

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week, children in years 5 and 6 took part in the Christmas Big Sing. The children joined nine other primary schools to perform at the Town Hall in Oxford. Each school sang on their own then joined together for a massed choir. The setting was beautiful and a wonderful experience for our children to perform on stage in front of such a large audience. Our children sang a jazz version of God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,



they were accompanied on piano by Mr Findlay, our choir leader and staff from the County music service on drums, electric guitar and percussion. Mrs Phillips did a great job conducting and even I was allowed to play percussion with the band! It was an excellent evening, our children who performed were a real credit to the school in the way they behaved, their enthusiasm and joy in taking part.



Tomorrow, children are invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes in exchange for an adult Christmas gift (no alcohol please), the gifts will be collected by members of the PTA who will then use them as part of the PTA Christmas shopping day later in the term.

All of the children are busy rehearsing their plays, please do collect your tickets if you have not yet done so from the school office. Once again, the PTA will be providing refreshments during each of the plays. If you are able to help with this, then please speak to your child's class teacher, member of the PTA or a member of staff in the school office.

I spoke to all of the children in assembly this week about wearing the correct school uniform, I would be grateful if you could reinforce this at home too and support the school uniform policy.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of November is Freedom



Writer of the week – Grace in Year 4
 Mathematician of the week – Freddy in Year 5
 Reader of the week – Ibrahim in Year 5
 School Value – Anelie in Year 1
 Building Learning Power – Becka in Year 4

Celebration of achievements

This week Grace & Leah-Kate in Year 5 has 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 75 nights of reading at home: Nancy, Isla M & Milly in Swallows. Ethan, Maisie & Emelia in Kingfishers. Charlie, Enid & Alissa in Nightingales. Dora-Jean in Kestrels. Grace & Olivia in Owls. Max F, Rory, Declan, & Honey in Peregrine Falcons. Thomas, Archie S, Sophia, Abby, Grace, Chanelle, Holly, Leah-Kate in Skylarks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Daisy, Amelia D, Isla C, Georgie & Hollie in Swallows. Anelie & Emily in Kingfishers. Anna in Kestrels. Joseph & Jasper in Owls. Maya in Peregrine Falcons. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Arthur in Nightingales. Amelia S & Maxim in Swallows.

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 Peregrine Falcons for 98.46% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 18.11.19 - 22.11.19
Eagles	96.92%
Kestrel	96.80%
Kingfishers	97.78%
Nightingales	97.50%
Owls	97.86%
Peregrine Falcons	98.46%
Red Kites	96.25%
Sky Larks	96.80%
Swallows	95.00%
Wrens	90.00%
Total	96.23%

Parent Governor Elections

As you will be aware, four parents put their names forward during our recent Parent Governor Elections. Voting closed at 12noon on Thursday November 21, 2019.

I am delighted to announce that after receiving a substantial amount of completed ballot forms, Daniel Wickham-Jones, parent to Peter in Year 3, received the majority and as such has been elected as Parent Governor to William Fletcher's Governing Body.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all four parents for putting themselves forward and would like to welcome Daniel to his new role. Trish Amesbury, Chair of Governors.

Play Equipment

Before and after school could we please ask that you do not allow your children to go on the school climbing frames. This is because at these times of the day the play equipment is not supervised by a member of staff.

School Library

Anna Isles will be in the library every Thursday from 3-3.30pm so that children can attend with parents to return and choose new books.

Christmas Dinner

On Thursday 19th December Fresh Start is offering a Christmas lunch for all children in school. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch please log into <https://freshstartcatering.uk> and use your log in details. The cost is £2.30 per child in Key Stage 2 and is free for Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils

Christmas Play Dates

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

Christmas Play Tickets

You must pick up your allocated tickets by tomorrow as the uncollected tickets will go on sale for other people to purchase on Monday 2nd December.

Parents who would like additional tickets may purchase spare tickets when they become available on **Monday 2nd December**, these will be sold on a 1st come 1st served basis.

Entrance will be strictly ticket only and the ticket must be presented on the door. This is to comply with Health & Safety guidelines.

Tickets cost £2.00 each, money collected goes towards paying for the hiring of lights and play licences.

Children's Christmas Shopping Day

The PTA organize this event each Christmas which is very popular with the children. For those of you who are new to William Fletcher School it runs like this: There are two non-uniform days and on each of these every child can wear his / her own clothes in exchange for bringing in a small gift suitable to be given to a parent. Then on the Christmas Shopping Day the children "go Christmas shopping" and are allowed to buy two gifts. The children then wrap these gifts themselves in the classroom and bring them home to put under the Christmas tree. The gifts are required to be new and unopened and in date (and nothing alcoholic please!). To give you some ideas of what to donate, the

children enjoy buying for their parents: Small boxes of chocolates or biscuits, sweets, shower gel, soaps, bubble bath.

Key dates:

Friday 29th November – non-uniform day in exchange for first gift

Friday 13th December – non-uniform day in exchange for a second gift

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Shopping Day

Forthcoming Dates

November 2019

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

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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

19.12.19 End of term 2

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 Thursday 19th 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