

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,



Our school value this month is patience, which was apt for our May Day celebrations. We waited patiently during the month of April, dodging the rain and cold to practice. Our patience was rewarded with the glorious weather we had for our May Day dancing. Thank you to everyone who was able to stay



and watch, and of course many congratulations to the children for their splendid dancing. Thank you to everyone from the PTA who supported the refreshment stall, it certainly was a welcome addition to the morning and raised £60 for the PTA fund.



Last week our children in years 3 and 4 visited Yarnton Garden Nurseries as part of their science work exploring plant adaptations. The children had a guided tour of the nurseries by the plantsman who talked to the children about the different attributes of each plant and how they are adapted to live in a particular habitat.

This week we welcomed two trainee teachers from Oxford Brookes University. Miss Newnham and Miss Beveridge will be working alongside class teachers in Swallow class and Owl class.

Next Monday is a bank holiday, I hope you all have a relaxing break and enjoy the long weekend.

Best Wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of May is Patience



Lizzie, Eliza, Lewis, Lyla and Alba who play for Yarnton Brass Band took part in a competition at the weekend. They all did very well performing solos, duets, quartets and larger ensemble groups. Very well done all of them.



Writer of the week – Raphael B in Year 4
Mathematician of the week – Callum J in Year 6
Reader of the week – Poppy in Year 3
School Value – Oliver S in Year 4
Building Learning Power – Alistair in Year 5

Celebration of achievements

This week Maisy in Year 5 has been awarded her gold merit arrow. Well done to her for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 100 nights of reading at home: Oscar in Swallows. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 125 nights of reading at home: Brendan in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Lily-Rose in Swallows. Kyron in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 175 nights of reading at home: Elise in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Cora & Charlie in Swallows. Jovan in Kingfishers. Samantha, Karena, Emily & Arabella in Eagles.

Summer Fete - We need your help!

The PTA met last night to begin organising this year's summer fete. The fete will take place on **Friday 6th July**. As in previous years, we will begin the fete with the children's parade. This year we are asking the children to come dressed as a person or a thing they have learnt about this year, so the possibilities are endless! They could dress as an underwater creature, a roman centurion, an evacuee...

We will be having two non-uniform days in the run up the fete in exchange for prizes for the tombola and bottles for the bottle stall. Non-uniform days will be as follows;

Friday 15th June in exchange for tombola prizes

Friday 22nd June in exchange for bottles

We have written to local businesses (in the Yarnton, Witney, Kidlington, Bicester, Oxford areas) asking for raffle prizes. If you are able to deliver any of these letters please speak to Mrs Hambridge in the school office.

We would also appreciate any raffle prizes that parents might be able to offer from their place of work.

We are keen to have a face painting stall this year, if you are able to help with this then please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Nind or Mrs Morris in the school office.

The next PTA meeting takes place on Tuesday 5th June, 7.30pm at The Turn Pike. Please do come along and support the PTA, the more parents we

have involved, the lighter the work and the greater the benefit for all of our children!

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.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Kestrels, Kingfishers and Wrens for 100% attendance.

| Class | Attendance for 23.04.18 – 27.04.18 |
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| Eagles | 97.42% |
| Kestrel | 100% |
| Kingfishers | 100% |
| Nightingales | 95.20% |
| Owls | 95.38% |
| Red Kites | 99.63% |
| Robins | 98.82% |
| Sky Larks | 89.00% |
| Swallows | 98.46% |
| Wrens | 100% |
| Total | 97.14% |

Timing is everything! Please try to get your child to school on time in the morning.

Lego Club

We have spaces available in Lego Club this term which runs every Monday from 3pm to 4pm. If you would like your child to attend this club please see Mrs Morris in the office.

Lost Property

Peter from the Nightingales has lost his TU black and grey rain jacket, could you please check your child has not taken the wrong jacket home by mistake.

Forthcoming Dates

May 2018

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| 07.05.18 | Bank Holiday |
| 10.05.18 | Year 3 & Tennis competition |
| 14.05.18 – 18.05.18 | Key Stage 2 SATS |
| 22.05.18 | Year 5 & 6 Tennis |
| 22.05.18 9am – 12.30pm | Year 6 Induction Day 1 at The Marlborough School - |
| 23.05.18 | Year 2 Ultra Olympics Marlborough School |
| 24.05.18 | School nurse visiting Year 5 |
| 24.05.18 | End of Summer term 1 |
| 25.05.18 | Inset Day |

June 2018

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| 04.06.18 | Summer term 2 begins |
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| 05.06.18 | Author/Illustrator to visit school |
| 06.06.18 | Quad Kids Year – 3 - 6 |
| 08.06.18 | Year 5 & 6 girls Kwik cricket |
| 11.06.18 | Phonics Screening Check week for Key Stage 1 |
| 13.06.18 | Year 4 singing project with choristers |
| 15.06.18 | Year 6 boys Kwik cricket |
| 15.06.18 | Non School Uniform Day in exchange for tombola prizes |
| 19.06.18 | Tri Golf year 3 & 4 |
| 19.06.18 | Year 6 Induction Day 2 at The Marlborough School - 9am – 2pm |
| 20.06.18 | Year 2 Ultra Olympics at The Marlborough School |
| 22.06.18 | Non School Uniform Day in exchange for bottles |
| 26.06.18 | Key Stage 1 Sports Day 9.00am (29.06.18 if wet on 26.06.18) |
| 27.06.18 | Foundation Stage New Parents & Carers meeting 5.30pm |
| 29.06.18 | Year 5 & 6 River Rowing museum |
| July 2018 | |
| 02.07.18 | Meet the teacher KS1 - 3:15pm |
| 04.07.18 | Key Stage 2 Sports Day (05.07.18 if wet on 04.07.18) |
| 06.07.18 | Summer Fete |
| 10.07.18 | Change over morning |
| 10.07.18 | Year 6 Induction Day 3 at The Marlborough School – all day |
| 10.07.18 | Meet the teacher Lower Key Stage 2 - 3:15pm |
| 11.07.18 | Meet the teacher Upper Key Stage 2 - 3:15pm |
| 11.07.18 | Foundation Stage Sports Day (12.07.18 if wet on 11.07.18) |
| 19.07.18 | Year 6 Leavers Evening 6pm |
| 24.07.18 | Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00am |
| 24.07.18 | School finishes for Summer term 2 |

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2017/2018

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

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2018/2019

Term 1

Wednesday 5th September to Friday 19th October

Tuesday 4th September INSET DAY

Term 2

Tuesday 30th October to Friday 21st December