

Dear Parents and Carers,

All of our children in school are continuing to make good use of the running track. You will recall that we were able to install the running track in the summer and this was funded by our PTA, the school sports grant and donations from the COOP and Blenheim Palace. The children are keen to run a total of 3340KM in order to help light Rudolf's nose, you can see we are well on the way to achieving this!



Laps for Rudolph

Congratulations to all the children who have completed the following laps for Rudolph so far:

Week 1 1038 km

Week 2 1340 km

This year the children have also been writing messages to decorate the outdoor Christmas tree. I think you'll agree it looks beautiful with all of the children's messages.



In our assemblies over the past two weeks the children have been thinking about Advent, there has been lots of excited discussion about chocolate advent calendars! The children can't believe that for most of the older members of staff such things didn't exist when we were children. Instead we were delighted to have paper advent calendars and be excited by the pictures behind the doors - how times have changed! During our assemblies we have thought about gifts we can give which you can't buy and can't wrap up and put under the tree. It was lovely to hear one of our year 2 children chatting to her mum this week as they walked up the lane. The child said to her mum, "a smile is a gift you can give to someone that you can't wrap up and put under the tree!" The comment made both myself and her mum smile; I do hope all of our children during this Advent time are thinking about gifts they can give to family and friends which can't be bought or wrapped - I certainly see lots of examples in school every day.

Tomorrow we have our second non-uniform day, the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a gift for an adult. Next Wednesday we will have our traditional shopping day when the children buy gifts for two adults and experience the joy of wrapping them up to bring home as a surprise for you on Christmas day!

We heard this week that our school raised an amazing £331.40 for this year's Poppy Appeal. Many thanks to everyone who was able to contribute.

This week there has been speculation in the news about schools closing early. I can confirm that the last day of term at William Fletcher will be Friday 18th December, we will finish at our usual times.

Kind regards
Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of December is Peace



Writer of the week – June in Year 2
Mathematician of the week – Lily Rose in Year 4
Reader of the week – Evan in Year 3
School Value – Kieran in Year 2



Celebration of achievements

This week Olly in Year 5 and Austin, Sebastian, Stanley, Lucy & Phineas in Year 6 has been awarded his 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 100 nights of reading at home. Georgia & Riley in Owls. Srishti, Becka, Daisy, Saeesha & Susan in Peregrine Falcons. Grace S & Emily S in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home. Harry & Alex P in Kingfishers. Nikodem, Tom, Enid, Jaya, Leah & Dexter in Nightingales. Tymek, Martha & Corey in Swallows. Isla in Kestrels. Serenity in Owls. Isla in Kestrels. Eva & Yasmin in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Luka & Jacob in Kingfishers. Rupert & Kieran in Nightingales. Daisy in Swallows. Daniel W, Jack D & Isabella T in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Zeko in Nightingales. Nikola in Owls. Anoushka in Red Kites

Attendance

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays. Parents should avoid taking their children out of school during term time in order to go on holiday.

Class	Attendance for 30.11.20 – 04.12.20
Eagles	99.25%
Kestrel	100%
Kingfishers	98%
Nightingales	98.13%
Owls	100%
Peregrine Falcons	98.52%
Red Kites	98.50%
Robins	100%
Sky Larks	96.30%
Swallows	99.64%
Wrens	98%
Total	98.73%

PTA Art Work

The children completed a piece of art which you are able to look at online and buy various items with your child's art work on. The details to log online to view and purchase your child's artwork on different items are:

Parents login at www.mychildsart.co.uk

Click on 'parent looking to order a child's artwork' button.

Click 'log in'

Login to a GROUP ORDER PORTAL using the details below:

Username: WilliamFletcher

Password: M7Jw7DnY

Any queries please call the customer service team on [01530 887650](tel:01530887650) or email customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk.

PTA Christmas Shopping Events

The second non-uniform day is tomorrow.

For tomorrow's non-uniform day we ask for the children to bring in a gift suitable for a parent, carer, sibling, grandparent or anyone they decide they want to buy for.

We no longer expect it to be a male and female gift as in previous years.

These are to be brought into their classrooms and will then be checked, sorted and stored until the shopping event.

Ideas include items such as a box of chocolates, biscuits, toiletries, socks, mugs, gloves, games...anything you would like to receive. (no alcoholic gifts please!)

Please can we ask that these are new, unopened and in date where applicable.

Shopping Day: Wednesday 16th December

On the actual shopping day we ask for your child to bring in £2 and to hand to their teacher/class money box, please put in an envelope with their name on if possible to avoid cash handling. This allows them to buy 2 gifts for whoever they choose.

They will choose their gifts from a class selection that has been quarantined and they will then wrap and label their gifts to come home with them.

We hope this answers some questions but if not please email

williamfletcher.schoolpta@gmail.com

The children thoroughly enjoy choosing the gifts themselves, the wrapping and the surprise for the recipients.

Play Equipment

Before and after school could we please ask that you do not allow your children to go on the school climbing frames.

Yarnton Playgroup Events

Following the success of the Spooky Trail around the village we are holding a Christmas trail from 12th December until Christmas Eve. If you'd like to create a festive display outside your home and feature on the trail map, please sign up by 27th November. Maps to walk the trail will be on sale from Budgens & Preschool for just £2 each. Join the group Yarnton Family Fun on Facebook for further details.

Forthcoming Dates

December 2020

11.12.20	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a gift
11.12.20	Learning cards go home for review
14.12.20	Learning cards returned to school
16.12.20	Christmas Shopping Day
18.12.20	End of Autumn Term 2, school finishes at usual times

January 2021

04.01.21	Spring Term 3 begins
06.01.21	Founders Day
08.01.21	Curriculum maps & letters go home

February 2021

05.02.21	Viking Day workshop Year 5 & 6
05.02.21	Learning cards go home for review
08.02.21	Learning cards returned to school
12.02.21	End of Spring Term 3
22.02.21	Spring Term 4 begins
26.02.21	Foundation and Year 6 Heights and Weights

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2020/2021

Term 2

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December
Tuesday 24th November INSET Day

Term 3

Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February to Wednesday 31st March

Term 5

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June INSET
Tuesday 8th June to Tuesday 20th July
Wednesday 21st July INSET Day
Thursday 22nd July INSET Day