

Dear Parents and Carers,



I am sure by now many of you will have heard that Father Christmas has asked the children to run 3340km, the distance from Lapland to Yarnton. He is hoping the energy the children generate will help to light up Rudolph's nose in time for Christmas. Mrs McDonnell has very kindly made a



giant candy cane on display in the widow by Falcon class to chart our progress. It is great that we have the running track to help FC in this way and it has been good to see all of our children outside using the track both running and walking to hopefully achieve the target by the end of term!

The PTA have put together some information in this newsletter explaining in more detail the Christmas shopping event coming up in December. There will be the first non-uniform day next week on Friday 4th December in exchange for a gift for an adult.

Thank you to everyone who continues to be vigilant with regard to the virus. The staff really appreciate that you all maintain a social distance and keep in mind everyone's safety. Can I remind everyone that if someone in your household takes a test for COVID, then the whole household must self-isolate until the results of the test are known.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of November is Respect



Writer of the week – Freddie in Year 6
Mathematician of the week – Jasper in Year 4

Reader of the week – Emily in Year 2
School Value – Amelia in Year 2



Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home. Ingrid & Charlie in Nightingales. Eva, Isla & Amelia in Swallows. Emily & Anelie in Kingfishers. Nancy in Owls. Alissa & Ethan R in Red Kites. Lyla, Phineas, Lucy M & Orhan in Eagles. Aanya & Emily S in Skylarks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Thor in Swallows. Charlie in Owls. Zach in Red Kites. Austin, Stanley, Orla, Lucy B, Alfie C, Olly, Jack B & Sebastian in Eagles. Archie R in Skylarks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Georgie in Swallows. Aaron in Red Kites. Russell in Skylarks.

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 16.11.20 - 20.11.20
Eagles	98.47%
Kestrel	97.39%
Kingfishers	97.69%
Nightingales	94.55%
Owls	99.16%
Peregrine Falcons	99.29%
Red Kites	98.00%
Robins	100%
Sky Larks	97.41%
Swallows	98.93%
Wrens	100%
Total	98.21%

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 Term 3.**

Fresh Start Meals for Next Week

This term Fresh Start had a split term on their ordering system and you could originally order up to 27th November.

If you have **not ordered** for the rest of the term can you please make sure you do before Tuesday 1st December. If you have missed next weeks ordering (not ordered before Tuesday 24th November) and would like your child to have meals next week please call Fresh Start on 01869 226675 asap.

PTA Art Work

The children completed a piece of art which you are able to look at online and buy various items with your child's art work on. The details to log online to view and purchase your child's artwork on different items are:

Parents login at www.mychildsart.co.uk

Click on 'parent looking to order a child's artwork' button.

Click 'log in'

Login to a GROUP ORDER PORTAL using the details below:

Username: WilliamFletcher

Password: M7Jw7DnY

Any queries please call the customer service team on [01530 887650](tel:01530887650) or email customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk.

PTA Christmas Shopping Events & Other PTA Information

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

1st Non-uniform Day: Friday 4th December

2nd Non-uniform Day: Friday 11th December

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 no longer expect it to be a male and female gift as in previous years.

These are to be brought into their classrooms and will then be checked, sorted and stored until the shopping event.

Ideas include items such as a box of chocolates, biscuits, toiletries, socks, mugs, gloves, games...anything you would like to receive. (no alcoholic gifts please!)

Please can we ask that these are new, unopened and in date where applicable.

Shopping Day: Wednesday 16th December

On the actual shopping day we ask for your child to bring in £2 and to hand to their teacher/class money box, please put 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 that has been quarantined 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

williamfletcher.schoolpta@gmail.com

The children thoroughly enjoy choosing the gifts themselves, the wrapping and the surprise for the recipients.

Other PTA Business

William Fletcher School PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a partnership between parents and educators who strive to enhance student learning through fundraising and organising social events for parents and children at the school. It is a registered charity and the current trustees are Steph Delargy (Chair and mum to Jack in Eagles) Lauren Mohammed (Secretary and mum to Yasmin in Red Kites) and Becca Shewry (Treasurer and mum to Emily in Skylarks and Georgia in Owls).

They were re-elected at the AGM on 20th October 2020. They along with other parent volunteers and staff meet, currently via zoom approximately every 6 weeks to discuss upcoming events, new ideas and ultimately what it is we're fundraising towards.

The meetings and events are advertised via the William Fletcher School PTA Facebook page, the school app, newsletter and posters displayed around the school site.

Although physical events are not going ahead at the moment, you can still be involved or share your ideas and views on fundraising. If you would like to attend a meeting or even just have some questions or new ideas please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

Many thanks for your continued support.

William Fletcher School PTA

Yarnton Playgroup Events

Following the success of the Spooky Trail around the village we are holding a Christmas trail from 12th December until Christmas Eve. If you'd like to create a festive display outside your home and feature on the trail map, please sign up by 27th November. Maps to walk the trail will be on sale from Budgens & Preschool for just £2 each. Join the group Yarnton Family Fun on Facebook for further details.

Forthcoming Dates

December 2020

04.12.20	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a gift
11.12.20	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a gift
16.12.20	Christmas Shopping 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

Term 5

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June INSET
Tuesday 8th June to Tuesday 20th July
Wednesday 21st July INSET Day
Thursday 22nd July INSET Day