

Dear Parents and Carers

Last Sunday over 90 children from William Fletcher took part in the Oxford School Challenge run. It was an amazing sight to see so many of our children from Foundation Stage to year 6 taking part in what has become an annual event for WF. The children ran a mile along St Giles (part of the oxford half-marathon course) greatly encouraged by the cheering supporters. They were all very proud of the medals they received at the end of their run. A special well done to Liam who was the first across the finishing line. Thank you to all the parents who were able to volunteer and help with this event and to our staff team who gave up their Sunday morning to help make such a special memory for our children. Thank you to Mrs Phillips, Mrs Davies and Mrs Finnigan for holding the after school running club this term.



This evening, the PTA will be meeting in the school hall at 7.30pm, do come along to this if you are able to. The meetings are a good way to meet other parents and of course help the PTA in fund raising initiatives for the school.

Tomorrow is the last day of this half term. It has been a busy few weeks at school and I know the children are looking forward to having some time at home to recharge their batteries! I hope you all have a good break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

**Our assembly theme for the month of October is Courage**



Writer of the week – Oscar in Year 1  
 Mathematician of the week – Laura in Year 1  
 Reader of the week – Thor in Year 3  
 BLP of the week – Emily in Year 3

### **Celebration of achievements**

This week Cherry, Susan, Becca & Nell in Year 6 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrows. 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 50 nights of reading at home: Milly in Owls. Susan & Zara in Peregrine Falcons.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Paislee, Immy, Thomas, Yasmeena & Nikodem in Nightingales. Alex P, Isabella, Samar, Esther & Teddy in Kingfishers. Alfie, Arthur & Radu in Swallows. Alissa & Anoushka in Red Kites. Ethan in Kestrels. Bethany, Emilie, Eva, Warren & Archie in Sky Larks. Archie, Cora, Lily-Rose & Bella in Eagles.

### **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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance for 11.10.21 – 15.10.21</b>
Eagles	97.20%
Kestrel	98.00%
Kingfishers	97.92%
Nightingales	98.00%
Owls	96.67%
Peregrine Falcons	96.67%
Red Kites	100%
Robins	95.74%
Sky Larks	90.63%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	97.71%
Total	97.19%

### **Headlice**

We have a few cases of headlice in school. Over the next few days could you please check you children's hair and treat if necessary. Many thanks.

### **Hockey Club**

Next term I would like to hold a hockey club after school on Monday from 3.10-4.10pm. I wondered if there were any parents who play hockey that would be willing to help me with the training? If you are interested, please come and speak to me or email me through the office - I would be very grateful - even if it is just for one session. Many thanks, Caeron Phillips

### **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.**

### **News from the PTA**

Here are some dates for your diary -

Thursday 21st October - Next PTA Meeting, 7.30pm in the school hall

Friday 12th November - Autumn Disco

Friday 26th November - Non uniform day in exchange for a female gift (for Christmas shopping event)

Friday 3rd December - Non uniform day in exchange for a male gift (for Christmas shopping event)

Tuesday 14th December- Christmas shopping event

Friday 1st July - Summer Fete

### **Events at Yarnton Royal British Legion**

The Royal British Legion have a few events coming up, and it would be great to have lots of local people at these events, please see below for the details:

#### **Halloween Disco**

Friday 29th Oct, Starts at 8pm.

Fun for all the family! Prizes for best costumes (Children and Adults!)

£2 per ticket, or £5 per Family. Tickets available now from the British Legion or contact Jo Coffey ([jovarney2001@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jovarney2001@yahoo.co.uk)).

#### **Christmas Craft and Gift Fair**

Sunday 7th Nov, 11am - 2pm

Lots of stalls selling homemade goodies, including Wreaths, wooden gifts, chocolate products, preserves, bath and body products and lots more! Refreshments will also be available.

### **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 interested in your child taking part please email [yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@yarnton-blues.co.uk)).

### **Found**

If you have lost a fitbit, please come into the office, as one was found in the park.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

#### **October 2021**

21.10.21 PTA Meeting, 7.30pm in the hall

22.10.21 Term 1 ends

#### **November 2021**

04.11.21 Year 5 & 6 Bletchley Park

11.11.21 Imps visit

12.11.21 PTA Autumn Disco

15.11.21 – 19.11.21 Year 6 Glasbury visit

17.11.21 Climbing Sessions Year 5  
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  
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  
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 1**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September INSET Day

#### **Term 2**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November INSET Day

#### **Term 3**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January INSET

#### **Term 4**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June INSET  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July INSET DAY  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET Day