

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good half-term break and enjoyed being out of the routine of school life.

At the end of last half-term we initiated parent governor elections. I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Kate Thorpe has agreed to take on this important role. Kate, who has a daughter in key stage 1, will be joining a thriving governing body who work tirelessly for the good of our school community.

Over the school holidays we had some school improvement works take place. This includes new flooring in children's toilets, new carpeting in corridors and playground markings on the top playground. I am grateful to Mrs Morris for over-seeing this work. We are encouraging all of the children to look after our school environment, including making sure they wipe their feet before coming into the school building and hanging up their coats and bags, please help us by encouraging your child to do this both at home and at school.

We have also had installed a polytunnel next to the Howard Hillsdon room, we used the donation that the Hillsdon family made to the school in memory of Howard. During the spring and summer months the children will have the opportunity to plant seeds and grow flowers and vegetables. If any parents of grandparents have an interest in gardening and could spare some time to support this work we would love to hear from you.



Our children in Key stage 1 took part in drama workshops this week run by Perform. They had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of *Outer Space* and using drama and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. Perform hold regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of William Fletcher School if they come along for a free trial session before Wednesday 14th March. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting WIFL140318 or visit perform.org.uk to find out more.

The PTA are organising a school disco which will take place on Friday 16th March, if you are able to help out during the disco such as; help with setting up, clearing away at the end or helping with the stalls and general supervision during the disco, there is a signup sheet in the school office for you to register.



Over the half-term holiday Mrs Lancaster and I were very lucky to be able to travel to Kathmandu in Nepal to visit our link School – Joseph High School, as part of a British Council funded project. We spent the week in school, observing teaching and learning, talking to children and teachers and planning a joint project that both our children and the children in Nepal will be working on over the coming weeks. Both Mrs

Lancaster and I found the experience both enriching and inspiring. It was interesting to see how the school achieved so much for the children given their limited resources. The children had high aspirations for themselves which was clearly driven by both the school and the children's parents. At the end of our



visit Mrs Lancaster and I took part in a final school gathering where we were presented with beautiful woodcarvings and the children performed a traditional Nepalese dance. The hospitality and generosity of our host school was at times overwhelming, they helped to create memories which will stay with us for a long time.

Best Wishes
Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of February is Compassion



Writer of the week – Lucy in Year 5
Mathematician of the week – Esme in Year 2
Reader of the week – Bethany-Rose in Year 2
Building Learning Power – Sebastian in Year 4

Celebration of achievements

This week Immy, Arabella & Lizzie in Year 6 have been awarded their Gold merit arrow. This week Millie in Year 5 has been awarded her Silver merit arrow. This week John in Year 6 and Reagan in Year 5 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: Zara in Kingfishers. Lacey in Skylarks. Congratulations to the

following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Ellie-Mae in Swallows. Alastair & Freddie in Skylarks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Archie F in Nightingales. Alicia, Grace & Millie in Swallows. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Jovan in kingfishers. Grace in Skylarks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Callum in Nightingales. Cora, Zachary & Maisie in Swallows. Lily & Rosh in Skylarks. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 175 nights of reading at home: Dora in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 200 nights of reading at home: Katie in Skylarks.

Attendance

Arriving at school on time is very important for the children, it is often first thing in the morning when the day ahead is discussed and the children begin their first learning activities. If on the odd occasion your child is late for school they should enter the school via the school office where they will be registered. School begins at 8.45am and we aim to lock the school gate as soon after this as possible.

It is cool to be in school everyday

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Robins class for 99.41% attendance.

Class	Robins attendance for 99.41% attendance 05.02.18 – 09.02.18
Eagles	97.10%
Kestrel	98.21%
Kingfishers	98.46 %
Nightingales	97.04%
Owls	96.92%
Red Kites	91.11%
Robins	99.41%
Sky Larks	93.00%
Swallows	97.69%
Wrens	98.82%
Total	96.55%

World Book Day

On Thursday the 1st of March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. Each class will be taking part in a range of book themed activities. The children are invited to dress up as a book character. We will also be collecting for book aid international if you would like to donate any money we suggest a donation of £1. We look forward to seeing lots of wonderful book characters around the school!

Ignite Football

Ignite is running a football club for all ages that runs every Friday, from Friday 23rd February 2018 to Friday 23rd March from 3.00pm – 4.00pm on the school field. If the weather is bad the club will be held in the hall. The cost of the club is £4.00 per session (£20.00 for Term 4). If you wish your child to attend the club, please come to the office for a form by Monday 5th February 2018.

Forthcoming Dates

February 2018

23.02.18	Red Kites start swimming lessons
27.02.18	Parent's evening
28.02.18	Parent's evening

March 2018

01.03.18	World Book Day
01.03.18	Year 5 & 6 High 5 Netball tournament
06.03.18	Year 5 & 6 Blenheim
07.03.18	Year 4 performing at Christ Church Cathedral
07.03.18	Heights & Weights foundation and year 6
14.03.18	Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby tournament
16.03.18	PTA Disco
21.03.18 – 23.03.18	Year 4 Hooke Court
23.03.18	Learning cards go home
28.03.18	Oxon School Games Year 3 – 6
29.03.18	Spring Term 2 ends

April 2018

20.04.18	Kestrels start swimming
30.04.18	Class Photographs

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 4

Monday 19th February to Thursday 29th March

Term 5

Monday 16th April to Thursday 24th May

Friday 25th May INSET Day

Term 6

Monday 4th June to Tuesday 24th July

Wednesday 25th July INSET Day