

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our work on World Earth Day, the children in Key Stage 2 met virtually with our partner school in India. The children took part in a very informative quiz thinking about different aspects of our environment. They then went on to ask and answer questions with the children in India.

Following on from this, some of our older children have begun an awareness campaign on the plight of bees in the UK. You may have seen some of their posters around the school highlighting the need to look after our bee population. Further on in this newsletter is a statement from the children, I know they will be delighted if you are able to incorporate some of their ideas into your own gardens. It is marvellous to see our young people responding to all our work on rights; the children here thinking about article 24 -the right to live in a healthy environment.

The PTA are meeting (virtually) this evening, at 7.30pm, all are welcome, so if you would like to attend please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

Next Monday (3rd May) is a bank holiday so we will not be in school but look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 4th May.

With Kind Regards

Deborah Nind and the WF team

Our assembly theme for the month of April is Forgiveness

Writer of the week – Orla in Year 5
 Mathematician of the week – Alfie in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Vinnie in Year 2
 School Value – Aanya, Ethan & Isobel in Year 5 & 6
 BLP of the week - Nikodem in Year 1



Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 225 nights of reading at home: Alissa in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Felicity, Martha, Isla & Amelia D in Swallows. Aanya, Georgia, Maggie, Charlotte & Jemima in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Tymek, Daisy & Maxim in Swallows. Isla in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Hollie & Georgia in Swallows. Asher in Red Kites. Esme & Ava in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Joshua in Kingfishers. Teddy, Dexter & Violet in Nightingales. Claudia in Red Kites. Toby & Phineas in Eagles. Olivia in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Eva in Red Kites. Alfie in Eagles.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Zac in Owls. Emilie in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 50 nights of reading at home: Josh in Red Kites.

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 19.04.21 – 23.04.21
Eagles	99.23%
Kestrel	99.13%
Kingfishers	99.20%
Nightingales	100%
Owls	97.50%
Peregrine Falcons	97.86%
Red Kites	100%
Robins	99.52%
Sky Larks	95.93%
Swallows	98.93%
Wrens	99.05%
Total	98.70%

Bee Keepers

We are a group of children (called the hives) that care about the care of bees. There are 270 species of bees in the UK and we need to help and support them all by doing simple things.

- Planting bee friendly flowers and plants.
- If you see an exhausted bee, you should make it some sugar water to revive it.
- Leave them be if you see them flying around near you.

If you carry this message on, we can raise awareness for our bees and make sure they are well cared for.

Always remember to be at one with bees.

If you would like to know a little more about Britain's wildlife and anything you can do to help, search <https://wildlifetrusts.org/>

Message from Governors

I'm sure you will all have noticed the new road markings painted and / or refreshed outside and opposite school on Rutten Lane and around the corners onto The Garth, Bartholomew Avenue and Stoutsfield Close. These have been provided by the Council in order to assist in road safety. As Governors welcoming children, carers and parents into school every morning, we have already noticed the difference this makes. For example, the traffic flows far more smoothly now that the chicane of cars parked opposite school is reduced. We would ask that for continued safety, all parent and carer drivers observe these essential safety restrictions and do not park or wait either on any of the yellow zig-zags or the white lines. Many thanks, Trish Amesbury, Chair of Governors

Yarnton Playgroup Fundraising

Fundraising has to be a little different at the moment, so Yarnton Preschool are starting their first Auction of Promises to assist in fundraising for iPads for our preschool.

The auction will be open for one week from 26th April - 3rd of May. All proceeds will be donated to Yarnton Preschool. Happy bidding!

<https://auctionofpromises.com/YarntonPreschoolAuction>

Kidlington Swimming Club

Are you interested in swimming for Kidlington Swimming Club? They are offering forthcoming Academy trial. Kidlington and Gosford Swimming Club (www.kgsc.co.uk) is a happy and welcoming volunteer run Swimmark accredited community club with Swim England trained coaches. We offer competitive swimming to children from age 7, with our swimmers competing at local, County, Regional and National level. We're now, following a Covid recruitment hiatus, keen to drag youngsters away from their 'devices' and recruit our next generation of swimmers. The link below is a flyer and explains that the trial is free of charge and will take place at 11am on Saturday 8th May at Kidlington and Gosford Leisure Centre. Families just need to register via the trail registration form at www.kgsc.co.uk/trail and our Head Coach, Joe, will be in touch to confirm their registration. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yarnton Youth Netball

Summer netball sessions. Open to boys and girls in years 5 & 6 from William Fletcher School. Training for the summer term will be Wednesdays after school 3:15-4:00 on the hard court on Rutten Lane. If you're interested in your child taking part please email yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com for more details.

Junior Touch Rugby

Junior touch rugby is back! Come and give this minimal contact form of rugby a try. This is for anyone over the age of 9, boy or girl, no experience necessary. Wednesday evenings starting 21st April, 6-7pm. See flyer on the app for more info or contact kate@oxfordtouch.co.uk

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 this term.**

Forthcoming Dates

May 2021

05.05.21	Tempest Class Photographs
14.05.21	Learning cards go home
28.05.21	Term 5 ends

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2020/2021

Term 5

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Term 6

Tuesday 8th June to Tuesday 20th July

Monday 7th June INSET

Wednesday 21st July INSET Day

Thursday 22nd July INSET Day

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 1

Thursday 2nd September to Friday 22nd October

Wednesday 1st September INSET Day

Term 2

Tuesday 2nd November to Friday 17th December

Monday 1st November INSET Day

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 18th February

Term 4

Monday 28th February to Friday 8th April

Term 5

Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May

Term 6

Tuesday 7th June to Wednesday 20th July

Monday 6th June INSET

Thursday 21st July INSET Day