

Dear Parents and Carers

We have a real sense in school of life returning to “normal”, this is borne out by all the activities our children have been involved in over the past week.

Children in year 6 took part in Bikeability sessions. Led by cycling safety teachers, the children learnt how to ride their bicycles safely on the road, a really important life skill for our children.



Last week also saw a day when pirates came to school! The children in Key Stage 1 had enormous fun, spending the day immersed in pirate activities which included artwork, singing, games outdoors and of course a treasure hunt! Many thanks to the staff in KS1 for making this such a memorable day of learning for our children.



Children in Foundation Stage have been enjoying their pumpkin patch. Our very creative staff have used the pumpkins for lots of learning activities including; ordering them according to size, developing fine motor skills by scooping out the seeds and filling the hollowed-out pumpkins with gloop and enjoying the textures created. Many thanks to everyone who was able to donate a pumpkin.



This week, Year 5 & 6 children sketched the Manor house and church as part of their World War 2 Project. The children’s artwork looks amazing.



We would like to advertise to you a free session our IT company is providing for all parents and carers which is an online session about internet safety. This is something that parents have requested through the parent questionnaire sent out this term. We do hope that you will take up this opportunity, details about dates and access can be found further on in the newsletter.

We will be holding our parent-teacher discussions next week. Do make an appointment if you have not yet done so, if you have any problems accessing the appointment system then please call the school office.

For all of those children involved in the Oxford School Challenge run, I look forward to seeing you this Sunday – let’s hope the weather is kind!

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of October is Courage



Writer of the week – Kara in Year 6
 Mathematician of the week – Rayhan in Robins
 Reader of the week – Vinnie in Year 3
 School Value – Darlah in Year 1
 BLP of the week – Tegan in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

This week Iris in Year 6 has been awarded her Bronze merit arrow. Well done to her for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded her arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Nikodem, Violet, Aaron, Osian, Oscar H, Isla, Leann Anna , Jude & Nathaniel in Nightingales. Luka in Kingfishers. Luca, Laura, Pedro, Jamie, Elliot, Edith & Oscar in Swallows. Charlie & Toby in Kestrels. Zeko, Hannah, Phoebe & Nikola in Owls. Ethan C, Evan, Anoushka, Alissa, Corey, Poppy & Rayyan in Red Kites. Orhan, Orla, Aashir, Esme, Jack, Max & Kara in Eagles. Becka, Jasper, Zara, Joey & Yasmin in Peregrine Falcons. Zach Lima, Elise, Georgia, Olivia & Alex in Sky Larks.

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.

Class	Attendance for 04.10.21 – 08.10.21
Eagles	96.31%
Kestrel	96.33%
Kingfishers	99.17%
Nightingales	98.46%
Owls	100%
Peregrine Falcons	98.72%
Red Kites	98.97%
Robins	92.39%
Sky Larks	94.62%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	95.45%
Total	97.51%

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.**

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire. We wanted to see how parents and carers receive school news and if there were any ways we could support families with their children's learning and well-being at home.

The responses now enable us to plan some workshops. Lots of people expressed interest in workshops that support the following; self-esteem and anxiety, safe online gaming, homework help and transitioning to secondary school. Do look out for workshops throughout the year with these themes (and more!)

Most of you stated that you get news and information about school from the newsletter or the school app. We had 20 new families sign up to have the newsletter emailed to them each week, which is great. Do let the office know if you would like it emailed out to you too.

Remember that the same information goes out on the newsletter, the school app and the school Facebook page. You do not have to follow them all; just choose which channel suits you and one that you feel most manageable. For the parents and carers of children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One we send a weekly snapshot about your child's learning. As always, you can speak to your child's class teacher to ask questions or to clarify something you have read.

Again, we are grateful for your responses and are looking forward to hosting some workshops very soon!

Mrs Haynes

FREE Parental Workshop from 123ICT

Virtual Online Safety Parents Workshop- Tuesday 9th November 2021 8-9pm

123ICT are pleased to offer a FREE one-hour online safety workshop for parents and carers via live stream. Join us from the comfort of your own home.

Please note, this workshop contains materials that are NOT suitable for children!

The workshop includes information about the risks of using the internet and tips on how to reduce these risks and where to get help and support all based on the latest research and evidence.

To register your interest please visit <https://123parents.oxon.in>

News from the PTA

Here are some dates for your diary -

Thursday 21st October - Next PTA Meeting, 7.30pm in the school hall

Friday 12th November - Autumn Disco

Friday 26th November - Non uniform day in exchange for a female gift (for Christmas shopping event)

Friday 3rd December - Non uniform day in exchange for a male gift (for Christmas shopping event)

Tuesday 14th December- Christmas shopping event

Friday 1st July - Summer Fete

Events at Yarnton Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion have a few events coming up, and it would be great to have lots of local people at these events, please see below for the details:

Halloween Disco

Friday 29th Oct, Starts at 8pm.

Fun for all the family! Prizes for best costumes (Children and Adults!)

£2 per ticket, or £5 per Family. Tickets available now from the British Legion or contact Jo Coffey (jovarne2001@yahoo.co.uk).

Christmas Craft and Gift Fair

Sunday 7th Nov, 11am - 2pm

Lots of stalls selling homemade goodies, including Wreaths, wooden gifts, chocolate products, preserves, bath and body products and lots more! Refreshments will also be available.

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.

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).

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If you have lost a fitbit, please come into the office, as one was found in the park.

Forthcoming Dates

October 2021

15.10.21	Learning cards go home
15.10.21	Year 3 – 6 X Country
18.10.21	Learning cards returned to school
19.10.21	Parent- teacher discussions
20.10.21	Parent- teacher discussions
21.10.21	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm in the hall
22.10.21	Term 1 ends

November 2021

04.11.21	Year 5 & 6 Bletchley Park
11.11.21	Imps visit
12.11.21	PTA Autumn Disco
15.11.21 – 19.11.21	Year 6 Glasbury visit
17.11.21	Climbing Sessions Year 5
26.11.21	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a female gift (for the Christmas Shopping Event)

December 2021

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 10:00am
07.12.2021	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 1.45pm
08.12.2021	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10:00am
08.12.2021	Lower Key Stage 2 at 5:00pm
09.12.2021	Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9:45am
09.12.2021	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 2:00pm
09.12.2021	Lower Key Stage 2 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
17.12.2021

Carol Service for Key Stage 1 & 2
Term 2 ends

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 1

Thursday 2nd September to Friday 22nd October
Wednesday 1st September INSET Day

Term 2

Tuesday 2nd November to Friday 17th December
Monday 1st November INSET Day

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