

Dear Parents and Carers



Our children in years 5 and 6 had an exciting visit last week to Bletchley Park as part of their history project learning about World War II. During the visit the children learnt about the secret codebreaking work carried out at Bletchley. Taking part in such visits really helps to bring history alive for the children, I am very grateful to the PTA who helped to part fund this visit.



Our children in Key stage 1 had a super time this week when Crocodiles of the World came to visit. The children had the opportunity to learn about reptiles and snakes. They learnt all sorts of interesting information about the animal's habitats in the wild and what they like to eat. Most of the children enjoyed the opportunity to touch the animals – under very close supervision! Once again, a big thank you to the PTA for helping to fund this learning opportunity for our children.



I would like to politely remind everyone that children should not be bringing in nuts or food containing nuts into school for breaktime snacks or for lunch. We have some children in school who have a severe nut allergy who we need to ensure are protected as much as possible from coming into contact with nuts.

This Friday the PTA will be hosting school discos for children across the school. If you are able to volunteer to help at the discos this would be very much appreciated, particularly at the end of the year 5 and 6 disco when PTA members and staff will be clearing away. If you are able to help, please speak to Mrs Morris in the school office.

### Children in Need

The children are invited to come into school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, dressed in Yellow and/ or spots to celebrate Children in Need Day. If you would like to donate to Children in Need you can do so through our Parent Pay at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

**Our assembly theme for the month of November is Freedom**



Writer of the week – Felicity in Year 2  
 Mathematician of the week – Nate in Year 4  
 Reader of the week – Hudson in Year 1  
 BLP of the week – Anna in Year 6  
 Value of the Week – Anélie in Year 3

### Celebration of achievements

This week Izzy in Year 6 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrows. 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 75 nights of reading at home: Riley in Owls.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Elliott, Maya, Luka & Ella in Kingfishers. Osian & Nikodem in Nightingales. Pedro, Jamie, Everest, Ruby, Oscar & Laura in Swallows. Ava & Kieran in Kestrels. Zeko in Owls. Enid, Ethan R & Ruby in Red Kites. Emily, Theo, Olivia P, Zach, Elise & Georgia in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Tobias in Nightingales. Hudson in Swallows. Jack in Red Kites. Leah-Kate & Ben in Sky Larks.

### Attendance

School starts at 8.45am, can you please make sure your child is in class by 8.45am, please see below the chart of days lost if children are late.



### 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 02.11.21 – 05.11.21
Eagles	93.94%
Kestrel	94.58%
Kingfishers	96.88%
Nightingales	99.04%
Owls	99.58%
Peregrine Falcons	95.83%
Red Kites	99.10%
Robins	92%
Sky Larks	99.04%
Swallows	99.50%
Wrens	91.67%
Total	96.76%

### 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.**

## PTA

### Autumn Disco

The Autumn Disco is tomorrow.

Times are as follows -

Years 1 & 2: 3.45pm- 4.45pm

Years 3 & 4: 5.00pm- 6.00pm

Years 5 & 6: 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Tickets are £5 and include entry, hotdog, drink, sweets and a glowstick.

We will be selling tickets in advance in the bottom playground at pick up Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th November.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com)



### ***'Encourage the child's respect for human rights and the environment' article 29 'Responsible production and consumption' Global Goals 12***

These are the values which the children have been learning about in school and now we have an opportunity to support these values through the PTA uniform exchange.

#### **How does it work?**

Reuse and recycle your preloved school uniforms with the school PTA uniform exchange.

We all know that children outgrow their uniform so quickly and often it has years of life left in it, so instead of adding more textile waste to the world, pass it on.

- **Donate uniform:** any unused, outgrown uniform items, clothes and shoes accepted
- **Exchange uniform:** swap your outgrown uniform for new bigger sizes
- **Purchase uniform:** For a small donation, get new pieces to mix and match with what you already have

The uniform exchange is not for profit, there is a suggested donation of 50p per item and we encourage you to exchange what you already have. Any profit goes to the PTA who feed that money straight back into the school. Any uniform which is too worn out for reuse will be donated to Sobell House Kidlington for rags so nothing goes to waste.

