

Dear Parents and Carers

This week the children in our year 5 and 6 classes began their drama workshops with staff from the Oxford Playhouse. Over the Autumn and Spring term the children will continue to take part in workshops leading to all of the children writing their own plays. One play written by the children will be selected in the Spring term and will be performed by actors at the Playhouse which the children will go and watch. Our school has also been invited by the Playhouse to be a member of their new Associate Schools programme which means that all of our children over the coming year will have the opportunity to take part in activities linked to the Playhouse.



The children in Foundation Stage have been enjoying the re-opening of the sandpit in the Foundation Stage garden. There have been lots of super conversations about digging for treasure and finding dinosaurs!

### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

As you may be aware, an extra bank holiday has been announced for 3 June 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this falls in the June half-term holiday the DfE has therefore amended the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations to reduce the school year 2021/22 for maintained schools by one day – so that for 2021/22 children will be in school for 189 teaching days rather than 190. Schools have been asked to choose an extra day off in lieu of the additional bank holiday. At William Fletcher this will be Wednesday 20th July meaning the last day of the summer term will be Tuesday 19th July 2022.

### **Parking**

We are aware that at pick up time and drop-off time some parents have been parking their cars across the pavement making it difficult to walk along, particularly with small children or pushing a buggy. Could we ask everyone to park sensibly and safely.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

**Our assembly theme for the month of September is Appreciation**



Writer of the week – Maisie in Year 4  
Mathematician of the week – Maisie in Year 6  
Reader of the week – Forrest in Year 1  
School Value – Charlie in Year 4  
BLP of the week – Senay 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 13.09.21 – 17.09.21
Eagles	97.88%
Kestrel	95.80%
Kingfishers	94.17%
Nightingales	95.74%
Owls	96.67%
Peregrine Falcons	95.65%
Red Kites	98.57%
Robins	100%
Sky Larks	98.41%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	97.44%
Total	97.24%

### 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.**

### Bringing toys into School

A reminder that children should not bring in toys and items from home into school.

### Morrisons Good to Grow Scheme

We are participating in Morrisons Good to Grow Gardening Scheme, where the school will receive gardening equipment. If you shop online or instore at Morrisons you can collect points for our school, if you shop at Morrisons and would like to help the school get some more gardening equipment, please do the following:

1. Sign up to MyMorrisons today. Simply go to [mymorrisons.com](http://mymorrisons.com) or download the MyMorrisons app
2. Once registered you can collect Grow Tokens for any shopping you do online or in store
3. On your first visit to MyMorrisons you'll be asked to select the school you'd like to donate your Grow Tokens to
4. Then after each shop log onto your MyMorrisons account and donate

### Marathon Month

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up for the Half Marathon running - we have reached a record number of children which is fantastic. We have not received any log books yet so please keep a record of your child's running that they do at home with you. We will also be doing extra runs at playtimes to help them build up their stamina and speed. We have had a huge response to the Running Club, which is now **FULL**. Apologies to those who missed out but there will be other sporting opportunities throughout the year. The running Club will start this MONDAY. Please can parents collect their children from the school's **exit gate** (not at the Care Home Road Gate) at 4.10pm.

### **Taster Dance Session with Mini-Professionals Dance Academy**

This will take place on THURSDAY 30th September at 3.10pm in the hall. There are 4 spaces left! Please see Mrs Phillips ASAP if your child is interested.

### **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](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com) so we can ensure we have enough attendees and can cater accordingly. All welcome!

### **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](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)).

### **Forthcoming Dates**

#### **October 2021**

04.10.21 –

08.10.21 Year 6 Bikeability

05.10.21 Harvest festival

06.10.21 Tempest individual photographs

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 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