

Dear Parents and Carers



This week, we celebrated our Founder's Day. This annual event celebrates the life of our founder William Fletcher who gave some money to pay for a school in Yarnton. Each year, at this time the children learn about the life of William Fletcher. He spent his childhood in Yarnton before moving to Oxford where he worked as a mercer and then went into banking. The site of his bank is on the High Street and is now a hotel called the Old Bank, a portrait of William Fletcher hangs in the town hall. William Fletcher is buried in the Church in Yarnton where we took the older children on Founder's Day for a service of celebration and to carry out one of William Fletcher's requests which was to ring the church bell 87 times – the number of years he lived.



One of his other requests (and the part all of the children love) was for all of the children to be given cake. I am sure this tradition will be something our children at WF will remember fondly in the years to come.



Our next PTA meeting takes place on Monday 17th January at 7.30pm. The meeting will take place via zoom, everyone is welcome. Do contact the school office for a login if you would like to take part.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of January is Friendship



Writer of the week – Ethan in Year 3
 Mathematician of the week – Riley in Year 4
 Reader of the week – Arthur in Year 4
 Value of the Week – Madeline in Year 2
 BLP of the Week – Emmie in Year 4

Celebration of achievements

This week Archie & Frankie in Year 5 and Bella, Grace & Max 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 125 nights of reading at home: Ella in Kingfishers. Emeran & Joshua in Swallows. Milly, Nathan, Emily & Ingrid in Owls. Ben, Martha & Harry in Kestrels. Susan, Claire, Becka, Peter & Nell in Peregrine Falcons. Charlotte, Georgia & Emily in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Luka, Elliott & Daniel in Kingfishers. Osian & Simon in Nightingales. Edith, Ruby, Oscar & Laura in Swallows. Zeko in Owls. Tymek in Kestrels. Maisie, Oscar & Zara in Peregrine Falcons. Grace, Maggie, Elise, Jemima & Olivia in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Isabella in Kingfishers. Jude & Paislee in Nightingales. Elliot & Aiden in Swallows. Orla & Kara in Eagles. Alex in Sky larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Tobias in Nightingales.

Mathias in Kestrels. Emilie in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Darlah in Swallows. Lupita in Eagles. Izzy in Sky Larks.

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 05.01.22 – 07.01.22
Eagles	94%
Kestrel	86.11%
Kingfishers	91.67%
Nightingales	88.46%
Owls	89.53%
Peregrine Falcons	84.51%
Red Kites	93.67%
Robins	91.96%
Sky Larks	93.42%
Swallows	94.94%
Wrens	97.98%
Total	91.19%

FAO:Year 6 Parents

On Thursday 20th January at 4pm, UKS2 are going to be holding a zoom meeting for Year 6 parents to discuss SATS and how we prepare the children, what parents can do to help and to discuss any questions they may have. You should have received your invitation by email yesterday, if you have not received an invitation, please contact the school office.

Drop-in sessions

Our new drop-in sessions will start on Tuesday 18th January from 9-10.30am in the Howard Hillsdon room. They are open to all parents and carers and there will be a different topic each week (programme to follow). The first week will be 'managing me' a positive start to the new year. The sessions will be run by Clare Pink and Karen Ariss (A&W College).

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 next PTA meeting is booked for Monday 17th January at 7.30pm. This meeting will be held via zoom. If you would like the log in details please email us at williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

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.

News from the PTA

The next PTA meeting is booked for Monday 17th January, 7.30pm via zoom.

If you would like the meeting log in details please email us

at williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

We will be reviewing last terms fundraising activities and discussing the Summer Fete. All welcome!

The PTA has signed up for Your School Lottery, each ticket sold and supporters gained will raise extra funds for the school. For more info please visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for William Fletcher.

Also, a reminder that the PTA has a Facebook page. It includes all recent and upcoming PTA news and events, if you haven't already liked the page please do. @WilliamFletcherPTA

Forthcoming Dates

January 2022

25.01.2022 Fencing Taster Session
26.01.2022 Fencing Taster Session

February 2022

02.02.2022 Planetarium Year 5 & 6
11.02.2022 Learning Cards go home
14.02.2022 Learning Cards returned
18.02.2022 Term 3 ends
28.02.2022 Term 4 starts
28.02.2022 West Oxfordshire Hockey tournament

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 3

Wednesday 5th January to Friday 18th February
Tuesday 4th January INSET

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
Wednesday 20th July INSET DAY
Thursday 21st July INSET Day

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 Wednesday 21st July

Monday 5th June INSET