#### **Where to donate uniform?**

You can now drop off any donations of school uniform in the school office in the uniform exchange bin.

### **Winter viruses information from Oxfordshire County Council**

This winter, compared to last, there is a higher risk of catching a winter virus because people are getting more exposure to common viral infections.

COVID-19, flu, norovirus and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) could all be in circulation at the same time in Oxfordshire.

For the majority of children, these illnesses will not be serious, and they will soon recover, but it's important we do all we can to minimise the chance of them spreading.

Vaccinations are an important part of reducing that risk – so please do ensure you and your families get the vaccines you are offered – but there is a lot more we can do at home, work and school.

- If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19 – a temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell, book them a PCR test. This can be done at [gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).
- If you don't have symptoms or you just feel more generally unwell, you should regularly test for COVID-19 using an LFD test. These can be collected at pharmacies, ordered online, or you can get them through secondary schools.
- If your child is unwell – for example has an upset tummy, is nauseous, has a temperature, a bad cough or is sneezing a lot – keep them at home and follow the relevant guidance.
- Ensure you encourage your family to keep washing and drying their hands. Almost 80% of illness-causing germs are transmitted by the hands. Drying them can remove 99% of those germs so it's important to do both.
- Throw away used tissues and keep surfaces wiped down. They can harbour germs and so increase the risk of the viruses spreading.
- If you know someone is not well, then try to stay away from them. It's obvious, but the closer you are, the more likely you are to catch the virus they have.

More information on winter viruses can be found through the links below.

- Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group leaflet about managing your child's health
- Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group leaflet on bronchiolitis
- Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group leaflet on fever
- 0 – 18 NHS website

### **Yarnton Fireworks**

On Saturday 13 November. Gates open at 6pm. Fireworks start at 7.00pm.

Little Marsh Playing Field (Behind the Turnpike Pub), Green Lane, Yarnton, OX5 1QE.

American Hotdogs, Dinky Donuts, Cakes, Sweets & Refreshments!

Tickets can be purchased online [www.tinyurl.com/yarntonfireworks](http://www.tinyurl.com/yarntonfireworks) for £3 each in advance, or £4 on the gate. Under 5's are free.

### **Step 2 Dance Lessons**

A local dance company Step 2 that comes into school has lots of lessons for all range of ages. Please see website below for further details:

[Step 2 Dance Oxford Homepage — STEP 2 DANCE](#)

### **Yarnton Youth Netball**

Open to boys and girls in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from William Fletcher School. Training is on Wednesdays at the school, after school until 4pm. Places are limited, and if you are interested in your child taking part please email [yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com](mailto:yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com) for more details. This year we will be asking all youngsters involved to become members of England Netball for a small one-off fee, so that we can run the session as part of Yarnton Netball Club.

### **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](mailto:secretary@yarnton-blues.co.uk)).

### **Forthcoming Dates**

#### **November 2021**

12.11.21

PTA Autumn Disco

15.11.21 – 19.11.21	Year 6 Glasbury visit
17.11.21	Climbing Sessions Year 5
18.11.21	Children in Need – non uniform come in dressed in Yellow and/ or spots to celebrate Children in Need day
26.11.21	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a female gift (for the Christmas Shopping Event)
<b>December 2021</b>	
03.12.2021	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a male gift (for the Christmas Shopping Event)
07.12.2021	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10am
07.12.2021	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 1.45pm
08.12.2021	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10am
08.12.2021	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm
09.12.2021	Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9.45am
09.12.2021	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 2pm
09.12.2021	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm
Year 5 & 6 are doing a summer play in term 6	
10.12.2021	Learning cards go home
13.12.2021	Learning cards returned to school
14.12.2021	Christmas Shopping Day
15.12.2021	Class Christmas Parties
16.12.2021	Christmas School Lunch
17.12.2021	Carol Service for Key Stage 1 & 2
17.12.2021	Term 2 ends

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022**

#### **Term 2**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November INSET Day

#### **Term 3**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January INSET

#### **Term 4**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June INSET  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July INSET DAY  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET Day