

Dear Parents and Carers

Our children in years 3 and 4 this week have been developing their geography skills. The children used photographs and maps of the school grounds and used these for orienteering activities.



Children in year 6 took their last SATs paper today, all of the staff have been impressed by the calm and mature manner in which the children approached the tests. I am sure the children are looking forward to getting back to their normal class routines tomorrow.

This week we were delighted to welcome two student teachers from Oxford Brookes University. Miss Pratley and Mr Mothada will be with us for the next 7 weeks, they will be working alongside Miss Staniland in Kingfisher class.

Keeping children safe

Over the coming months we thought it would be helpful to provide information to support parents with keeping children safe when using mobile devices such as phones and tablets at home. The link below provides information about the App snapchat. Although the minimum age to use Snapchat is 13, it's easy to sign up if you're younger and we are aware that we have some children in school who have been using Snapchat.

file:///Volumes/GoogleDrive/My%20Drive/Safeguarding/Snapchat_parent_factsheet.pdf

A reminder that next Friday our Anti-bullying Ambassadors are holding a non-uniform day to raise money for a new friendship bench. Children are invited to come to school dressed in colourful clothes and bring a small donation towards the purchase of the bench.

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Lancaster had a baby boy over the spring break. Mrs Lancaster and her husband are enjoying this special time with their first child who they called William.

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of May is Humility



Writer of the week – Yasmin in Year 5
 Mathematician of the week – Lily in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Dora in Year 5
 Value of the Week – Becka in Year 6
 BLP of the Week – Esme in Year 6

Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Tilly, Luca & Ruby in Swallows. Georgia in Owls. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Elliot & Pedro in Swallows. Dexter in Owls. Archie in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Maisie & Nevaeh B in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 25 nights of reading at home: Reggie in Owls.

Attendance

School starts at 8:45am, can you please make sure your child is in class by 8:45am.

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 03.05.22 – 06.05.22
Eagles	99.00%
Kestrel	95.83%
Kingfishers	97.92%
Nightingales	98.56%
Owls	90.00%
Peregrine Falcons	97.62%
Red Kites	93.75%
Robins	96.43%
Sky Larks	99.04%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	94.08%
Total	96.51%

PTA Update - Summer Fete

The William Fletcher Summer Fete is on Friday 1st July at 5.30pm. It is a wonderful evening of fun and games for both the young and old. It will be our first since 2019.

The fete will be opened by the children doing a Commonwealth Games themed parade around the sports field.

Most importantly for the fete to go ahead we will need your help and support in manning the stalls on the day, in addition to setting up and putting away. If you believe you can spare 15/20 minutes please let us know.

Each class will be assigned a stall to look after and a class rep to ensure we have enough help and as a first point of call. One stall that we would like to hold again this year is a produce stall. We are looking for donations of plants, fruits, vegetables, flowers, bird boxes, ladybird houses etc for the stall. Everything from herbs, plums, rhubarb to runner beans! Please let us know if you think you or anyone you know would be able to contribute.

More info will follow about the fete as we get the finer details organised but if you have any questions please grab Liz, Lauren or Becca, message us via our PTA Facebook page or email us williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

Yarnton Little Marsh Pavilion Hire (Yarnton Playing Fields Committee)

Are you considering hiring a venue for a special event? Would you like a private peaceful setting with use of a kitchen, toilet, and showers? Then we have just the space for you! Our modern pavilion is bright and airy, with bifold doors which open out onto a deck overlooking a large grassy area. The perfect venue for a child's birthday party with easy access for bouncy castle hire. We are happy to consider the use of a marquee on the grass in addition to hire of our facilities, for a small extra fee. The venue is located behind the Turnpike pub and is fully wheelchair accessible with parking. Please feel free to get in touch for information, availability, and prices. Email Laura at: yarntonplayingfields.outlook.com or telephone 07807188668.

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.**

Ignite Sports Club – Every Thursday from 3pm – 4pm

Ignite are running a new after school sports club for children in Foundation to Year 6. If you would like your child to attend Ignite Sports Club for term 5, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, starting on 28th April, please complete the Parent Pay form. It is based on a first come first serve basis and will cost £4.50 per session (£22.50 for term 5).

Yarnton Brownies

Yarnton Brownies currently have spaces. Come and join the fun! Open to girls aged between 7-10. We run Wednesday's during term time from 6.30-8pm. Please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> for more information and to register interest. Alternatively call 07866122863 - Heather Kimber Moss for any additional help.

Calling all budding violin and cello players!

County Music Service Teacher Mrs. Beaumont who comes into school has space to set up a new group for beginners on violin and / or cello. Lessons taught in small groups of 2-4 students for 20 minutes. Lesson will run at the end of school afternoon on a Wednesday afternoon finishing just after end of school day at 3.05. Students will be escorted by the teacher for pick up at Reception for pick up. Charges apply, instruments can be hired if necessary. Suitable for both those in years 3 or 4 who have had whole class learning or new beginners. All welcome! For further info email: Victoria.beaumont@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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 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.

Forthcoming Dates

May 2022

09.05.2022 –

13.05.2022 Year 6 Sats week

17.05.2022 The Marlborough School Year 6, 1st Induction Day 11.30am – 2.15pm

19.05.2022 Foundation Stage Vision Screening

20.05.22 Non School Uniform Day - theme of the day is to wear 'happy and bright colours'

27.05.2022 Term 5 ends

June 2022

06.06.2022	Inset Day
07.06.2022	Term 6 starts
08.06.2022	Peregrine Falcons Pitts River Museum Trip
08.06.2022	Open Evening (for current Year 5 Students) - Gosford Hill School 4:30-5:30pm
09.06.2022	Eagles and Sky Larks River Museum Trip
14.06.2022	Key Stage 2 Sports Day – Starting at 9.30am
16.06.2022	Key Stage 1 Sports Day – Starting at 9.30am
16.06.2022	Fire Engine Visit for Key Stage 1
17.06.2022	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a Children’s Tombola Prize
20.06.2022	Festival of Voices
21.06.2022	Foundation Stage Cotswold Farm Park Visit
24.06.2022	Non Uniform Day in exchange for an Adult’s Tombola Prize
27.06.2022	New Parents Visit for Reception children starting in September 2022
28.06.2022	The Marlborough School Year 6, 2 nd Induction Day 09.30am – 2.30pm

July 2022

01.07.2022	School Fete
12.07.2022	The Marlborough School Year 6, 3 rd Induction Day 08.25am – 3.05pm
18.07.2022	Year 6 Leavers Evening
19.07.2022	Term 6 ends

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 5

Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May

Term 6

Tuesday 7th June to Tuesday 19th July

Monday 6th June INSET

Wednesday 20th July INSET

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023

Term 1

Tuesday 6th September to Friday 21st October

Friday 2nd September INSET Day

Monday 5th September INSET Day

Term 2

Monday 31st October to Tuesday 20th December

Friday 18th November INSET Day

Term 3

Wednesday 4th January to Friday 10th February

Tuesday 3rd January INSET

Term 4

Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March

Term 5

Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Term 6

Tuesday 6th June to Friday 21st July

Monday 5th June INSET