Thrush	2
Pigeon	3

Parents often ask me if children in Foundation stage and year 1 can take violin lessons. Up until now the answer has been no. I am pleased to say

that our school now has the opportunity to offer violin lessons for our very youngest children in Foundation stage and year 1. For children in those year groups there is a leaflet enclosed with this newsletter. If you would like your child to take part in these lessons please sign up on the website provided in the leaflet. We will be holding a short meeting on Thursday 25th February at 8.45am to explain to parents what is involved. The meeting will be led by our violin teacher Julie Regal, who has been specially trained in teaching the violin to very young children. This is an exciting project and we are one of the first schools in Oxfordshire to offer this to children. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like your child to participate please do come and discuss this with me. For children in other year groups who would like to learn a musical instrument we currently offer: violin, brass, guitar, percussion, singing and key board. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument please collect a leaflet from the school office.

Once again I am including in the schools newsletter concerns in the way some parents and carers are parking at the beginning and the end of the school day. I have been sent photographs of poor parking, where cars are blocking junctions on to Rutten Lane. I am sure that we all want to keep our children safe when coming to and leaving school. Please make sure that you park responsibly and that there is clear visibility for young children crossing the roads around our school.

I have contacted the PCSO who has advised that he will be making regular visits to school during peak periods and will issue fines to parents who park illegally.

I hope all of you have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 22nd February.

Best wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of February is Compassion

Celebration of achievements

This week Freddie in Year 5 and Adam, Chloe, Lewis, Libby, Poppy and Talia in Year 6 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrows. Ivor, Bobby, Yasamin and Michael 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 badges.



Writer of the week – Thomas (Year 2)

Mathematician of the week – Daniel (Year 1) and
Jaimee (Year 6)

Reader of the week – Charlotte (Year 5)

School Value person of the week – Lottie (year 6),
Yasmin-Dior, Holly (Year 5), Uhjas (Year 4), Scarlett
(Year 3)

Building Learning Power – Hope (Year 4)



Congratulations to Amy and Charlie (Year 5), Samantha, Emily and Arabella
(Year 4) for receiving their music awards by Mrs Rigel.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175
nights of reading at home: Carys in Eagles. Congratulations to the following
children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Phineas,
Austin and Lucy in Swallows. Charlie in Owls. Emma, Amelia, Amy and Hugo
in Sky Larks. Anna & Molly in Eagles. Congratulations to the following
children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Phoebe in
Nightingales. Scarlet, David, Maya, Flora and Jack in Kingfishers. Maya and
Samantha in Red Kites. Erin in Sky Larks. Erin & Kieran in Eagles.
Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100
nights of reading at home: Chanelle, Archie & Alfie in Nightingales. Yasamin
in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached
their 75 nights of reading at home: Sam in Nightingales. Congratulations to
the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home:
Flora in Sky Larks. Well done to everyone, keep up the good work.

Ordering School Lunches for Next Term

There is a new menu for the school lunches for the start of next term. If
your child has school lunches or you would like them to start having school
lunches please ensure you complete the online food request by Tuesday
16th February.

Churchill's Cafe and Dusters Unisex Hair Salon

Churchill's Cafe and Dusters Unisex Hair Salon would like to invite you all
for a free glass of fizz and buffet on their open evening tomorrow from 5-
7.30pm at Erdington House, Cresswell Close, Yarnton.

PTA Disco

The PTA Disco is on Friday 26th February. Foundation/Key Stage 1 disco will be from 6.00 - 7.15pm, and Key Stage 2 disco will be from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Year 3 children may choose which disco they would like to attend. Tickets are £2.00 each. A disco with DJ has been booked. There will be games and prizes. Tattoos, sweets and refreshments will be on sale.

Below is a disco contact form, can you please complete the form and return it to the office or bring it on the night.

Name of child

Contact telephone number for 26/02/16

Signed

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 22nd February at 7:30pm at the Turnpike. Everyone welcome.

Lost Property

Madalyn in Year 2 has lost her 'Frozen' wellington boots. Can you please make sure your child has not taken home the wrong wellington boots by mistake.

Forthcoming Dates

February 2016

12.02.16	North Wall Theatre - Year 3
12.02.16	End of term 3
22.02.16	Term 4 begins
24.02.15	Science Dome visit- key stage 2
24.02.16	Year 6 Junior Citizen visit
25.02.16	Library van
26.02.16	Swimming begins for Year 3
26.02.16	PTA School Disco
29.02.16	Year 4 parent meeting for Hooke Court at 3.10pm

March 2016

08.03.16	Hockey tournament - Years 5 & 6
14.03.16	Heights & Weights Measurements - Foundation & Year 6
16.03.16	Tag Rugby - Years 5 & 6
21.03.16-	
23.03.16	Year 4 Hooke Court
22.03.16	School Games - key stage 2