

**William Fletcher School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, I hope you all had an enjoyable Spring break.

Our children in Key stage 2 began their first day back by meeting with Dr. Pete Hommel (dad to Edgar and Ruben) who is an archaeologist and works at Oxford University. Together with Pete we will be taking part in a very special project learning about bee pollen; what it looks like, why it's important and what we can learn about the past from pollen. To support this project we have received a grant from The Royal Society and have been able to purchase microscopes and equipment to collect weather data. This is going to be a very exciting project for our children; they will have further sessions with Pete and his colleagues carrying out a range of investigations. We will be sharing and celebrating the children's work with parents on Tuesday 2nd July. Please put this date in your diaries, it would be lovely for the children to be able to share their learning with you.

Yesterday some of our year 6 children, Mrs Phillips and I attended an awards ceremony at Blenheim Place. Last year after visiting Blenheim children in years 5 and 6 sent some of their follow up work to the Palace, this is currently on display in the education room. The work was of a high standard and in recognition of this we were presented with one of the Annual Heritage Awards by the Duchess of Marlborough. After the ceremony we were all treated to a lovely cream tea.

**Staffing update**

Mrs Bartrum, one of our teachers in Foundation Stage has decided to retire at the end of the summer term. Mrs Bartrum has been a member of the WF staff team for 23 years. During that time she has taught all of the children in our school for their first year of education. She has supported a huge number of families in our community and I know that many of you will be able to think of many occasions when Mrs Bartrum has helped you, offered advice or been a friendly person to talk to. We will be organising a time for parents and children both present and past to come and celebrate Mrs Bartrum's teaching career with her.

Mrs Williams, one of our teaching assistants will also be taking early retirement at the end of this academic year. Mrs Williams has been a member of the WF team for 16 years. Over the years Mrs Williams has worked with lots of different classes supporting small groups of children and leading whole class sessions.

In later years Mrs Williams has also led our breakfast club, which during her time has grown in popularity.

This term our children in years 2 and years 6 will be taking the Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). We work hard to try and make these a part of everyday life at school, encouraging the children to do their best and not to worry about the tests. I am aware that taking the tests has been in the news recently with concerns about children feeling anxious. We do address this with our children but if you notice your child is feeling anxious please speak to your child's class teacher. Further information can be found on the following weblink:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/792059/Information\\_for\\_parents\\_-\\_2019\\_national\\_curriculum\\_tests\\_at\\_the\\_end\\_of\\_key\\_stages\\_1\\_and\\_2.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/792059/Information_for_parents_-_2019_national_curriculum_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stages_1_and_2.pdf)

### **May Day Celebrations**

We will be holding our May Day celebrations on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9:00am. Parents and carers are warmly welcomed to join us and watch the crowning of the May King and Queen, country dancing and dancing around the Maypole. The children should come to school dressed in their dancing clothes, this is dark trousers (no jeans please) and a shirt (shirts with no logos please) or a summer dress. All children should also have a flower pinned to their outfit. Children should wear their trainers when dancing. Every year we decorate the May King and Queen's chairs. We would greatly appreciate donations of flowers either the day before or early Tuesday morning.

### **Best Wishes**

**Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team**

**Our assembly theme for the month of April is Forgiveness**



Writer of the week – Becca in Year 3  
Mathematician of the week – Brendan in Year 5  
Reader of the week – Leah-Kate in Year 4  
School Value – Poppy in Year 5  
Building Learning Power – Mia in Year 5

### **Celebration of achievements**

This week Lacey in Year 6 has been awarded her Bronze merit arrow Well done to her for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded her arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 225 nights of reading at home: Alissa in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Riley & Selina in Kingfishers. Nathan L in Swallows. Claudia & Kyron in Nightingales. Phineas

in Kestrels. Baran in Owls. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Nate in Kingfishers. Isla, Annabel & Jasper in Swallows. Liam & Cherry in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 150 nights of reading at home: Ava in Swallows. Ethan & Anoushka in Kingfishers. Oscar in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Zara in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Alex in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 50 nights of reading at home: Cheya in Kingfishers.

