

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and term 6, I hope you were able to enjoy the glorious weather over the half-term break.



This week the annual Yarnton Spring Clean has been taking place and our School Eco Committee were out playing their part in collecting litter on Rutten Lane and the Nursing Home Lane. Later this week the Eco group will speak in our whole school gathering about the importance of not dropping litter and the effect that litter can have on our local wildlife.



Staffing news

Mrs Brown will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new role as Deputy Headteacher at Buckland Primary School. I have worked with Mrs Brown for 11 years, appointing her first as a newly qualified teacher and over the years have seen her develop her teaching style and leadership role to her current position at WF as Assistant Headteacher. I am delighted that Mrs Brown has been promoted to her new role but of course very sad that she will be leaving us at WF. I am grateful to Mrs Brown for all that she has contributed to the life of our school and wish her every success in the next part of her career.

Mr Paul Austin has been appointed to the Assistant Headteacher position at WF and from September will be teaching Skylark Class and leading the Upper Key Stage 2 team.

Mrs Hannah Haynes has been appointed as Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Leader, she will continue to teach our Foundation Stage children whilst leading the FS and Key Stage 1 team.

Miss Parsons and Mrs Chambers will teach Swallow class, with Miss Parsons teaching Monday -Wednesday and Mrs Chambers teaching the remainder of the week. Both Miss Parsons and Mrs Chambers are long serving members of the staff team who the children know well.

Mr Lister and Mrs Isles will teach Owl class, Mrs Isles has worked in various classes at WF over the past few years and again is well known to the children.

All other teachers will remain with their current classes. I know that we often find change difficult but we are lucky at WF to have a well-established staff team. I know that those members of staff who are moving classes will both relish their new roles in the school and the whole team will support each other to ensure that we continue to provide high quality teaching for all of our children and provide a secure, safe and happy environment for all.

Warmer weather

Now that the sunshine and summer has finally arrived, can you please ensure that children have a sunhat to wear outside at playtimes and that sunscreen is applied before the start of the school day.

Yarnton to Tokyo Run

Our children continue to enjoy their running on our school track, aiming to cover the distance from Yarnton to Tokyo before the start of the Olympic games! The children have just visited Russia and are on the way to Kazakhstan. We would greatly appreciate your

help in sponsoring the children for their run. All money raised will be split between the school PTA and the charity UNICEF. A Just Giving Page has been set up by the PTA and can be accessed here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tokyoherewecome>

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of June is Cooperation
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Writer of the week – Charlie in Year 4
Mathematician of the week – Reggie in Foundation Stage
Reader of the week – Freya in Year 2
School Value – Nikola in Year 3
BLP of the week – Maxim & Arthur in Year 2 & 3

Celebration of achievements

This week Olly, Max and Millie in Year 5 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrow. Seb in Year 6 has been awarded his Silver 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 200 nights of reading at home: Ruby in Nightingales. Senay in Kingfishers. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Georgia H in Swallows. Luka in Kingfishers. Bella in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Violet in Nightingales. Joshua in Kingfishers. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 125 nights of reading at home: Millie in Eagles. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 75 nights of reading at home: Hannah in Swallows. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 25 nights of reading at home: Vinnie in Kingfishers.

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 24.05.21 – 28.05.21
Eagles	90.70%
Kestrel	97.82%
Kingfishers	97.60%
Nightingales	94.44%
Owls	92.34%
Peregrine Falcons	92.22%
Red Kites	95.24%
Robins	97.62%
Sky Larks	95.19%
Swallows	97.50%
Wrens	93.81%
Total	94.90%

News from the PTA

The PTA needs a logo! We are asking the children to design a logo that represents what the PTA does for the children and families at William Fletcher.

We will use it for all future correspondence, event posters, our Facebook page and our termly newsletters. Get creative!

Closing date: Friday 2nd July 2021. Winner to be announced: Tuesday 6th July 2021.

Please email all entries to williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com or give them to your class teacher.

The next PTA meeting is booked for Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7.30pm currently via zoom.

Please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com if you would like the log in details.

Everyone welcome!

Yarnton Playing Fields Committee - Facilities for children in the village

Yarnton Playing Fields Committee are currently looking for volunteers to get involved in a project to refurbish and improve the facilities available for children and adults in the village. If you would like to find out more about getting involved, please email yarntonplayingfields@outlook.com. The committee meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 8.00 pm, you are welcome to join them to hear more what they already do in the Yarnton Playing Fields Management Committee and how to get involved.

Yarnton Youth Netball

Summer netball sessions. Open to boys and girls in years 5 & 6 from William Fletcher School. Training for the summer term will be Wednesdays after school 3:15-4:00 on the hard court on Rutten Lane. If you're interested in your child taking part please email yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com for more details.

Yarnton Blues FC U9s (September 2021)

Yarnton Blues Football Club – U9s are looking for players for next season (starting September 2021). If your child will still be aged 8 on August 31st 2021 and would be interested in joining the team, we have spaces available at the moment.

Training sessions take place on Wednesdays at 17:30 at Yarnton Park, off Rutten lane.

****Note: Football boots or astros, and shin pads required.**

If you would like more information please contact the club secretary James Finnigan via email (secretary@yarnton-blues.co.uk).

Junior Touch Rugby

Junior touch rugby is back! Come and give this minimal contact form of rugby a try. This is for anyone over the age of 9, boy or girl, no experience necessary.

Wednesday evenings starting 21st April, 6-7pm. See flyer on the app for more info or contact kate@oxfordtouch.co.uk

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs every day from 07:30 – 08:45 in the Howard Hillsdon building (old playgroup). The children enjoy a range of breakfast cereals, fruit juices, yoghurts and toast, followed by the opportunity to play indoor games. The cost is £5.00 per child. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club, **please see the staff in the office to book prior to attendance, the office is now taking bookings for this term.**

Forthcoming Dates

June 2021

07.06.21 INSET DAY
08.06.21 Term 6 starts

July 2021

09.07.21 Reports go home
12.07.21 – 14.07.21 Year 4 Hooke Court
20.07.21 Term 6 ends

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2020/2021

Term 5

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Term 6

Tuesday 8th June to Tuesday 20th July

Monday 7th June INSET
Wednesday 21st July INSET Day
Thursday 22nd July INSET Day

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 1

Thursday 2nd September to Friday 22nd October
Wednesday 1st September INSET Day

Term 2

Tuesday 2nd November to Friday 17th December
Monday 1st November INSET Day

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 18th February

Term 4

Monday 28th February to Friday 8th April

Term 5

Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May

Term 6

Tuesday 7th June to Wednesday 20th July
Monday 6th June INSET
Thursday 21st July INSET Day