

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week our children in year 6 took part in a weeklong residential trip to Glasbury in Wales. They had a great time canoeing, caving, mountain walking and climbing, the children loved being so active during the day. Residential experiences like this really help the children develop so many life skills; teamwork, listening to each other, using their initiative, being independent, building resilience – the list is almost endless. I am very grateful to our staff team here at WF who gave their time to enable this trip to take place.



### Staffing news

I am delighted to be able to inform you that Mrs Lancaster and her husband are expecting their first baby in late Spring 2022. We all wish Mrs Lancaster good health over the coming months and are looking forward to welcoming baby Lancaster into the world.

Mrs Buchanan will be returning to work in January, following her maternity leave. She will work alongside Mrs Lancaster in Peregrine Falcon class and will then be the class teacher for the remainder of the academic year in Peregrine class.

I am delighted that we have been able to extend Miss Winifrith's contract and she will continue to teach Red Kite class for the remainder of this academic year.

Tickets for our Christmas plays are now on sale. This year we have increased the number of performances to enable us to have smaller audiences, this is because we want to reduce the risk of parents, staff and children contracting COVID. As an additional measure we ask that all adults attending the performances take a lateral flow test before the performance they are attending and (if they are able), to wear a face covering.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

**Our assembly theme for the month of November is Freedom**



Writer of the week – Lupito in Year 5  
 Mathematician of the week – Jasper in Year 5  
 Reader of the week – Freya in Year 3  
 BLP of the week – Simon in Year 1  
 Value of the Week – Aarav in Year 1

## **Celebration of achievements**

This week Eva & Theo in Year 5 and Charlotte 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 100 nights of reading at home: Senay in Kingfishers.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Elliott in Kingfishers. Emeran, Esme, Eva, Alfie & Joshua in Swallows. Georgia in Owls. Alissa, Poppy & Ethan R in Red Kites. Susan, Seb, Nell, Peter, Becca & Maisie in Peregrine Falcons. Charlotte in Sky Larks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Anna, Violet & Nathaniel in Nightingales. Dylan & Kelsey in Red Kites. Yasmin in Peregrine Falcons.

## **Attendance**

School starts at 8:45am, can you please make sure your child is in class by 8:45am.

### **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 15.11.21 – 19.11.21</b>
Eagles	100%
Kestrel	93.96%
Kingfishers	98.33%
Nightingales	98.82%
Owls	94.67%
Peregrine Falcons	99.17%
Red Kites	88.93%
Robins	94.74%
Sky Larks	96.15%
Swallows	99.17%
Wrens	93.71%
Total	96.08%

## **Christmas Play Dates**

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

## **Christmas Play Tickets**

Christmas play tickets for the plays are available to purchase at the office now. Tickets are £2.50 each purely to cover the cost of hiring lights and play licences.

**Every child has an allocation of 2 tickets each, this year we reducing the numbers in the audience but have increased the number of performances, so every parent will have the opportunity watch their child's play, this is due to Health & Safety guidelines and entrance is strictly ticket only.**

### **Children's Christmas Shopping Day**

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

**1st Non-uniform Day: Friday 26th November (in exchange for a female gift)**

**2nd Non-uniform Day: Friday 3rd December (in exchange for a male gift)**

On each of these non-uniform days we ask for the children to bring in a gift suitable for a parent, carer, sibling, grandparent or anyone they decide they want to buy for. We have asked for it to be male and female gifts however chocolates, biscuits, sweets are ideal! Other ideas include items such as toiletries, socks, mugs, gloves, games...anything you would like to receive. (no alcoholic gifts please!) These are to be brought into their classrooms and will then be checked, sorted and stored until the shopping event. Please can we ask that these are new, unopened and in date where applicable.

### **Shopping Day: Tuesday 14th December**

On the actual shopping day, we ask for your child to bring in £2 and to hand to their teacher, please put it in an envelope with their name on if possible, to avoid cash handling. This allows them to buy 2 gifts for whoever they choose. They will choose their gifts from a class selection and they will then wrap and label their gifts to come home with them. We hope this answers some questions but if not please email [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com)  
The children thoroughly enjoy choosing the gifts themselves, the wrapping and the surprise for the recipients.

### **Key dates:**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** - non-uniform day in exchange for female gift

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - non-uniform day in exchange for a male gift

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Shopping Day

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Class Christmas Parties

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas School Lunch

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Carol Service for Key Stage 1 & 2

### **Message from Eynsham Rotary Club**

Santa and his sleigh with elves will be at Yarnton village hall carpark on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm till 7pm. music and lights.

### **Message from Trish Amesbury, Chair of Governors Regarding Parking**

Please could I remind parents and guardians not to park or pull up on the white lines or the zig zag lines around school. Could I also ask that the bottom of the nursing home lane is not used as a drop off point either. It should be remembered that the nursing home lane is a road, with traffic accessing at all times of day. As such, please make sure that when using the lane, you cross the lane and keep to the left hand side. These safety measures are in place to help ensure the safety of your children upon their arrival and departure from school.

### **Parenting Smart Website**

Please see link below for a new Parenting Smart website – it is a free online resource featuring practical advice and tried and tested tips for parents and carers of primary school age children.

[https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm\\_source=Sprint1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=parenting-smart](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Sprint1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=parenting-smart)

## Free Mental Health Awareness course for Parents & Carers

In partnership with the Mental Wealth Academy, Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online Mental Health Awareness Training for Parents and Carers of young people. The training happens monthly and it's FREE for Oxfordshire residents\*. The session primarily considers the mental health of adolescents and young adults, aiming to help parents and carers to:

- Identify emotional distress
- Know where, and how, to signpost children and young people if you, or they, have a concern
- Learn practical strategies to help with listening to, and supporting, children and young people
- Develop your understanding of the wide range of factors and variables that can impact on children and young people's mental health
- Feel more confident and less fearful having 'the conversation' with your child or young person

The session lasts 1.5 hours and includes presentations and group work, providing the opportunity to speak with other parents and carers about young people's mental health. Since the launch of the training, Oxfordshire Youth has received extremely positive feedback by the attendees. The evaluation forms that Oxfordshire Youth asks attendees to complete, show that parents and carers have improved their confidence, knowledge and understanding around young people's mental health. 100 % of the attendees would recommend this training to others. For further information, booking or to check the dates of these sessions, please click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/oxfordshire-youth-12478648335>

\*In order to receive tickets for free, Oxfordshire residents need to use the first part of their postcode as the promo code (e.g: OX4) when purchasing the tickets online

## Forthcoming Dates

### November 2021

26.11.2021 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

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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 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