

## William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this week we received a letter from Ofsted following our inspection. The letter reflected all the hard work that takes place in our school, the children's enthusiasm for learning and the values that the children and adults display on a daily basis. The letter highlighted some next steps for the school which we will be addressing over the coming months. Yesterday we sent out the letter to all families, if yours did not make it home please do pop into the school office and ask for a hard copy of the Ofsted letter.

Last week Dr. Hommel visited school to lead a workshop with the children in years 3 and 4. Dr. Hommel is an archaeologist at Oxford University. The children investigated artefacts and learnt about the work of archaeologists. They also took part in an experiment which showed them how archaeologists are able to find out what prehistoric people ate.

Tomorrow we will be holding the second collection of a Christmas gift, once again the children are invited to come to school in their own clothes. If the children have a Christmas jumper this would be a good time to wear it! We are over 50 gifts short following the first non-uniform day. Please ensure you have brought in gifts in order for your child to participate on Christmas Shopping Day.

### Staffing news

I am delighted to be able to let parents know that our lunchtime assistant Mrs Murray's baby has arrived! Baby Noah is doing very well, we wish every happiness for Noah and his family.

### Best Wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

**Our assembly theme for the month of December is Love**



Writer of the week – Scarlet in Year 3

Mathematician of the week – Daisy in Year 4

Reader of the week – Brad in Year 6

School Value person of the week – Anisha in Year 5

Building Learning Power – Lucy in Year 5

## Celebration of achievements

This week John in Year 5 has been awarded his bronze merit arrow. Well done to him for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded his arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Tilly in Kestrels. Lily in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Justin in Swallows, Bella in Kingfishers, Percy, Warren & Elise in Nightingales. Alfie E in Owls. Ava & Isobel P in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Cora, Lily-Rose, Jasper & Alex in Swallows. Callum & Claudia in Nightingales. Isabella in Kestrels. Eliza & Declan in Red Kites. Rosh & Bori in Sky Larks. Arabella in Eagles.

## 80 Percent of Success is Showing Up

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Robins class for 98.03% attendance.

Class	% attendance for 04.12.17 - 08.12.17
Eagles	96.02
Kestrel	97.53
Kingfishers	96.95
Nightingales	96.41
Owls	96.51
Red Kites	97.65
<b>Robins</b>	<b>98.03</b>
Sky Larks	95.61
Swallows	97.98
Wrens	97.80
Total	96.95

## Cake Tin

We still have a cake tin from the cake sale in the office. If you have not collected your tin yet please do so.

## Dishwasher

We have a second-hand dishwasher free to a good home. If you would like it, please see Mrs Morris in the office.

## Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Fresh Start is offering a Christmas lunch for all children in school. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch please log into <https://freshstartcatering.uk> and use your log in details. The cost is £2.30 per child in Key Stage 2 and is free for Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils.

## Christmas Play Dates

11.12.17	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm
12.12.17	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm
12.12.17	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.30pm
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## Christmas Play Tickets

If you have not got yours yet, please come into the school office to get yours asap, **entrance will be strictly ticket only** and the ticket must be presented on the door on the night. This is to comply with Health & Safety guidelines, **please note there is a limit per play**. It is on a first come first served basis. Tickets are £1.50 each purely to cover the cost of hiring lights and play licences.

## Children's Christmas Shopping Day

There is one more non-uniform day which is tomorrow, where 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 priced at £1 each. 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:

**Tomorrow** - non-uniform day in exchange for a second gift  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Shopping Day - children to bring £2 to school to buy gifts. Wrapping paper, tape etc. will be provided by the PTA.

## Forthcoming Dates

### December 2017

08.12.17	Non-uniform day in exchange for second gift
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15.12.17	Learning Cards go home for review

## **January 2018**

04.01.18	Spring Term begins
09.01.18	Founders Day Service Key Stage 2
12.01.18	Eagles Class start swimming lessons
25.01.18	Sky Larks Street Dance at The Marlborough School
01.02.18	Year 5 & 6 Boccia Caterton
02.02.18	Learning cards go home
06.02.18	Eagles Class Junior Citizen

## **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2017/2018**

### **Term 2**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

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

### **Term 3**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

### **Term 4**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### **Term 5**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May INSET Day