

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we celebrated our school Founder's Day. Our children walked to St Bartholomew Church, where William Fletcher is buried, for a short service celebrating the life of William Fletcher. Two of our children dressed as William Fletcher and the vicar whilst another group of children spoke about William Fletcher, we learnt that he spent much of his childhood in Yarnton and although he went on to become a prosperous businessman in Oxford, he never forgot the village.



At the end of the service the year 6 children rang the church bell 87 times (the great age that William Fletcher lived to) as requested by William Fletcher. When we returned to school all of the children enjoyed eating cake – another request by William Fletcher!



In our assemblies we discussed how William Fletcher's actions to fund the education of children in the village lives on today in our own school and links to article 28 on the UN convention of the rights of the child – all children have the right to a good education.

The PTA held their first meeting of the new year last night. As you know following the resignation of Carly and Pete who are moving away from Yarnton at the end of the academic year, we were looking to appoint parents to Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

These positions have now been taken on by:

Chairperson – Steph Delargy (Jack's mum in Eagle class)

Secretary – Lauren Mohammed (Yasmin's mum in Red Kite class)

Treasurer – Becca Shewry (Emily and Georgia's mum in Kestrel and Swallow class)

The next event that the PTA will be supporting is Pancake Day on Tuesday 25th February in the morning. If you are able to help with this then please either see Mrs Morris in the school office or speak to your child's class teacher. The next PTA meeting to which all parents and carers are invited to will be held in school on Wednesday 26th February at 7.00pm.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of January is Friendship



Writer of the week – Zach in Year 5
 Mathematician of the week – Alfie in Year 1
 Reader of the week – Oscar in Year 4
 School Value – Frankie in Year 3
 Building Learning Power – Austin in Year 5

Celebration of achievements

This week Sam, Eliza & Isabella N in Year 6 & Abby & Chanelle in Year 5 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrow and Sophia & Archie in Year 6 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 125 nights of reading at home: Nancy & Milly in Swallows. Scarlet in Kingfishers. Alissa & Enid in Nightingales. Zara in Kestrels. Claudia in Red Kites. Max, Henry, Lyla & Baran in Peregrine Falcons. Sophia & Chanelle in Sky Larks. Lucy & Lyla in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Charlotte & Isla C in Swallows. Elise in Kestrels. Eva in Red Kites. Declan, & Honey in Peregrine Falcons. Grace, Archie S & Oliver in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Corey in Swallows. Maya in Peregrine Falcons. Holly, Ethan, Alba, James & Leah-Kate in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Kelsey in Kingfishers. Alex & Orla in Kestrels. Brendon in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 25 nights of reading at home: Emmie in Kingfishers

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 Wrens for 99.68% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 06.01.20 – 10.01.20
Eagles	96.15%
Kestrel	98.40%
Kingfishers	99.63%
Nightingales	99.29%
Owls	98.21%
Peregrine Falcons	98.08%
Red Kites	95.42%
Sky Larks	98.00%
Swallows	99.64%
Wrens	99.68%
Total	98.32%

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 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.

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.

School Library

Anna Isles will be in the library every Thursday from 3-3.30pm so that children can attend with parents to return and choose new books.

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>.

Head lice

We have cases of head lice within school. Please can we ensure that **EVERY PARENT** checks their child's hair tonight and on a regular basis? If everyone got into the habit of daily combing then this would help to prevent the lice getting a 'stranglehold'!! We also would like to re-iterate the importance of children with longer hair having it tied back, as the less hair that is 'flying about' the less chance there is for the lice to pass from one child to another. Please see link below for further advice from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>

Forthcoming Dates

January 2020

21.02.20 Year 5 & 6 Planetarium visit

February 2020

07.02.20 Learning Cards go home
10.02.20 Learning cards returned to school
11.02.20 Curriculum session for parents and carers 5.30pm –
6.30pm
12.02.20 Hooke Court meeting at 3.15pm in Kestrel class.
13.02.20 Year 5 & 6 Sports hall Athletics
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 Hook 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 6th January to Friday 14th February

Term 4

Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April

Term 5

Monday 20th April to Thursday 21st May
Friday 22nd May INSET Day

Term 6

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