## Attendance

### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays.

Parents should avoid taking their children out of school during term time in order to go on holiday.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Robins for 98.70% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 01.04.19 – 05.04.19
Eagles	91.00%
Kestrel	97.41%
Kingfishers	92.73%
Nightingales	94.55%
Owls	86.79%
Peregrine Falcons	98.50%
Red Kites	87.86%
Robins	98.70%
Sky Larks	93.53%
Swallows	95.42%
Wrens	88.75%
Total	92.91%

## 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](mailto: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.

## Food reminder

We have children in school who have a severe nut allergy. Could all parents and carers please ensure their children do not come to school with nuts or nut products including peanut butter, Nutella and cereal/nut bars. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep everyone safe in school.

## **Ignite Football Club – Every Friday from 3pm – 4pm**

If you would like your child to attend Ignite Football Club which runs every Friday from 3pm to 4pm, if your child would like to join please see Mrs Morris in the office.

## **Spring Disco**

The PTA are organising the school disco which will be held tomorrow. Foundation/Key Stage 1 disco will be from 6.00pm - 7.00pm, and Key Stage 2 disco will be from 7.15pm – 8:15pm. Year 3 children may choose which they would like to attend. Entrance is £2 per child. The PTA will be selling variety of sweets and eats, tattoos, glow stick and face paints. Fancy dress is optional. Please let the school office know if you are able to help at either disco.

## **Yarnton Parish Council.**

An election for 10 parish councillors will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019. Forms to nominate yourself are now available, closing date Wednesday 3rd April. If you're interested and would like more information or a nomination form please contact Lynne at [yarntonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:yarntonparishcouncil@gmail.com), 01865 378476, visit the parish council office Mondays or Thursdays between 9 and 11am or talk to one of the current parish councillors.

## **Forthcoming Dates**

### **April 2019**

26.04.19	Curriculum letters go home
26.04.19	PTA School Disco
29.04.19	Class photographs

### **May 2019**

01.05.19	May Day Dancing
06.05.19	Bank Holiday
09.05.19	Year 3 & 4 Tennis
16.05.19	Year 3 & 4 Tennis
17.05.19	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
21.05.19	Year 5 & 6 Tennis
22.05.19	Year 2 Ultra Olympics
22.05.19	Year 6 Induction Day 1 at The Marlborough School 9am – 12.30pm
23.05.19	End of Term 5
24.05.19	Inset Day

### **June 2019**

03.06.19	Term 6 begins
05.06.19	Year 3 – 6 Quad Kids
07.06.19	Year 5 & 6 Girls Kwik Cricket
12.06.19	EYS Cotswold Farm Park
14.06.19	Year 5 & 6 Kwik Cricket
18.06.19	Year 6 Induction Day 2 at The Marlborough School 9am – 2.30pm
18.06.19	Tri Golf
19.06.19	Year 2 Ultra Olympics
25.06.19	Key Stage 1 Sports Day
26.06.19	New Parents in Foundation Stage Meeting @ 5.30pm

27.06.19	Key Stage 1 Sports Day (if wet on 25.06.19)
28.06.19	School Fete
<b>July 2019</b>	
01.07.19	Year 6 puberty talk with the school nurse
02.07.19	Year 5 puberty talk with the school nurse
03.07.19	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
04.07.19	Year 6 Induction Day 3 at The Marlborough School 8.25am – 3.05pm
08.07.19 – 11.07.19	Year 6 Bikeability course
18.07.19	Year 6 Leavers Evening
23.07.19	End of Term 6
24.07.19	Inset Day

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2018/2019**

#### **Term 4**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May INSET Day

#### **Term 6**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July INSET Day

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2019/2020**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September INSET DAY

#### **Term 2**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Term 3**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May INSET Day

#### **Term 6**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July INSET Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July INSET Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET Day