

Dear Parents and Carers



Last week our children in Key Stage 2 took part in Cricket Coaching sessions led by a coach from the organisation “Chance to Shine” who promote the game of cricket in our area. The children enjoyed taking part in the sessions and we are keen to continue to promote cricket in our school over the coming months.

Keeping to the sporting theme we were delighted to welcome Miss Malloch (lead PE and sports teacher at The Marlborough School in Woodstock) to our school this week. Miss Malloch worked with some of our older children teaching refereeing skills, so they in turn can help referee football games at break times. Miss Malloch was very pleased with the manner in which the children conducted themselves and the children enjoyed the responsibility of refereeing games, many finding it not as easy as they had first thought it would be!



Next week we will be celebrating Harvest Festival and we are delighted to be able to return to St Bartholomew’s Church in Yarnton for our celebrations. This year our arrangements will be slightly different in that we will be holding three celebrations at the church in order to reduce numbers of children being together. As part of our celebrations we invite families to either make a donation for the charity Water Aid (who support communities around the world in providing clean, safe drinking water) or bring a tin or packet of food to school which we will take to church for collection by the Kidlington food bank. If children would like to bring a food donation they should do so on the day of their Harvest celebration.

Tuesday 5th October Years 3 and 4

Tuesday 5th October Years 1 and 2

Friday 8th October Years 5 and 6

Children in Foundation Stage will have their Harvest Celebrations in school during the week.

Donations to Water Aid can be given in cash to the office or teachers. We are very grateful to Reverend Oliver for being so accommodating in supporting three services this year for our school.

School Challenge Oxfords Half 2021

If you have entered your child into the School Challenge Oxfords Half 2021, the T-Shirts and Bibs will be sent to school, so parents **do not** need to go to race village on Saturday, they will collect them from the teacher.

We will be holding our first set of Parent-Teacher discussions on 19.10.21 and 20.10.21. We will be sending out booking arrangements shortly so please do look out for these. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child’s class teacher to discuss their progress this term.

Many thanks to everyone for completing the parent questionnaire, we do appreciate your feedback. It is not too late to complete the questionnaire if you have not yet done so, a link can be found on the School App.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of September is Appreciation



Writer of the week – Maisie in Year 4
Mathematician of the week – Maisie in Year 6
Reader of the week – Forrest in Year 1
School Value – Charlie in Year 4
BLP of the week – Senay in Year 2

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Ella in Kingfishers. Gabriel in Swallows. Ben, Anelie, Kieran, Selina, Ava, Isla & Annabel in Kestrels. Emily, Charlie, Ingrid, Georgia, Milly, Nathan, Daisy, Zeko & Nancy in Owls. Luka in Red Kites. Daniel, Toby, Betsy, Dora, Frankie & Ellie-Mae in Eagles. Maisie, Nell, Claire C, Daisy, Iris & Peter in Peregrine Falcons. Finley in Sky Larks.

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 20.09.21 – 24.09.21
Eagles	92.92%
Kestrel	98.32%
Kingfishers	98.33%
Nightingales	96.92%
Owls	95.30%
Peregrine Falcons	96.43%
Red Kites	100%
Robins	96.88%
Sky Larks	98.02%
Swallows	95.77%
Wrens	96.47%
Total	96.92%

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.**

Individual & Siblings School Photos

Tempest will be coming in on 06.10.21 to take your child's individual photo. This year due to the pandemic and keeping people to a minimum in school at one time, the sibling photo will be only with the siblings in school.

Robins & Wrens Pumpkin Patch

Robins and Wrens are going to make a pumpkin patch in the garden! If you would like to donate pumpkins for this could you bring in from Monday 4th October. They are also looking for a couple of hay bales, if you are able to donate any hay bales, please contact the office.

Morrisons Good to Grow Scheme

We are participating in Morrisons Good to Grow Gardening Scheme, where the school will receive gardening equipment. If you shop online or instore at Morrisons you can collect points for our school, if you shop at Morrisons and would like to help the school get some more gardening equipment, please do the following:

1. Sign up to MyMorrisons today. Simply go to mymorrisons.com or download the MyMorrisons app
2. Once registered you can collect Grow Tokens for any shopping you do online or in store
3. On your first visit to MyMorrisons you'll be asked to select the school you'd like to donate your Grow Tokens to
4. Then after each shop log onto your MyMorrisons account and donate

News from the PTA

Just a reminder that the PTA AGM is booked for Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm in the school hall. We are planning to offer zoom invites too, if you would like to attend either in person or virtually please email us at williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

We are still in need of a new chair or co-chairs for the PTA.

Words from our current chair Steph "This is a wonderful way to help support our children and school. Please do get in touch with me if you are interested. I didn't know anything about the PTA before I became chairperson and I have really enjoyed getting involved. No prior experience is necessary just a capacity to work with the PTA team and the school. Our current secretary and treasurer are amazing and will help you all the way. The active members are knowledgeable and keen to try new and old things. If you are even slightly tempted I can assure you it's a very rewarding role"

To speak with Steph or get more information on the role please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

Events at Yarnton Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion have a few events coming up, and it would be great to have lots of local people at these events, please see below for the details:

Halloween Disco

Friday 29th Oct, Starts at 8pm.

Fun for all the family! Prizes for best costumes (Children and Adults!)

£2 per ticket, or £5 per Family. Tickets available now from the British Legion or contact Jo Coffey (jovarney2001@yahoo.co.uk).

Christmas Craft and Gift Fair

Sunday 7th Nov, 11am - 2pm

Lots of stalls selling homemade goodies, including Wreaths, wooden gifts, chocolate products, preserves, bath and body products and lots more! Refreshments will also be available.

Step 2 Dance Lessons

A local dance company Step 2 that comes into school has lots of lessons for all range of ages. Please see website below for further details:

[Step 2 Dance Oxford Homepage — STEP 2 DANCE](#)

Yarnton Youth Netball

Open to boys and girls in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from William Fletcher School. Training is on Wednesdays at the school, after school until 4pm. Places are limited, and if you are interest in your child taking part please email yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com for more

details. This year we will be asking all youngsters involved to become members of England Netball for a small one-off fee, so that we can run the session as part of Yarnton Netball Club.

Yarnton Blues FC U9s (September 2021)

Yarnton Blues Football Club – U9s are looking for players for next season (starting September 2021). If your child will still be aged 8 on August 31st 2021 and would be interested in joining the team, we have spaces available at the moment.

Training sessions take place on Wednesdays at 17:30 at Yarnton Park, off Rutten lane.

****Note:** Football boots or astros, and shin pads required.

If you would like more information please contact the club secretary James Finnigan via email (secretary@yarnton-blues.co.uk).

Forthcoming Dates

October 2021

04.10.21 –	
08.10.21	Year 6 Bikeability
05.10.21	Harvest festival
06.10.21	Tempest individual photographs
15.10.21	Learning cards go home
15.10.21	Year 3 – 6 X Country
18.10.21	Learning cards returned to school
19.10.21	Parent- teacher discussions
20.10.21	Parent- teacher discussions
22.10.21	Term 1 ends

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

Wednesday 5th January to Friday 18th February

Tuesday 4th January INSET

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

Wednesday 20th July INSET DAY

Thursday 21st July INSET Day