

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another very busy and active week at WF! Our children in year 6 took part in an IMPS workshop (Injury minimization programme for schools). This is a really valuable opportunity for our children to learn about accident prevention, thinking about managing risks and learning key first aid skills in the event of an accident- including how to carry out CPR. The trainers leading the session from the IMPS programme were impressed by the children, complementing them on the manner in which they conducted themselves.

Some of our children took part in the annual Maths challenge held at St Edwards School in Oxford. This is an event we always take part in but had been postponed for the last two years due to the pandemic. The children joined children from other schools and spent the afternoon solving maths questions and maths problems.

The end of last week also saw the return of our school discos. The children thoroughly enjoyed them, we saw lots of great dancing and children having fun. Many thanks to the PTA for organising the discos and for the staff who gave up their time to help out. The discos raised over £400 which the PTA will use to support the school.

This week our children in year 5 visited the climbing centre in Bicester. The children had great fun climbing the various walls, they worked in pairs offering encouragement and advice to each other. All of the children felt proud of their achievements and whilst some were nervous to begin with they soon overcame their fears and had a go at the various climbing activities.

We welcome our year 6 children back tomorrow from their residential visit to Wales. We hope that with good traffic they will be back by 6.15pm but do keep an eye on the school app where we will post any changes to arrival times. I would be grateful if we could keep the layby vacant for the coach to use so the children and staff are able to exit the coach safely.

Many of you will be aware that our children in in FS-year 4 have begun to practice for our school Christmas plays. Tickets will be available next week from the school office.

Tomorrow is Children in Need day. The children are invited to come to school dressed in yellow and/or spots. We will be collecting donations for Children in Need through our ParentPay page, so please do log on and make a donation if you are able to.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of November is Freedom



Writer of the week – Claire in Year 5
 Mathematician of the week – Susan, Orhan, Becca & Elise in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Darlah in Year 1
 BLP of the week – Erin in Year 3
 Value of the Week – Jamie in Year 1

Celebration of achievements

This week Georgia in Year 6 has been awarded her Bronze merit arrows. 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 75 nights of reading at home: Annabel, Harry & Isla in Kestrels. Nathan, Charlie, Nancy, Milly & Nate in Owls.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Phoebe, Esther & Samar in Kingfishers. Aaron, Isla, Jude, Tilly, Leah & Niko in Nightingales. Elliot, Alex, Alfie, William & Felicity in Swallows. Selina, Maxim, Georgia, Hollie & Toby in Kestrels. Phoebe in Owls. Corey, Ethan C, Evie, & Teddy in Red Kites. Kara, Cora, Orla, Betsy, Aashir, Esme & Claudia in Eagles. Eva & Warren in Sky Larks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Beatriz & Robert in Red Kites. Josh in Eagles.

Attendance

School starts at 8.45am, can you please make sure your child is in class by 8.45am, please see below the chart of days lost if children are late.



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 08.11.21 – 12.11.21
Eagles	98.79%
Kestrel	94.44%
Kingfishers	97.50%
Nightingales	96.15%
Owls	96%
Peregrine Falcons	91.25%
Red Kites	90.71%
Robins	94.74%
Sky Larks	99.22%
Swallows	97.20%
Wrens	94.86%
Total	95.53%

Christmas Play Dates

07.12.2021	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10am
07.12.2021	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 1.45pm
08.12.2021	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10am
08.12.2021	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm
09.12.2021	Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9.45am
09.12.2021	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 2pm
09.12.2021	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm

Christmas Play Tickets

Christmas play tickets for the plays will be available to purchase at the office from Monday 22nd November. Tickets are £2.50 each purely to cover the cost of hiring lights and play licences.

Every child has an allocation of 2 tickets each, this year we reducing the numbers in the audience but have increased the number of performances, so every parent will have the opportunity watch their child's play, this is due to Health & Safety guidelines and entrance is strictly ticket only. If a child in our school has a sibling in the play, they will get the chance to watch that play in school.

Children's Christmas Shopping Day

Each year we hold two non-uniform days on the Fridays leading up to Christmas to support this event.

1st Non-uniform Day: Friday 26th November (in exchange for a female gift)

2nd Non-uniform Day: Friday 3rd December (in exchange for a male gift)

On each of these non-uniform days we ask for the children to bring in a gift suitable for a parent, carer, sibling, grandparent or anyone they decide they want to buy for. We have asked for it to be male and female gifts however chocolates, biscuits, sweets are ideal! Other ideas include items such as toiletries, socks, mugs, gloves, games...anything you would like to receive. (no alcoholic gifts please!) These are to be brought into their classrooms and will then be checked, sorted and stored until the shopping event. Please can we ask that these are new, unopened and in date where applicable.

Shopping Day: Tuesday 14th December

On the actual shopping day, we ask for your child to bring in £2 and to hand to their teacher, please put it in an envelope with their name on if possible, to avoid cash handling. This allows them to buy 2 gifts for whoever they choose. They will choose their gifts from a class selection and they will then wrap and label their gifts to come home with them. We hope this answers some questions but if not please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com
The children thoroughly enjoy choosing the gifts themselves, the wrapping and the surprise for the recipients.

Key dates:

Friday 26th November - non-uniform day in exchange for female gift

Friday 3rd December - non-uniform day in exchange for a male gift

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Shopping Day

Wednesday 15th December - Class Christmas Parties

Thursday 16th December - Christmas School Lunch

Friday 17th December - Carol Service for Key Stage 1 & 2

Message from Eynsham Rotary Club

Santa and his sleigh with elves will be at Yarnton village hall carpark on Tuesday December 7th at 5pm till 7pm. music and lights.

News from the PTA

A big thank you to everyone that came along and supported the Autumn Discos last Friday. We raised an amazing £426.11.

The next PTA meeting is booked in for next Tuesday 23rd November, 7.30pm in the school hall. Everyone welcome!

The first non uniform day is next Friday 26th November, this is in exchange for a female gift for the Christmas shopping day. Please leave the gift with your child's teacher at drop off.

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

Forthcoming Dates

November 2021

- 15.11.21 – 19.11.21 Year 6 Glasbury visit
- 18.11.21 Children in Need – non uniform come in dressed in Yellow and/ or spots to celebrate Children in Need day
- 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 10am
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- 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 Carol Service for Key Stage 1 & 2
- 17.12.2021 Term 2 ends

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