

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our children in year 5 had the opportunity to visit The Marlborough School and watch the student production of Beauty and The Beast. The children enjoyed spotting past WF pupils, one of whom was in the lead role. It was also a good opportunity for our children to spend some time at the Marlborough, meeting some of the staff and pupils. The majority of our pupils transfer to the Marlborough for their secondary education.

Our school governors and senior leaders have been reviewing more effective ways to collect money for school trips, visits, breakfast club payments and other clubs. Having reviewed different systems we have decided that after half-term we will be adopting an on-line payment system called ParentPay. This system will reduce workload for our office staff and reduce the amount of paper we use in the school. ParentPay is used by The Marlborough School and so is familiar to many of our parents and carers already. There is more information about ParentPay further on in this newsletter. We will also be sending out information about how to log onto ParentPay and set up your account. We expect that there will be a few teething problems to begin with but are confident that adopting an online payment system will be of benefit to school in the long run.

This week your child will bring home a copy of a magazine called Digital Parenting. It has lots of advice for parents and carers about how to support your child using their phones and tablets safely. I am having an increasing number of conversations with parents who are concerned by the amount of time their child spends on their devices. Page 17 of the booklet has some useful ideas to support this which include; Setting ground rules as a family, using tech together, setting realistic screen time guidelines, leading by example and being kind online.

School Attendance

We have an increasing number of children who are arriving late to school, children should be in their classrooms ready to begin their learning at 8.45am. Children who arrive late for school not only miss out on the first part of the days learning, they also interrupt the learning of other children. On a more positive note school attendance this term is currently at 97.5% which is excellent.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of January is Friendship



Writer of the week – Amelia in Year 1
 Mathematician of the week – Scarlet in Year 5
 Reader of the week – Nell in Year 4
 School Value – Daisy in Year 6
 Building Learning Power – Beatriz in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

This week Alfie in Year 6, Ava B & Lucy in Year 5 have 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 150 nights of reading at home. Cherry & Zara in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home. Emelia & Toby in Kingfishers. Maggie in Kestrels. Abby in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Anelie in Kingfishers. Nathan in Swallows. Dexter in Nightingales. Emily in Kestrels. Kara in Owls. Jack in Eagles. Leah-Kate in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Selina in Kingfishers. Daisy, Amelia S & Hannah in Swallows. Tom in Nightingales. Lucy, Ava & Bella in Eagles. Scarlet & Thomas in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Teddy in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Vinnie in Kingfishers. Serenity in Nightingales. Zac in Owls.

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 Nightingales for 98.93% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 20.01.20 – 24.01.20
Eagles	98.46%
Kestrel	96.80%
Kingfishers	95.93%
Nightingales	98.93%
Owls	97.41%
Peregrine Falcons	96.92%
Red Kites	96.67%
Sky Larks	97.60%
Swallows	97.86%
Wrens	95.48%
Total	97.19%

Ignite Football Club – Term 4 - Every Monday from 3pm – 4pm

If you would like your child to attend Ignite Football Club for term 4 which runs every Monday from 3pm to 4pm, please see Mrs Morris in the office.

Lego Club – Term 4 - Every Monday from 3pm – 4pm

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Forthcoming Dates

February 2020

07.02.20	Learning Cards go home
10.02.20	Learning cards returned to school
11.02.20	Curriculum session for parents and carers 5.30pm – 6.30pm
12.02.20	Hooke Court meeting at 3.15pm in Kestrel class.
13.02.20	Year 5 & 6 Sports hall Athletics
14.02.20	End of Term 3
24.02.20	Term 4 begins
26.02.20	Year 6 Junior Citizen

March 2020

02.03.20	Year 1 Dance at The Marlborough School
02.03.20	Parent – Teacher Discussions
03.03.20	Netball Tournament
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05.03.20	Heights & Weights Measurements - FS & Year 6
10.03.20	Tag Rugby Tournament – Stratfield Brake
11.03.20 – 13.03.20	Hook Court – Year 4
27.03.20	Learning cards go home
30.03.20	Learning cards returned to school

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2019/2020

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

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

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as school trips, clubs and breakfast club. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit / debit card or continue to make cash/cheque payments at the office.

How to get started with ParentPay?

We will send your account activation details on 10th February 2020. Once you receive these:

- Visit www.parentpay.com
- Enter your Activation username and password in the Account login section of the homepage.
NB. These are for one-time use only, please change your own username and password for future access during activation process.
- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account – registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders.
- Once activation is complete you can go straight to items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment.

If you have any question, please contact the school office. For more information, visit www.parentpay.com/parents/

