

Dear Parents and Carers,



Many thanks to everyone who was able to take part in Children in Need Day last week. Lots of the children had designed their own t-shirts and dressed in yellow and spots – it was a truly colourful day in school! Thank you to everyone who made a donation, through your generosity we were able to send £360 to the charity.

Last week our children in years 5 and 6 took part in an IMPS session – this stands for Injury Minimization Programme for Schools. The sessions usually take place at the hospital but due to the COVID restrictions the children were not able to go to the hospital and so the trainers came to us. The children learnt about keeping themselves safe and some basic first aid techniques. It is reassuring to know that we are still managing to provide activities such as these for our children.

Christmas activities

As is our tradition at WF the children will in a couple of weeks begin to think about and take part in Christmas based activities. We will be having our traditional Christmas shopping in the last week of term. To enable this, we invite children to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 4th and 11th December in exchange for an adult gift. Ideas for gifts can be found in this newsletter under PTA shopping event. In the last week of term, the children then bring in some money to buy a gift for their parents, they wrap them up and bring the home to you to put under the Christmas tree.

This year we are asking children not to bring in Christmas cards for their friends, instead we will be asking them to write their Christmas wishes on a paper bauble which we will then use to decorate the school Christmas tree. We are planning to have Christmas parties but these will not have party food but lots of socially distanced games and activities.

Unfortunately we are not able to have our usual Christmas plays but we are planning to make class videos to share with you at home.

School will be closed next week on Tuesday 24th November as we have a planned INSET day for staff training.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of November is Respect



Writer of the week – Maxim in Year 6
 Mathematician of the week – Mathias McClelland in Year 3
 Reader of the week – Bethany-Rose in Year 5
 School Value – Anelie in Year 2



Celebration of achievements

This week, Georgia in Year 5 and Alfie C 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 75 nights of reading at home. Dora-Jean in Kestrels. Nancy, Riley, Claire, Zac S, Jasper, Milly & Nathaniel in Owls. Evan & Claudia in Red Kites. Daisy, Srishti, Henry, Becca, Nell, Saesha, Baran, Max F, Rory, Liam in Peregrine Falcons. Abby, Scarlet, Chanelle, Grace H, Holly, Grace S, Georgia, Jemima in Skylarks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Harry, Phoebe & Joshua in Kingfishers. Poppy, Violet, Teddy, Ruby & Evie in Nightingales. Esme, Joshua, Corey & Georgia in Swallows. Peter, Isla, Betsy, Cerys & Charlie L in Kestrels. Ellie-Mae & Riley in Owls. Honey in Peregrine Falcons. Charlotte in Skylarks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Arthur in Kestrels. Declan in Peregrine Falcons.

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 09.11.20 - 13.11.20
Eagles	98.15%
Kestrel	98.26%
Kingfishers	100%
Nightingales	98.46%
Owls	100%
Peregrine Falcons	99.28%
Red Kites	99.49%
Robins	100%
Sky Larks	98.52%
Swallows	98.55%
Wrens	98%
Total	98.95%

PESPA Update (PE, Sport and Physical Activity)

We continue to be impressed at how fit our children are becoming through their active lessons, brain breaks and of course their use of our all-weather

track. Even our Foundation Stage children are managing two laps at a time each day which is fantastic! Please could I remind everyone to have trainers in school everyday to make sure we are as safe as possible in this slippery weather. It is also a huge benefit to us to have the children coming to school in their PE kits on those particular days. Please ensure your child will be warm enough with jogging bottoms/tracksuit/leggings and a navy sweatshirt. For safety reasons, no jewellery is to be worn during PE and long hair needs to be tied back. We are working hard to ensure that health and fitness is at the heart of our school so that it becomes a natural part of the children's lives and helps them to thrive. Many thanks for your support.

PTA Meeting

The PTA are holding their next PTA meeting tonight at 7.30pm via zoom. It will be a short meeting to discuss Christmas activities already in the diary. If you would like to join us please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com for meeting log in details.

PTA Art Work

The children completed a piece of art which you are able to look at online and buy various items with your child's art work on. The details to log online to view and purchase your child's artwork on different items are:

Parents login

at www.mychildsart.co.uk

Click on 'parent looking to order a child's artwork' button.

Click 'log in'

Login to a GROUP ORDER PORTAL using the details below:

Username: WilliamFletcher

Password: M7Jw7DnY

Any queries please call the customer service team on [01530 887650](tel:01530887650) or email customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk.

PTA Christmas Shopping Events

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

On each of these non-uniform days we ask for the children to bring in a gift suitable for a parent, carer, sibling or grandparent or anyone they decide they want to buy for. We have decided it no longer needs to be a male and female gift as in previous years.

These are to be brought into their classrooms and will then be checked, sorted and stored until the shopping event.

Ideas include items such as a box of chocolates, biscuits, toiletries, socks, mugs, gloves, games...anything you would like to receive. (no alcoholic gifts please!)

Please can we ask that these are new, unopened and in date where applicable.

Any questions please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

Lost Property

Stanley from Kingfisher Class has lost his Oxford United Jumper, could you please check your child has not taken the wrong jumper home by mistake.

Play Equipment

Before and after school could we please ask that you do not allow your children to go on the school climbing frames.

Kidlington Youth Football Club

Kidlington Youth Football Club are looking for players to join a new Under 10's boys team. If you are interested or would like further information please contact Matt Williams on mwilliams0682@icloud.com or 07495127690.

Yarnton Playgroup Events

Following the success of the Spooky Trail around the village we are holding a Christmas trail from 12th December until Christmas Eve. If you would like to create a festive display outside your home and feature on the trail map, please sign up by 27th November. Maps to walk the trail will be on sale from Budgens & Preschool for just £2 each. Join the group Yarnton Family Fun on Facebook for further details.

Forthcoming Dates

November 2020

20.11.20 Unicef World Children's Day
24.11.20 INSET Day

December 2020

04.12.20 Non Uniform Day in exchange for a gift
11.12.20 Non Uniform Day in exchange for a gift
16.12.20 Christmas Shopping Day

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2020/2021

Term 1

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October
Tuesday 1st September INSET Day

Term 2

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December
Tuesday 24th November INSET Day

Term 3

Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February to Wednesday 31st March

Term 5

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June INSET
Tuesday 8th June to Tuesday 20th July
Wednesday 21st July INSET Day
Thursday 22nd July INSET Day