

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen our school really get into the Christmas festivities! Our children in year 5 went along to The Yarnton Senior Lunch Club session in the village hall to entertain the diners with Christmas songs. The children's singing was very much appreciated.

Our children in Kestrel class have come to the end of their violin and cello lessons. This was marked by a concert for their families. It was impressive to see how much the children have learnt in such a short amount of time. If there are children in Kestrel class who wish to continue with violin and cello lessons please speak to either myself or staff in the school office.



All of the children have performed in their Christmas plays. It never ceases to amaze me how much energy and enthusiasm the children put into their performances at the end of such a busy term. They are all to be congratulated; especially those children who worked hard to overcome their fears of being on the stage. As I said to the year 5 and 6 children at the end of their performance, if they can stand on the stage and sing and act in the way they did on Wednesday evening then they really do have the potential to do anything they want to do in life.

A huge thank you to parents and carers who have baked cakes and helped with selling raffle tickets and refreshments. If everyone does a little then it certainly makes lighter work!

Year 5 & 6 Christmas play tonight will start at 7.00pm, can you please take your child to his/her classroom at 6.45pm.

Tomorrow is our second non-uniform day in exchange for a gift for Christmas shopping.

Next week Christmas shopping takes place on Wednesday morning, if you are able to help out with this, we would very much appreciate your support. Please see your class teacher or speak to staff in the school office if you are able to help.

Learning Cards will come home on Friday this week, so do look out for these in children's book bags. Please spend some time over the weekend to talk with your children about their learning cards and their achievements this term. We would greatly appreciate the Learning Cards being returned to school on Monday morning for the children and teachers to continue to use in recording learning and achievement.

**Best Wishes
Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team**

Our assembly theme for the month of December is Peace / Advent



Writer of the week – Isla in Year 1
Mathematician of the week – Olivia In Year 2
Reader of the week – David in Year 5
Building Learning Power – Kyron in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

This week Ava, Isabella & Alba in Year 5 have been awarded their Silver merit arrow. Madalyn in Year 5 has been awarded her 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 100 nights of reading at home: Becka, Lucy & Lyla E in Owls. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Selina, Emelia & Anoushka in Kingfishers. Georgia in Swallows. Emily, Charlie, Maggie and Liam in Kestrels. Bella in Owls. Maisie, Grace, Emilie, Charlotte & Declan in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Alex in Kestrels. Esme in Owls. Scarlet & Russell in Red Kites. Madalyn in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 25 nights of reading at home: Zara in Kestrels.

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 Owls for 99.23% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 03.12.18 – 07.12.18
Eagles	97.33%
Kestrel	95.56%
Kingfishers	95.00%
Nightingales	98.18%
Owls	99.23%
Peregrine Falcons	95.50%
Red Kites	95.71%
Robins	96.67%
Sky Larks	97.22%

Swallows	95.42%
Wrens	91.25%
Total	96.11%

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.

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

If you would like your child to attend Ignite Football Club for term 3 which runs every Friday from 3pm to 4pm, please see Mrs Morris in the office by Friday 21st December 2018.

Children’s Christmas Shopping Day

The PTA organise 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 a parent. Then on the Christmas Shopping Day the children “go Christmas shopping” and are allowed to buy two gifts. 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 7th December – non-uniform day in exchange for female gift

Friday 14th December – non-uniform day in exchange for a male gift

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Shopping Day. If anyone is free to help with the Christmas Shopping, could you please let Mrs Morris in the office know.

Kids Xmas party at the Royal British

Kids Xmas party at the Royal British Legion in Yarnton. There will be a disco, games and the Children get to meet Santa who will give them a gift.

For further details of how to obtain tickets please contact Brian Coffey at b.coffey77@me.com.

Forthcoming Dates

December 2018

14.12.18	Non-uniform day in exchange for male gift
14.12.18	Christmas dinner
17.12.18	Year 6 Imps visit

18.12.18	Class Christmas parties
19.12.18	Christmas Shopping
21.12.18	Carol service
21.12.18	End of term 2

January 2019

07.01.19	Term 3 begins
08.01.19	Founders day
22.01.19	Foundation Stage Eye Test
24.01.19	Year 1 Dance at The Marlborough
31.01.19	Year 5 & 6 Boccia

February 2019

08.02.19	Learning cards go home
11.02.19	Learning cards returned
14.02.19	Year 5 & 6 Sports hall athletics at The Marlborough
15.02.19	End of term 3
25.02.19	Term 4 begins
26.02.19	Year 6 Junior Citizen
26.02.19	Year 5 Maths Challenge
26.02.19	Parent-teacher meetings
27.02.19	Parent-teacher meetings

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2018/2019

Term 2

Tuesday 30th October to Friday 21st December

Monday 29th October INSET DAY

Monday 19th November INSET DAY

Term 3

Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February

Term 4

Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April to Thursday 23rd May

Friday 24th May INSET Day

Term 6

Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July

Wednesday 24th July INSET Day