

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of term 1! It has been a very busy time for everyone at William Fletcher School and the children are definitely ready for a break and a good rest. Looking back over the last eight weeks it is incredible how diverse the activities and experiences our teachers plan for the children are.



This week our children have taken part in an Intra-archery competition in school. Mr Edwards kindly volunteered his time and the children had a superb time competing against each other over the course of two mornings.



Tuesday this week saw a group of 31 children in years 4-6 arrive at school at 6.30am to head off to London for a visit to the Houses of Parliament. The children had a very interesting experience visiting the House of Commons, the House of Lords, taking part in a workshop on making laws and ending with a Q&A with our local MP Layla Moran. The children will be sharing their learning with their class mates after the half term break when all of our children will be taking part in Parliament Week. This is part of our work on understanding democracy and how this links to the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. Many thanks to Mrs Lancaster for organising the visit and Mrs Yaxley and Mrs Isles for accompanying the children.



Thank you to everyone who was able to help at the discos last week, the PTA did a splendid job arranging the discos for the children, as well as raising over £500 for PTA funds.



The children in Wrens have been exploring their very own pumpkin patch this week. An array of pumpkins were scattered across the garden and the children used their senses to explore them. The children developed their mathematical language when ordering the pumpkins from biggest to smallest and later used the pumpkins in role play when acting out being witches and casting spells.



Well done to Isla who has just received her green Blue Peter badge for picking up litter on the beach.



I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break, I look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Deborah Nind and the WF team**

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

### **Parent and visitor Code of Conduct**

At William Fletcher Primary School we are very proud and fortunate to have a very dedicated and supportive school community. At our school the parents and carers, staff and governors, all recognise that the education of our children is a partnership between us all.

We place great importance on developing sound working relationships as we equip all of our children with the necessary skills for adulthood.

We actively welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in the life of our school. Together we create a positive environment not only for the children but also for all who work in and visit our school.

We understand that everyday frustrations can sometimes cause misunderstandings and we are committed to resolving any problems, in a constructive manner, through open and positive dialogue. Sadly, there have been occasions when staff have not been treated in a courteous and respectful manner, we have therefore adopted the Local Authority Code of Conduct for parents and carers.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expectations around their conduct. Our aim is to clarify which behaviours are not acceptable and we seek parental agreement to these expectations. We also outline what steps the school will take should a breach occur. A separate, similar Code of Conduct is already in place for all employees and school Governors. The policy can be found on our school website, please do take the time to make yourself familiar with its contents.



Writer of the week – Jovan in Year 3  
Mathematician of the week – Daisy in Year 6  
Reader of the week – Cherry in Year 4  
School Value – Ethan in Year 5  
Building Learning Power – Isobel in Year 5

## Celebration of achievements

This week Holly, Scarlet, Sonny, Alfie C & Lyla in Year 5 and Eliza in Year 6 have been awarded their Bronze 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 50 nights of reading at home: Georgia, Esme, Nell, Claire, Warren, Toby, Orhan, Olivia, Daisy, Becka, Kara & Grace in Owls. Aashir, Betsy, Percy & Peter in Kestrels. Cora, Olly & Jemima in Red Kites. James in Skylarks. Ross, Austin, Lyla E, Olivia, Eliza, Phineas & Jack D in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Selina, Isaac & Luka in Kingfishers. Jude & Jack in Swallows. Orla in Kestrels. Alicia & Jemima in Red Kites. 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.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Kingfishers for 98.52% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 14.10.19 - 18.10.19
Eagles	98.08%
Kestrel	98.00%
Kingfishers	98.52%
Nightingales	97.86%
Owls	97.14%
Peregrine Falcons	93.08%
Red Kites	97.50%
Sky Larks	95.20%
Swallows	95.71%
Wrens	95.00%
Total	96.59%

## Yarnton Fireworks Show

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Firing at 7.00pm at Littlemarsh Sports Field (behind the Turnpike). Tickets in advance from Yarnton Post office £3.00 a person or £10 for a family (2 adults & 3 children). Tickets on the gate from 6.00pm: £3 a person 12 years and under) or £4 a person (over 12 years) or £12 a family (2 adults & 3 children). There will be refreshments/stall. No sparklers and no parking on site.

## Begbroke Playgroup Halloween Disco

Halloween Disco - if it's too cold to go trick or treating; why not come to 'The Halloween Disco' at Begbroke Village Hall! Fancy Dress | Family Disco | Hot Dogs | Ghoulish Games | Cakes | Bar. Saturday 26th October, 6pm to 8pm. All welcome but ideally suited for under 8's. Entry £2 and tickets available on the night. All proceeds to Begbroke Playgroup, Registered Charity No: 1049116

## **Lost Property**

Peter in Kestrels has lost both a green neck buff with pandas on it and a dinosaur water bottle with a green lid and a name label on it. Could you please check if your child has taken these items home by mistake.

## **Parking**

Please do not park your car on the residential nursing home drive whilst dropping and picking your child off/up from school. There was an incident where it caused damage to another vehicle and it prevents the emergency services access to the drive at all times.

## **Talk for Parents - Children's wellbeing and how to manage their feelings of worry**

We are holding a talk for parents with Nic McGuinness from the Getting Help Team on Tuesday 19th November from 4.30 pm - 6pm in the Howard Hillsdon room. There will be a Creche and refreshments available. If you would like to attend, please sign up at reception. Please note, we have a maximum capacity of 15 parents.

## **Forthcoming Dates**

### **October 2019**

18.10.19	Learning cards go home
21.10.19	Learning cards to be returned to school
24.10.19	Cross country event years 3-6
24.10.19	Glasbury Parents Meeting at 3.15pm
25.10.19	End of term 1

### **November 2019**

04.11.19	Term 2 begins
04.11.19 - 08.11.19	UK Parliament Week
07.11.19	Year 5 & 6 Bletchley Park
11.11.19 - 15.11.19	Anti Bullying Week
11.11.19	Parent Teacher discussions
12.11.18	Parent Teacher discussions
13.11.19	Foundation Eye Test
19.11.19	Drop in session
22.11.19	Flu vaccination Year 1,2,3,4,5 & 6
28.11.19	Boccia U11
29.11.19	Non-uniform day in exchange for first gift

### **December 2019**

02.12.19 - 06.12.19	Glasbury Year 6
10.12.19	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm
11.12.19	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm
11.12.19	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.00pm
11.12.19	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 7.00pm
12.12.16	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm
12.12.19	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.00pm
12.12.19	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 7.00pm
13.12.19	Learning cards go home

13.12.19	Non-uniform day in exchange for second gift
16.12.19	Learning cards returned
17.12.19	Christmas shopping day
18.12.19	Class Christmas parties
19.12.19	School Christmas dinner
20.12.19	Carol service at 9.30am
20.12.19	End of term 2