

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to all of the Foundation Stage parents and carers who attended the workshop on reading at school this week. If you were unable to make the session please do make sure you contact Mrs Haynes to collect your reading pack.

Recently I have had a number of parents and carers ask me for information about how their child can learn a musical instrument at school.

At our school we work hard to provide our children with a good range of musical opportunities. All of our children in years 3 and 4 have the opportunity to experience playing the violin or cello for a term. This is part of the children's music curriculum. At the end of the term the children have the opportunity to continue with lessons provided in school by the County Music service, parents and carers make a financial contribution to these lessons.

Our children in years 5 and 6 have music sessions with our specialist music teacher Mr Findlay. During these lessons the children learn about a whole variety of styles of music and more recently have been using IT technology to compose their own music. Mr Findlay also leads an After-School Choir for children in Key stage 2 on Thursdays. There is no charge for this club, if you would like your child to take part in Choir sessions, please speak to Mrs Morris in the school office.

We are very fortunate to have a splendid brass band in our village and many of our children enjoy playing in the band. The band leader, Guy James, also teaches brass in our school, if your child is interested in taking brass lessons then please speak to Mrs Nind.

We also offer keyboard and guitar lessons, again please see Mrs Nind if you would like further information.

Our Harvest Festival Celebrations take place on Monday 7th October. The children are invited to bring in a donation of food, in a packet or a tin. We will take the donations with us when we celebrate Harvest at St Bartholomew church in Yarnton. Members of the church will very kindly take our donations to Kidlington Food Bank. If you would like to accompany the children to the church, please see your child's class teacher.

The date for our first PTA meeting is fast approaching. I do hope that you will be able to join us on Wednesday 2nd October in school at 7.00pm. I have heard that there will be refreshments on offer! It would be great to see lots of parents and carers there to kick off the first PTA event of the year.

As always thank you all for your continued support of our school.

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of September is Appreciation/Harvest



Writer of the week – Anya in Year 4
Mathematician of the week – Baran in Year 5
Reader of the week – Annabelle in Year 2
School Value – Corey in Year 5
Building Learning Power – Martha in Year 1

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 Swallows & Owls for 99.29% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 16.09.19 – 20.09.19
Eagles	98.46%
Kestrel	99.20%
Kingfishers	98.89%
Nightingales	93.93%
Owls	99.29%
Peregrine Falcons	94.53%
Red Kites	92.50%
Robins	94.62%
Sky Larks	94.62%
Swallows	99.29%
Wrens	96.00%
Total	96.71%

Email Newsletter

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you every week, can you please email Mrs Morris at office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk and your details will be added to the email list. Our newsletters can also be viewed online at <http://www.william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk> and on the William Fletcher Primary School App.

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 £4.00 per child starting at 07:30 and £3.50 per child starting at 08:00. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club please see the staff in the office.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

We are collecting the Team GB stickers from Aldi. If you have any stickers please hand them in to the school office where we have a poster to complete to receive a sports kit and a chance to win £20,000.

Yarnton Youth Netball Girls Club

There is a new Netball club starting in September for children aged 11 – 17 years old, on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:15, on the hardcourt in the playground. Sessions are free in September and October. For more information please email: yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com

Gosford All Blacks (GAB) Touch Rugby

Junior touch rugby at Gosford All Blacks starts back on Wednesdays in September, for all children aged 8 and up from 6.30-7.30pm. For more info email: kate@oxfordtouch.co.uk

Key Stage 2 children Viola and Cello Lessons

Oxfordshire Music Service hold viola and cello lessons at our school, during the day on Thursdays and there are spaces available. If you would like your child to sign up please follow the link below:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Tomorrow Mrs Warne will be holding a coffee morning event from 10am until 4pm in Yarnton Village hall and from 12noon to 2pm there will be soup with fresh bread. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Playmobil

If you have any Lego or Playmobil that you no longer use and would like to donate to the school, please see Mrs Morris in the office.

Forthcoming Dates

October 2019

01.10.19	Year 7 open morning at The Marlborough School (9am – 10.30am)
03.10.19	Year 6 Imps
07.10.19	Harvest Festival Celebration
09.10.19	Individual photographs
10.10.19	Year 1 & 2 Blenheim Palace
13.10.19	Schools Half Marathon, Oxford
14.10.19	Year 3 & 4 Blenheim Palace
15.10.19	Drop in session for parents 9-10am
16.10.19	Year 5 & 6 Blenheim Palace
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
25.10.19	End of term 1

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2019/2020

Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 25th October

Monday 2nd September INSET DAY

Term 2

Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December

Term 3

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February

Term 4

Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April

Term 5

Monday 20th April to Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May INSET Day

Term 6

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

Friday 3rd July INSET Day

Monday 20th July INSET Day

Tuesday 21st July INSET Day