

Dear Parents and Carers,



All of our children enjoyed visiting the Roving Bookshop in school on Tuesday. The quantity of high-quality books the children could choose from was great and a good reminder to us all about how important it is for children (and adults!) to be able to browse high quality books either in a library or book shop. We really miss the

mobile library that used to visit school during term time but we are fortunate to have our own school library and the library in Kidlington which is not too far away. The evening session we held on reading was well attended by parents and children, if you were not able to make the session and have any questions about how we teach reading or supporting your child with reading at home, then do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. Many thanks to Mrs Brown for organising the bookshop and our teachers who all took part in the evening parent session.



Eco Committee - Yesterday for Big Garden Birdwatch 2020 the ECO committee went on a birdwatch around school and made some birdfeeders to hang on the hedges.



All of our children in years 1-6 have been working on an art project following their visit to the Maurizio Cattelan exhibition at Blenheim Palace last term. The children's work will be on display at Blenheim over the holidays, for parents and children to go and view, at the Maurizio Cattelan exhibition in Blenheim Palace.

We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday 25th February by eating pancakes! If you would like your child to have a pancake then please complete the slip on the letter you would have received today from the PTA and return to school with a 50p payment. If you are able to help on the day with serving the pancakes, then please do let your child's class teacher or the school office know.

I hope you all have a relaxing half-term break and look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards

**Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team**

**Our assembly theme for the month of February is Compassion**



Writer of the week – Alba in Year 6  
 Mathematician of the week – Archie in Year 5  
 Reader of the week – Joseph in Year 3  
 Building Learning Power – Freddie in Year 5

## **Celebration of achievements**

This week Phineas in Year 5 has been awarded his Bronze merit arrow. Alfie & Jack in Year 5 have been awarded their 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 150 nights of reading at home: Ben in Kingfishers. Charlie, Enid & Alissa in Nightingales. Peter & Liam in Kestrels. Esme & Claire in Owls. Cora, Iris, Claudia, Charlotte, Saesha & Jemima in Red Kites. Lyla, Lucy M, Eliza & Austin in Eagles. Rory, Max, Lyla & Henry in Peregrine Falcons. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Phineas in Eagles. Eva in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Teddy & Zachary in Nightingales. Seb in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Sebastian in Kestrels. Joshua & Jack in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 25 nights of reading at home: Olivia in Eagles.

## **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 Eagles for 97.69% attendance.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance for 03.02.20 – 07.02.20</b>
Eagles	97.69%
Kestrel	97.20%
Kingfishers	93.70%
Nightingales	92.50%
Owls	94.07%
Peregrine Falcons	95.00%
Red Kites	96.25%
Sky Larks	90.40%
Swallows	97.50%
Wrens	97.42%
Total	95.21%

## **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](mailto: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.

### **Wake-Up Wednesday!**

Next term in the hall, from 8:15-8:35am there will be a different activity for children in KS2 to come and join. We will be doing badminton, yoga, circuits, table tennis, wake 'n' shake and more. Come and have a go and feel wide awake and ready to learn!

### **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.

### **Ignite Football Club – Term 4 - Every Monday from 3pm – 4pm**

If you would like your child to attend Ignite Football Club for term 4 which runs every Monday from 3pm to 4pm, please see Mrs Morris in the office.

### **Lego Club – Term 4 - Every Monday from 3pm – 4pm**

If you would like your child to attend Lego Club for term 4 which runs every Monday from 3pm to 4pm, please see Mrs Morris 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.

### **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>.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

#### **February 2020**

14.02.20	End of Term 3
24.02.20	Term 4 begins
26.02.20	Year 6 Junior Citizen

#### **March 2020**

02.03.20	Year 1 Dance at The Marlborough School
02.03.20	Parent – Teacher Discussions
03.03.20	Netball Tournament
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05.03.20	Heights & Weights Measurements - FS & Year 6
10.03.20	Tag Rugby Tournament – Stratfield Brake
11.03.20 – 13.03.20	Hooke Court – Year 4
27.03.20	Learning cards go home
30.03.20	Learning cards returned to school

## **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2019/2020**

### **Term 3**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

### **Term 4**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### **Term 5**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May INSET Day

### **Term 6**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July INSET Day  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July INSET Day  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET Day

## **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2020/2021**

### **Term 1**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September INSET Day

### **Term 2**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

### **Term 3**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

### **Term 4**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### **Term 5**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### **Term 6**

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

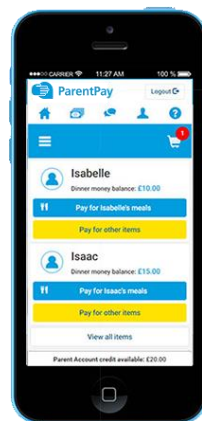
### **ParentPay - our new online payment service**

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as school trips, clubs and breakfast club. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit / debit card or continue to make cash/cheque payments at the office.

How to get started with ParentPay?

We have sent your account activation details on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Once you receive these:

- Visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)
  - Enter your Activation username and password in the Account login section of the homepage.
- NB. These are for one-time use only, please change your own



username and password for future access during activation process.

- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account – registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders.
- Once activation is complete you can go straight to items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment.

If you have any question, please contact the school office. For more information, visit [www.parentpay.com/parents/](http://www.parentpay.com/parents/)

## Events at the Oxfordshire Museum

### 1980s Britain: Money Changes Everything 15 February – 26 April

Like no other decade, 1980s Britain was dominated by a single political figure. As the first woman to serve as a British prime minister, Margaret Thatcher vowed “to move this country in a new direction”. In doing so, she divided the nation into devoted supporters and fierce opponents, who rioted and protested in the streets. The 1980s were bold, brash and contradictory times. An age of boom and bust. Of greed, spending and charitable-giving, when hair was big and shoulder pads bigger. The decade of dandies swaggering in frills and flounces, while keep-fit fanatics lunged in Lycra and legwarmers. The action-packed decade of new technology and momentous historic events that shaped our modern world.

### February School Holiday Activities:

#### Tuesday 18 Feb:

**TOM Tots**, 10.30 - 11am: Music, stories and rhymes for the under 5s. free

#### **TOM-ART Family fun drop-ins: Bowls, Broches and Bling!**

Make your own Anglo – Saxon treasure. 2-4pm, £2 per child

#### **Wicked Wednesday 19 February:**

##### **Explore the minute world of forensic archaeology**

Find out how forensic archaeologists use almost invisible detail to piece together the past and have a go yourself.

10.30 -12 noon

Children aged 7+

Tickets on the day £2 per child

#### **Want to be a Roman?**

**Discover more about life in Roman Oxfordshire.** Try on some armour or wrap yourself in a toga and handle some real Roman objects.

Drop into the Roman Gallery anytime between 1.30 and 4.30pm

Children aged 7+ (under 12s must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

Free activity, but collect a timed ticket at reception

**Thursday 20 Feb:**

**TOM-ART Family fun drop-ins: Pots of Fun!**

Make a collection of pots from a variety of materials and decorate with fun designs

2-4pm, £2 per child

**Friday 21 February:**

**Digital Making Session: Robots, gizmos and coding with Woodstock Library**

#Sciencetech fun for 8-13 year olds

Book your free tick at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/robots-gizmos-and-coding-woodstock-library-tickets-91137116569>

Enjoy our interactive Dinosaur Gallery and Garden. Free activity packs and trails available from reception all add enjoyment to your family's visit.