

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our school diary for last week, we had written 'Founders' Day Celebrations'. We have decided that we are going to wait to celebrate this special day, for when **all** of the children are back in school together.

Our school is named after William Fletcher, who gave money to educate the children in the village. This was a generous act of philanthropy, which has had a lasting impact, years after the initial financial gift. Our values theme this month, is generosity and the story of William Fletcher forms a part of our thinking about the value of generosity. Every day in my time here at WF, I see selfless acts of generosity, from our Governors, staff, parents and of course our children.

We are living in a time where we all need to be generous towards each other, I am grateful for all of you who are supporting home learning whilst continuing to work from home. We all know from the TV reports how important it is to keep contacts between each other to a minimum. By helping us to reduce the number of children we have in school you are all helping to keep our school community safe - thank you.

Changing Reading Books

From next week, we would like to offer parents of children in Key stage 1 and Reception the opportunity to change reading books. If it is not raining, we will put book boxes out on tables in the school car park. There will be:

- a box to place books you are returning which we will quarantine
- hand sanitiser to use before and after touching school books
- boxes of books in their colour reading bands, you are invited to choose two books

Please collect your books at the specified times, wear face coverings and respect the social distancing rules. We will not have a member of staff outside as we need to continue to ensure staff safety. If you have children in more than one class please let your class teacher know which session you will be attending to enable us to have books for all of your children. Please be aware that if it is raining we will postpone the book exchanges and notify you of this through the school app.

	1.00-1.45pm	2.00-2.45pm
Wednesday	Swallow class	Nightingale class
Thursday	Kingfisher class	Robin class
Friday	Wrens class	

Live Teaching Sessions

Through the week children learning at home have the opportunity to meet with their teachers for live teaching sessions or class meets. We are aware that children will not all have their own devices and so we have timetabled when sessions take place through the day. In addition, the live teaching sessions have been videoed and posted on to Google Classroom to enable children to watch at a later stage if a device has not been available.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.15am	UKS2	UKS2	UKS2	UKS2	UKS2
10:00am		KS1			
11.00am		LKS2 English	LKS 2 Maths		
1.00pm		KS1	UKS2 (1.30pm)		EYFS meet
2.00pm		KS1		LKS 2 meet	EYFS meet

Home Learning support

Please do contact school if you need any help with the home learning tasks, we will always do our best to support you and your children. If you need support with laptops, please contact the school office.

There are lots of organisations offering additional support with home learning. Here are a few that we have been sent recommendations for this week:

Science and Maths

Stem learning <https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning#guidance-for-families>

has lots of resources to support home learning as well as lots of ideas for science and maths activities that children can do at home.

Oxfordshire heritage

From 18th January Hands on Oxfordshire heritage will be posting videos about Oxfordshire history. For more information follow them on social media @oxonmuseum

Blue Peter is the longest running Children's TV show, they have uploaded videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. If you think your child would be interested in this, you can subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's completely free to subscribe).

Phone Calls home

Next week, our staff will be phoning families to discuss any concerns around home learning. For those children who are attending school, I will be your families link teacher, so any issues please do ask when you see me in the morning or at the end of the day.

Food in school

For those families whose children are in school, can I remind you that we are a nut free school. Children must not bring in food containing nuts. Please support this as we have children in school with nut allergies.

Other news

The PTA worked hard at the end of last term organising two events for our children. The Christmas shopping and the My Child Art. The children enjoyed taking part in these events and I know many of you have mugs, tea towels, keyrings...with your child's artwork! These events raised £439.93 and £255.76 respectively for PTA funds.

Oxfordshire County Council Admissions have asked us to remind parents:

The closing date for Reception applications for entry in September 2021 is on **Friday, the 15th January**. It is extremely important for parents to make an on-time application for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017. Late applications are considered in the 2nd Allocation round in May and parents could be less likely to receive an offer for the preferred school as all places may have been filled with on-time applications.

Thank you for your continued support and all that you are doing to support your children in these challenging times. I am sure that when your children grow up, they will look back at these times and be thankful for all that you did for them whilst living through a pandemic.

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team