

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, all of our children and their teachers have embarked upon their new topics for this term. Details of these will have been sent to you on Friday, please do contact school if your child did not bring home their curriculum map and class newsletter. The children are exploring and learning about a wide range of topics from World War II in years 5-6, the Stone Age in Years 3-4, Underwater Worlds in years 1-2 and All about Me in Foundation Stage. It is marvellous to see our children embracing their learning with such enthusiasm.

Start and End to the school day

Many thanks to everyone following the new start and end times to the school day. The gate on the Nursing home Lane opens at 8.35am and all children should be in their classes at 8.45am ready to start their morning activities. It is really important that everyone arrives by this time so that children do not miss out on information shared by their teacher at the beginning of each morning.

At the end of the school day, the gate is unlocked at 2.55pm and children leave their classes at 3.00pm.

COVID

We continue to work hard in school to put in place procedures to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for continuing to monitor your children for signs of them developing COVID symptoms. If you think your child may have symptoms please do not send them into school and organise for them to take a PCR test.

Symptoms include:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If anyone in the school develops symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home and asked to seek a PCR test and self-isolate until they receive a negative test result.

Extra-curricular clubs

We are very pleased to be able to begin to offer again a wider range of before and after school activities. Currently these include knitting club, netball club, Archery, and Karate. Please contact the school office if you would like further information about these activities.

Food Bank

We continue to operate a food bank at school. If you or if you know of anyone in our community who needs this support please contact our Family Support Worker, Clare Pink via the school office phone (01865 372 301). All calls are taken in the strictest confidence.

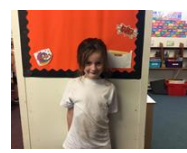
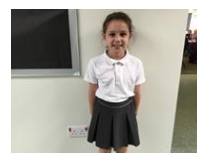
With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of September is Appreciation



Writer of the week – Phoebe in Year 2
 Mathematician of the week – Grace in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Tilly in Year 1
 Value of the week – Tegan in Year 2



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 06.09.21 – 10.09.21
Eagles	94.31%
Kestrel	93.75%
Kingfishers	94.64%
Nightingales	98.45%
Owls	95.92%
Peregrine Falcons	97.39%
Red Kites	97.24%
Robins	100%
Sky Larks	97.67%
Swallows	99.62%
Wrens	97.56%
Total	96.84%

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.**

Lost Property

Jude from Red Kite Class has lost his green rain jacket, which is labelled, could you please check your child has not taken the wrong coat home by mistake.

The Family Links Nurturing Programme

“How to get the best out of family life”. A ten- week programme starting on Tuesday 28th September at William Fletcher School. 9.00-11.00am. To find out more please contact either: Clare Pink-Family Support Worker clarepink@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk 01865 372301 or Karen Ariss karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk 07919 298297

Oxford Half School’s Running Challenge

We have been invited to take part in this year's School Challenge which is a children's version of the Half Marathon. Children who sign up are given a record book to log the distances that they run and to build up the miles. The hope is that they reach 12 miles before mid-October and then we all meet up in Oxford with other schools to run the final mile. The children's run is on the actual Half Marathon course, with closed roads and starts at 10am - although we will need to meet earlier. The crowds will be cheering as the children

run to the finish line. Having done this for several years, I can say that it is a great experience; very exciting and great fun-whatever the weather!
Entry is FREE! We just need a commitment from you to encourage your child to participate in the running opportunities at school and to do some running at home too.
Parents need to register their child on the link below ASAP and fill in the information as set out here.

Link:

<http://raceroster.com/registration/37013/entry?teamEntryToken=R3QAPYZNMC&year=2021&slug=oxford-half-2021ffice>

Go to the right and click REGISTER

Enter your email address and a password

Team Code: 2354

Click on sub-event of School's Challenge PARENT to fill in form.

Team Name: William Fletcher Runners

Team Captain: Deborah Nind

Password: Weloverunning21

Once registered, each child will receive a personal race number; a school's challenge T-shirt to wear on the day; a record card to track their running journey; and then a medal and goody bag at the end of the race.

I hope your child/children will join the William Fletcher Runners and get running together!

News from the PTA

The William Fletcher School PTA AGM is booked for Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm.

It will be held in the school hall where social distancing can still be practised.

We are also hoping to offer a zoom call for those that aren't able to make it in person.

If you would like to attend in person or via zoom please

email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com so we can ensure we have enough attendees and can cater accordingly. All welcome!

Celebrate National Fitness Day with a FREE Barre Fitness class @ William Fletcher School on Wednesday 22nd September @ 6pm-6.45pm

National Fitness Day encourages the nation to celebrate the fun of fitness and physical activity across the U.K.

Barre Fitness is a fun class that focuses on strength & endurance whilst improving your posture. Legs, Bums Tums with a twist!

For more info and to book, contact, andrea@finniganfitness.co.uk

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 interest 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

September 2021

23.09.21 Year 3 & 4 West Oxon U9 Girls Football

October 2021

04.10.21 –

08.10.21 Year 6 Bikeability

05.10.21 Harvest festival

06.10.21 Tempest individual photographs

08.10.21 Flu vaccinations – whole school

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

22.10.21 Term 1 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

Thursday 21st July INSET Day