

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our year 6 children returned to school on Friday evening having had an exciting week away on residential in Glasbury. The children took part in a wide range of outdoor activities including caving, climbing and canoeing. I am very grateful to Mrs Phillips, Mrs Davies and Mrs Yaxley for giving their time to enable this visit to take place. The children gain so much from being away for an extended period of time; they learn to be more independent and further develop their abilities to work as a team – as well as having great fun!



Last week some of our year 5 children brought festive cheer to the Yarnton Lunch club, the children joined the lunch club members at the end of their meal to sing Christmas carols.



Children in Wrens Class were the first class to perform their play this week. They sang their hearts out and performed extremely well, we all enjoyed their performance of The Sleepy Shepherd. Thank you to Budgens who donated the mince pies.



Tomorrow we will be holding a Wear your own clothes to school day, in exchange for a Christmas gift (no alcohol please) for our Christmas shopping day next week. Thank you for your continued support of our PTA.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of December is Freedom



Writer of the week – Lyla in Year 5
 Mathematician of the week – Maisie in Year 4
 Reader of the week – Max in Year 5
 School Value – Nalorm in Year 3
 Building Learning Power – Anoushka in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Zara, Aashir, Ben, Percy & Betsy in Kestrels. Claire in Owls. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Martha & Amelia D in Swallows. Scarlet, Toby & Emelia in Kingfishers. Dexter, Evie & Phoebe in Nightingales. Elise in Kestrels. Eliza, Jack, Lyla, Lucy M, Phineas & Bella in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Hannah & Jack in Swallows. Harry, Ethan C, Luka & Anelie in Kingfishers. Rupert, Zeko, Aaron, Mathias & Zachary in Nightingales. Archie in Kestrels.

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.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Nightingales for 98.93% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 02.12.19 - 06.12.19
Eagles	98.46%
Kestrel	96.00%
Kingfishers	94.07%
Nightingales	98.93%
Owls	92.50%
Peregrine Falcons	92.69%
Red Kites	95.42%
Sky Larks	97.60%
Swallows	97.86%
Wrens	91.29%
Total	95.41%

Email Newsletter

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you every week, can you please email Mrs Morris at office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk and your details will be added to the email list. Our newsletters can also be viewed online at <http://www.william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk> and on the William Fletcher Primary School App.

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 £4.00 per child starting at 07:30 and £3.50 per child starting at 08:00. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club, please see the staff in the office.

Play Equipment

Before and after school could we please ask that you do not allow your children to go on the school climbing frames. This is because at these times of the day the play equipment is not supervised by a member of staff.

School Library

Anna Isles will be in the library every Thursday from 3-3.30pm so that children can attend with parents to return and choose new books.

Key Stage 2 children Viola and Cello Lessons

Oxfordshire Music Service hold viola and cello lessons at our school, during the day on Thursdays and there are spaces available. If you would like your child to sign up please follow the link below:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>.

Children's Christmas Shopping Day

The PTA organize this event each Christmas which is very popular with the children. For those of you who are new to William Fletcher School it runs like this: There is one more non-uniform day and on this day 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:

Friday 13th December - non-uniform day in exchange for a second gift.

Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Shopping Day - children to bring in £2.

Christmas Film, Party Evening.

On 20th December from 7.30pm the British Legion is hosting a Christmas film evening, Party games and a visit from Santa. All children are welcome but must have a ticket to enter which are free of charge and are now available from the Yarnton British Legion. For further information please email yarntonrbl@gmail.com

Forthcoming Dates

December 2019

10.12.19	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm
11.12.19	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm
11.12.19	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.00pm
11.12.19	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 7.00pm
12.12.16	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm
12.12.19	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.00pm
12.12.19	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 7.00pm
13.12.19	Learning cards go home

13.12.19	Non-uniform day in exchange for second gift
16.12.19	Learning cards returned
17.12.19	Christmas shopping day
18.12.19	Class Christmas parties
19.12.19	Christmas Carol Service 9.30am
19.12.19	School Christmas dinner
19.12.19	End of term 2

January 2020

06.01.20	Term 3 Starts
09.01.20	Founders Day Service
10.01.20	Curriculum Newsletter go home

February 2020

07.02.20	Learning Cards go home
10.02.20	Learning cards returned to school
13.02.20	Year 5 & 6 Sports hall Athletics
14.02.20	End of Term 3
24.02.20	Term 4 begins
26.02.20	Year 6 Junior Citizen

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2019/2020

Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 25th October

Monday 2nd September INSET DAY

Term 2

Monday 4th November to Thursday 19th December

Term 3

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February

Term 4

Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April

Term 5

Monday 20th April to Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May INSET Day

Term 6

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

Friday 3rd July INSET Day

Monday 20th July INSET Day

Tuesday 21st July INSET Day