

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children in year 4 took part in a 3 day residential visit to Hooke Court in Dorset this week. They had a superb visit, taking part in a whole range of activities including shelter building and animal tracking in the woods, baking bread and scones and building rockets. For many of the children it was their first time sleeping away from home which can be daunting but they all managed really well. Mrs Chambers, Miss Welham and I accompanied the children on the residential and we felt proud of all of the children. They were complimented by staff at Hooke Court for their listening skills, abilities to work in teams and for their “can do” attitude. Experiences like this are so valuable for our children and I am so pleased that the residential visit was able to go ahead in the current climate. Many thanks to the staff who attended the residential and for giving their time and to the staff back at school for taking on extra duties whilst we were away.



Our Article 12 committee attended a Parish Council meeting last night during which they discussed all the positive things about growing up in Yarnton and made some suggestions for things they would like to focus on and improve. This included putting in more road crossings, protecting some of the green spaces in the village and organising village litter picks.

This week the children also completed their run to Tokyo. We have all been so impressed by the way in which the children have taken part in the run, dodging rain showers to complete the distance. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored the children, we have raised a total of £915.50 which will be split equally between the school PTA and the charity UNICEF.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Steph Delargy, Chair of the PTA as her son will be leaving to go to Secondary School. I would like to thank Steph for all her work in leading the PTA in what has been a very challenging period and for the time she has given to our school in fundraising activities, her work has helped to make a difference to our school community.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Brown who will be leaving us at the end of term to take up the position of Deputy Headteacher at Buckland Primary School. Mrs Brown joined our school 10 years ago. Working first in Key Stage 1 and more latterly in Key Stage 2. She has made a huge contribution to our school not only through her teaching but also leading as a subject specialist firstly in Science and for the past few years as English Co-ordinator. On behalf of all of the staff and governors we wish Mrs Brown every success and happiness in her new role.

At the end of the term we will also be saying farewell to our year 6 children who will be leaving us to start Secondary School in September. As for all children, the last 16 months have been very challenging; we have all been proud of how well the year 6 children adapted to change in so many different ways. They have been a super year group and many have really relished taking part in all of the different activities provided her at WF. I wish them every success for the future and I hope they adhere to the comments on their school

reports to make the most of all the opportunities that Secondary School has to offer. I look forward to seeing them over the coming years to hear of their progress.

This will be the last school newsletter of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support for the school and for the children. Teaching is a challenging role and has been even more challenging in the pandemic. Your support during this difficult period has meant so much to me personally and to the staff team.

I hope you all have a restful summer break and I look forward to working with you and your children again when we return to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

<b>Our assembly theme for the month of July is Responsibility</b>
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### **Celebration of achievements**

Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 200 nights of reading at home: Phineas in Eagles. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 150 nights of reading at home: Alfie in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Isabella and Olly 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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance for 05.07.21 – 09.07.21</b>
Eagles	97.69%
Kestrel	98.70%
Kingfishers	97.60%
Nightingales	97.74%
Owls	96.40%
Peregrine Falcons	93.70%
Red Kites	96.17%
Robins	98.10%
Sky Larks	97.12%
Swallows	94.64%
Wrens	99.00%
Total	96.89%

## Summer Activities

Join us for a summer of FREE fun @ The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock in collaboration with the Oxfordshire Library Service.

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> August.**

Have a go at making some Anglo-Saxon grave-goods or your own fossil. Try one of our trails. Enjoy the Library Service's Summer Reading Challenge activities. Join our Finds Liaison Officer to take a close look at lots of small, rare and impressive archaeological finds from Oxfordshire.

*Online booking is advised, but feel free to drop in! Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

*This programme is offered free of charge thanks to support from the Friends of the Museum.*

### Museum open

10am - 5pm Tuesday – Saturday

2pm – 5pm Sunday

**Admission free**

## Mental Health Awareness Workshops

Oxfordshire Youth is offering online workshops to **Parents and Carers** of young people **for free**. They have several dates scheduled across the year – please click on the link below to view all the events.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/oxfordshire-youth-12478648335>

## Yarnton Youth Netball

Summer netball sessions. Open to boys and girls in years 5 & 6 from William Fletcher School. Training for the summer term will be Wednesdays after school 3:15-4:00 on the hard court on Rutten Lane. If you're interested in your child taking part please email [yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com](mailto:yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com) for more details.

## 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](mailto:secretary@yarnton-blues.co.uk)).

## Junior Touch Rugby

Junior touch rugby is back! Come and give this minimal contact form of rugby a try. This is for anyone over the age of 9, boy or girl, no experience necessary.

Wednesday evenings starting 21st April, 6-7pm. See flyer on the app for more info or contact [kate@oxfordtouch.co.uk](mailto:kate@oxfordtouch.co.uk)

## 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 office is now taking bookings for this term.**

## **Forthcoming Dates**

### **July 2021**

08.07.21	Foundation Stage Sports Day
08.07.21	Year 5 & 6 meet the teacher virtually at 4.00pm
09.07.21	Lower Key Stage 2 Sports Day
09.07.21	Year 3 & 4 meet the teacher virtually at 4.00pm
09.07.21	Reports go home
12.07.21 – 14.07.21	Year 4 Hooke Court
14.07.21	Key Stage 1 Sports Day
15.07.21	Year 1 & 2 meet the teacher virtually at 4.00pm
19.07.21	Transition morning
19.07.21	Year 5 & 6 Activity Day
20.07.21	Term 6 ends

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

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June INSET

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July INSET Day

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022**

#### **Term 1**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September INSET Day

#### **Term 2**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November INSET Day

#### **Term 3**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June INSET

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET Day