

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,



Many of our children from Foundation stage to year 6 took part in the Oxford School Run challenge last Sunday. The children have been training for the event with Mr Lister this term, running on Thursday mornings before school and after school on Fridays. Children, together with staff, met in Oxford early on Sunday morning. After the start of the Oxford half

marathon race the children then lined up with 300 other children to run a mile. Everyone enjoyed the run and were well supported by the cheering and encouraging crowds! The children were all given a well-deserved medal and a goody bag at the end of the race. Thank you to all of the adults - staff and parents who turned out on Sunday to run with the children.



The PTA met last night for the first meeting of the school year. It was heartening to see some new parents joining the group. We thanked the outgoing chair of the PTA - Emma Wiggins, for all her hard work. Over the last year the PTA raised an amazing £7000 which has helped to fund the school climbing frame and part funded school trips and visits. Emma has stood down from the post as she no longer has children at our school. We elected a finance officer (Rachael Hambridge) and a secretary (Steph Lord) but we were unable to elect a chairperson. Without a chairperson the PTA will cease to exist. This will mean that your children will not have the benefit of additional funding to support their learning. This term our year 3 and 4 children are visiting Avesbury at a cost of £7.50, without the PTA support the visit would cost £10.00. This is a similar scenario for all trips and visits that have taken place. We need to be able to appoint a Chairperson to the PTA role. There is the option of co-chairing the PTA, so if there is anyone amongst the parent body who is able to step up and take on this role we would love to hear from you. We have a fantastic team of willing helpers and a well organised series of events that have taken place over many years. If you would like further information or wish to take on the role please pop into school to have a chat with myself or Sandra Morris or Rachael Hambridge in the school office.

Unfortunately we have had complaints this week regarding poor parking during drop off and collecting times. These include parents parking on the corners of both sides of Bartholomew Avenue despite white lines being there, meaning it would be absolutely impossible for an emergency vehicle to get into the road. Other complaints have included parking across resident's driveways

preventing residents from driving their own car. Could I ask everyone to behave in a considerate manner when parking their car in the school vicinity. We have asked our community police officer to visit during drop off and collecting time.

Year 3/4 football Tournament: Alfie, Eliza, Isobel, David, Archie, Niamh, Oliver and Sam . An enthusiastic squad of footballers went off to Carterton yesterday to compete in our first competition of the year. Having had some excellent training sessions with Mr Wynn, they were ready to do their best. They won every game in their qualifying round and then narrowly lost the quarter final 1-0. Eliza and Niamh said that Alfie played particularly well, and they thought that Isobel really tried hard. We are very proud of all of them for showing passion and determination. Thank you so much to Mr and Mrs Wynn and Mrs Rayner for escorting the group.

Best Wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of October is Courage



Writer of the week - Olivia in Year 2

Mathematician of the week - Sam in Year 4

Reader of the week - Saeesha in Year 1

School Value person of the week - Georgia in Year 2

Building Learning Power - Maisy in Year 5

Celebration of achievements

This week Aliya and Emily in Year 6 have been awarded their bronze merit arrow. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Libby, Arabella, Alice, Karena, Maisee and Emily in Eagles. Alexia, Tianna and Maisy in Sky Larks. Lyla P, Honey, Annabel, Sebastian and Adam in Owls. Phineas, Alba, George, Austin and Ethan in Kestrels. Archie F, Callum, Warren, Dora, Kai, Charlotte, Liam, Nell and Archie S in Nightingales. Oliver and Sebastian in Kingfishers. Betsy, Lily-Rose, Emily, Grace and Maisie in Swallows.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Owls class for 100% attendance.

Class	% attendance for 02.09.17 – 06.10.17
Eagles	94.84
Kestrel	99.29
Kingfishers	96.92
Nightingales	95.93
Owls	100.00
Red Kites	95.00
Robins	96.47
Sky Larks	97.33
Swallows	97.69
Wrens	95.00
Total	96.91

Oxford Food Bank

We are pleased to announce that we are now receiving a weekly delivery from the Oxford Food Bank. This registered charity, run by volunteers, delivers fresh food from local supermarkets and wholesalers with the aim of reducing food poverty and food waste in the Oxford area.

Every Tuesday fresh fruit and vegetables will be available to all, in the playground, after school. Small change donations are welcome but not compulsory. For more information, please contact Clare Pink, Family Support Worker: 07919 335588.

Energy Kidz Holiday Club

Energy Kidz are looking into the viability of running a holiday club at William Fletcher School during the school holidays. If you would be interested in using this service please complete the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WilliamFletcher>

School Disco

The PTA are organising the school disco which will be held on Friday 3rd November. Foundation/Key Stage 1 disco will be from 6.00 - 7.00pm, and Key Stage 2 disco will be from 7.15 - 8:30pm. Year 3 children may choose which they would like to attend. Entrance is £2 per child. A disco has been booked to entertain the children and the PTA will be selling hotdogs, drinks, sweets, tattoos and glow sticks.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs every day from 07:30 - 08:45 in the Howard Hillsdon building (old playground). 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.

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

October 2017

13.10.17	Lieder performance Year 5 & 6 at The Ashmolean
12:30pm	
13.10.17	Learning cards go home for review
13.10.17	Year 6 Learning cards to be returned to school
16.10.17	Year 6 Residential visit to Glasbury
16.10.17	Learning cards to be returned to school
17.10.17	Key Stage 1 visit to Crocodile World
17.10.17	Year 3 & 4 visit to Avebury
19.10.17	Cross country for Years 3-6
20.10.17	Year 6 return from Glasbury
20.10.17	End of Autumn Term 1
30.10.17	INSET day
31.10.17	Autumn Term 2 begins

November 2017

02.11.17	Individual school photographs
03.11.17	Swimming begins for Owls
06.11.17	Year 6 IMPS visit
07.11.17	Year 5 & 6 Hockey
14.11.17	Parent-Teacher discussions
15.11.17	Parent-Teacher discussions
16.11.17	Flu Vaccination for FS and Years 1 – 4
20.11.17	INSET DAY

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 1

Tuesday 5th September to Friday 20th October

Monday 4th September INSET Day

Monday 30th October INSET Day

Term 2

Tuesday 31st October to Tuesday 19th December

Monday 20th November INSET Day

Term 3

Thursday 4th January to Friday 9th February