

## William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,



Last week, all of our children in years 3 and 4 visited the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford to hear the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra perform. The children enjoyed the concert, learning about the different instruments that make up an orchestra and listening to both familiar music (The greatest Showman) as well as hearing less familiar pieces.

For our children already learning an instrument, listening to the orchestra provided an insight into what they could sound like in the future. If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, we offer tuition in a range of instruments, so please do contact me if you would like further information.



Our children in Key stage 1 all took part in a drama workshop this week led by Drama for All, the theme of the workshop was the importance of recycling and reusing. The children all had a lot of fun as well as learning the important message of looking after our environment. Many thanks to Miss Staniland for organising this learning



opportunity for our children.

The PTA met this week to discuss future social events for our children. These are listed later in the newsletter, if you are able to help then please speak to your child's class teacher or members of staff in the school office. The PTA last term raised over £1000 through running discos, selling refreshments and raffle tickets at the school plays. At the meeting, the PTA decided to support the development of the new school library by purchasing shelving units and an IT programme for the children to borrow books from the library. The PTA continues to help to pay towards school trips and visits, without their financial support we would not be able to provide as many opportunities for our children. Thank you to everyone who supports the work of the PTA by attending meetings and volunteering to help run events.

**Best Wishes**

**Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team**

**Our assembly theme for the month of January is Generosity**



Writer of the week – Kyron in Year 1  
 Mathematician of the week – Sonny in Year 4  
 Reader of the week – Jacob in Year 6  
 School Value – Sebastian in Year 4  
 Building Learning Power – Katie in 6

## **Celebration of achievements**

Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 150 nights of reading at home: Lucy in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Jasper in Swallows. Riley in Kingfishers. William, Tianna, Lucy & Charlie in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Lily-Rose in Swallows. Alan in Peregrine Falcons. Lily in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Charlie L in Swallows. Claire in Kingfishers. Aashir & Percy in Nightingales. Orla in Kestrels. Niamh in Peregrine Falcons. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 50 nights of reading at home: Nikola in Nightingales. Isabella in Kestrels. Zouzou & Alistair in Eagles. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 25 nights of reading at home: Lacey in Eagles.

## **Attendance**

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance for 21.01.19 - 25.01.19</b>
Eagles	92.33%
Kestrel	98.89%
Kingfishers	97.73%
Nightingales	94.55%
Owls	96.54%
Peregrine Falcons	99.50%
Red Kites	90.71%
Robins	94.17%
Sky Larks	98.33%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	97.92%
Total	96.19%

## **Emergency School Closure**

There may be occasions when the school has to close at short notice. Typically, this might happen as a result of severe weather. The decision to close the school will not be taken lightly and will be based upon the general safety and well-being of staff and pupils which includes ensuring there are enough members of staff who are able to travel safely to and from school. We will use the school web-site, school app and local radio stations to broadcast news of a school closure. If you suspect that closure might be a possibility please tune into one of the following radio stations:

BBC Radio Oxford

95.2FM

Heart FM

102.6/97.4/102.9/103.4 FM

Jack FM

106.8FM

Check the school app

Or check the school web-site at: [www.william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk)

## **Ignite Holiday Club**

Are you looking for ways in which to keep the children active and entertained during the holidays? Ignite Sport, who deliver a lunchtime club, afterschool football and pe on Fridays at our school, will be offering holiday sports clubs in the local area. Children aged 4-12 can enjoy learning new skills, make new friends, develop techniques and play fun games and matches, with the emphasis on enjoyment in a safe and supervised environment. Info and booking - [www.ignitesportuk.com](http://www.ignitesportuk.com)

## **Candlemas Café, with Christingles**

Sunday 3rd February 3pm-5pm Yarnton Village Hall – Candlemas Café, with Christingles. All are welcome to this all age event, exploring the celebration of Candlemas, 40 days after Christmas, with the theme of Jesus as ‘Light to the nations’. There will be simple craft activities, and Christingle making. Organised by St Bartholomew’s Church. Free entry. Tea, coffee and cake served, NB children must be accompanied by an adult.

## **Juniors Football Training**

Yarnton Blues Football Club - Juniors training session Starting in March. YBFC are planning to start a training session for 5,6 & 7 year olds on Wednesdays @17:30. The sessions will be run by a selection of the clubs existing managers and will run for 60 minutes. All Yarnton Blues managers are DBS checked, first aid trained and highly skilled, with many holding the FA Level 1 Coaching qualification. This is an excellent opportunity to get your child involved with the club at an early age. The club is always looking out for new players to join the teams which play in the Witney and District Youth Football League (WDYFL) throughout the season.

**Note:** Football boots and shin pads are recommended.

The first session will take place on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March @17:30** at Yarnton Park off Rutten lane. \*\*The sessions will be free during March.

If you would like to reserve a place please contact the club secretary James Finnigan via email ([james.finnigan2@ntlworld.com](mailto:james.finnigan2@ntlworld.com)).

## **Forthcoming Dates**

### **February 2019**

05.02.19	Safer Internet Day
06.02.19	Year 4 Parent Hooke Court meeting at 3.15pm
08.02.19	Learning cards go home
08.02.19	Robins & Wrens PTA cake sale
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 5 Maths Challenge
26.02.19	Parent-teacher meetings
27.02.19	Parent-teacher meetings
28.02.19	Year 6 Junior Citizen
28.02.19	Year 1 Dance at The Marlborough School

### **March 2019**

01.03.19	Year 1 Dance at The Marlborough School
05.03.19	PTA making pancakes for the children
06.03.19	Foundation & Year 6 Heights & Weights Measurements
08.03.18	PTA Movie Night
07.03.19	Year 5 & 6 High 5 Netball at The Marlborough
13.03.19 – 15.03.19	Year 4 Hooke Court residential visit
13.03.19	Foundation Stage and KS1 Little Red Riding Hood
15.03.18	Winter Games for Comic Relief
20.03.19	Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby
29.03.19	Learning cards to go home
<b>April 2019</b>	
01.04.19	Learning cards returned
05.04.19	End of Term 4
23.04.19	Term 5 begins
26.04.19	Curriculum letters go home
26.04.19	PTA School Disco
29.04.19	Class photographs

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

#### **Term 3**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

#### **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

Tuesday 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**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</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

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

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

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