

Dear Parents and Carers

The children this week have been taking part in a whole range of Christmas activities. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas shopping at the start of the week, we hope you all enjoy your surprise gifts on Christmas day! A really big thank you to the members of the PTA who gave up their time to support the shopping event, the children love this traditional part of Christmas at WF!

Children in years 5 and 6 visited Erdington House this week to sing to the residents. their efforts were greatly appreciated.



Yesterday the children enjoyed their class Christmas parties and today we will be hosting our school Christmas lunch. Our year 5 and 6 children will also be singing outdoors again, this time on the school playground from 2.45pm so do pop along and come and listen to them. We will be collecting for the PTA funds so please bring some spare change if you are able to.

Tomorrow is our last day of term, the children in years 3-6 will be going to church for our traditional school carol service and school will finish at the usual time of 3.00pm. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in what has been another challenging time for us all. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of December is Love



Writer of the week – Elsie in Foundation Stage

Mathematician of the week – Zeko in Year 3

Reader of the week – Nell in Year 6

Value of the Week – Alex in Year 2

BLP of the Week – Arthur in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

This week, Archie & Zachary in Year 5 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 100 nights of reading at home: Senay in Kingfishers. Joshua in Swallows. Charlie, Amelia, Nancy, Emily & Riley in Owls. Isla, Ben & Harry in Kestrels. Peter, Becka & Nell in Peregrine Falcons. Charlotte in Sky Larks. Orhan, Daniel, Aashir & Dora in Eagles.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Luca, Felicity & Everest in Swallows. Serenity in Owls. Eva in Sky Larks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Charlie H in Sky Larks. Archie in Eagles.

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 06.12.21 – 10.12.21
Eagles	95.49%
Kestrel	99.33%
Kingfishers	99.17%
Nightingales	93.85%
Owls	95.33%
Peregrine Falcons	95%
Red Kites	96.43%
Robins	97.89%
Sky Larks	89.15%
Swallows	96.15%
Wrens	97.63%
Total	95.88%

Update from the PTA

At last weeks Christmas plays the raffle and lucky buckets raised a wonderful £411.50.

A final figure will be confirmed on Friday but the Christmas Shopping Event held on Tuesday has raised just under £400.

This money will go a long way to supporting the school.

We will be collecting old Christmas cards the first week back next term, there will be a box situated outside the year 5/6 classrooms.

The first Uniform Exchange sale will take place on Friday 7th January, please look out for more information on this.

And finally, a big thank you from the PTA to everyone for their continued support, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Parenting Smart Website

Please see link below for a new Parenting Smart website – it is a free online resource featuring practical advice and tried and tested tips for parents and carers of primary school age children.

https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Sprint1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=parenting-smart

Free Mental Health Awareness course for Parents & Carers

In partnership with the Mental Wealth Academy, Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online Mental Health Awareness Training for Parents and Carers of young people. The training happens monthly and it's FREE for Oxfordshire residents*. The session primarily considers the mental health of adolescents and young adults, aiming to help parents and carers to:

- Identify emotional distress

- Know where, and how, to signpost children and young people if you, or they, have a concern
- Learn practical strategies to help with listening to, and supporting, children and young people
- Develop your understanding of the wide range of factors and variables that can impact on children and young people's mental health
- Feel more confident and less fearful having 'the conversation' with your child or young person

The session lasts 1.5 hours and includes presentations and group work, providing the opportunity to speak with other parents and carers about young people's mental health. Since the launch of the training, Oxfordshire Youth has received extremely positive feedback by the attendees. The evaluation forms that Oxfordshire Youth asks attendees to complete, show that parents and carers have improved their confidence, knowledge and understanding around young people's mental health. 100 % of the attendees would recommend this training to others. For further information, booking or to check the dates of these sessions, please click on the link below:

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

*In order to receive tickets for free, Oxfordshire residents need to use the first part of their postcode as the promo code (e.g: OX4) when purchasing the tickets online

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.**

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).

Forthcoming Dates

December 2021

17.12.2021	Carol Service for Key Stage 2
17.12.2021	Term 2 ends

January 2022

04.01.2022	Inset Day
05.01.2022	Term 3 starts
07.01.2022	Class Curriculum Newsletters go home
11.01.2022	Founders Day Service
13.01.2022	X Country for Years 3 – 6
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 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