

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been working hard in school to prepare for school closure next week for the majority of our children. Our amazing staff team have been working round the clock to prepare learning activities for the children whilst they are at home over the next few weeks. In addition to this they have all maintained their sense of humour ensuring that those children who have been in school continue to have interesting and engaging learning activities.

All children will be bringing home their learning packs this afternoon, if your child is not in school at the moment do call in and collect their pack if it is safe for you to do so. If you are not able to collect your child's pack, call school and we will arrange its delivery to you for early next week.

Our school food bank will continue to operate on Tuesdays, if you are not one of our families who currently receives food and you would like to then please let the school office know.

Over the coming weeks we will be in school in order to provide childcare for key workers who will be on the frontline providing essential services. If you would like to speak to a member of staff then please do call - we are here to help you in any way we can.

This week I have at times been overwhelmed by the heartfelt messages of support from parents and carers for our staff team. It is at times like this that we understand what a great community we have here in Yarnton.

In this challenging time we worry together about our friends and families and grapple with the unknown. You and your children remain in our thoughts and we very much look forward to seeing you all again in the coming weeks. We will continue to use the school app and website to communicate with you and of course our teachers will be using google classroom to support children and their learning.

Kind regards
Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

This week's news

The year 4 children had a fabulous residential visit last week. We spent three days in the beautiful Dorset countryside visiting farms, building shelters and a whole host of other activities. The children were a real pleasure to take away and we did manage to get some sleep!...

All of our children enjoyed a visit from the Hobgoblin theatre, they watched a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk, it was good to hear them all laughing! Many thanks to the PTA who helped to fund this experience.

Our assembly theme for the month of March is Hope / Easter



Writer of the week – Enid in Year 1
 Mathematician of the week – Maya in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Robert in Year 1
 Building Learning Power – Kelsey in Year 1



Writer of the week – Zara in Year 4
 Mathematician of the week – Esme in Year 4
 Reader of the week – Isaac in Year 2
 School Value – Olivia in Year 6
 Building Learning Power – Daisy in Year 5

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 Kingfishers for 99.26% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 09.03.20 – 13.03.20
Eagles	98.08%
Kestrel	96.80%
Kingfishers	99.26%
Nightingales	98.93%
Owls	97.04%
Peregrine Falcons	93.46%
Red Kites	95.42%
Sky Larks	96.80%
Swallows	95.00%
Wrens	97.42%
Total	96.85%

Request from the Parish Council

We have had a request from the Parish Council to alert our families to some poor behaviour in the village. The Parish Council have had reports from residents living in Pixey Close having their door bells rung and then the person running away. This has been particularly distressing for older people living in

the close. It is likely that these are older children who do not attend William Fletcher behaving in this way. If you are aware of any youngsters who are misbehaving in this manner could you please contact the Police or the Parish Council.

The FAST programme

The FAST programme (Families Active Sporting Together) is an exciting programme which was initially based in targeted wards of Banbury but due to the success of the programme it has been expanded to targeted wards of Bicester and Kidlington. The FAST programme is aimed at making it accessible for families to enjoy physical activity and sport together. Please find more information on the Cherwell District Council website: <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/3/leisure-and-culture/107/be-active-more-often/2>

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 5 - 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 5 - 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.

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>.

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2019/2020
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

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