

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Christmas season is well and truly upon us in school! As is our tradition at WF all of the classes have made Christmas pictures to decorate the hall, this year our theme is trees. They are beautiful pictures and really capture the feeling of the season.



We have had two real Christmas trees donated to school from Yarnton Nursery and Bunkers Hill. We have one tree inside decorated with lights, and one outside will be decorated with Christmas messages written by the children.

The children are working with their teachers videoing short Christmas performances, for children in years 1-6 these will be posted on to google classroom for you to watch at home. **These videos must not be shared online with other parties**, this is similar to the arrangement we have in place for parents videoing live performances in school. If you are not happy with this arrangement then please speak to your child's class teacher and we will ensure that your child is not filmed.

Our children in Foundation Stage have been working hard in all areas of their learning, including developing their craft skills, here are some super photos of the children carefully using scissors to cut card for their pictures.



Our children on the newly formed school Arts Council are organising a virtual photography exhibition on the theme of winter. They would like children to take a photograph that expresses winter, it could be a wintery landscape, a tree covered in frost, family dressed for winter – the possibilities are endless! Children are invited to send their photos by 7th January 2021 to the Arts Council email at: artscouncil@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk
The children will create the virtual exhibition in the new year.

TIKTOK

I have received some rather disturbing information from Oxfordshire County Council about the APP TIKTOK. It appears that there is a video that appears on the screen called "Megan is Missing" and is based on a 2011 film of the same name which is banned in many countries. The film is apparently exceedingly violent. It has been reported that it is causing significant trauma to those who have witnessed the content of the video. It has already gone viral in other parts of the country so please do be vigilant.

TIKTOK has an age recommendation of **13+ years** and so our children should not be using this APP. If your child is using TIKTOK please ensure you check their private settings and that you remain highly vigilant about your child's online activities. Further guidance can be found online at <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

Our first non-uniform day takes place tomorrow, your child is invited to come to school dressed in non-uniform and with a gift for an adult which the PTA will collect in readiness for our Christmas shopping day in the last week of term.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of December is Peace

Writer of the week – Stanley in Year 6
Mathematician of the week – Robert in Year 2
Reader of the week – Ellie-Mae in Year 4
School Value – Selina in Year 3



Celebration of achievements

This week, Ethan in Year 6 and Bethany-Rose in Year 5 have been awarded their Silver 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 100 nights of reading at home. Dora-Jean in Kestrels. Jasper in Owls.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home. Toby in Kingfishers. Felicity, William & Maxim in Swallows. Peter in Kestrels. Ethan C in Red Kites. Maisie, Iris & Henry in Peregrine Falcons. Lyla, Phineas, Lucy M & Orhan in Eagles. Charlotte in Skylarks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Tegan & Immy in Nightingales. Artur W & Jack in Swallows. Josh in Kestrels. Austin, Stanley, Orla, Lucy B, Alfie C, Olly, Jack B & Sebastian in Eagles. Archie & Bethany-Rose in Skylarks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Joshua in Swallows. Nikola 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.

Class	Attendance for 23.11.20 – 27.11.20
Eagles	93.14%
Kestrel	98.91%
Kingfishers	98.99%

Nightingales	98.15%
Owls	96.28%
Peregrine Falcons	95.05%
Red Kites	100%
Robins	100%
Sky Larks	94.44%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	100%
Total	97.57%

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 £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 Term 3.**

Oxford Food Bank

Every Monday, we receive a delivery from the Oxford Food Bank. This registered charity, run by volunteers, deliver fresh and non-perishable food from local supermarkets and wholesalers with the aim of reducing food waste in Oxfordshire. We are, therefore, able to provide weekly food parcels for anyone who may need one. For more information, please get in touch with Clare Pink (Family Support Worker) clarepink@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk.

Second-hand uniform

We have a range of second-hand jumpers, cardigans and t-shirts. Please contact Clare Pink if there is anything you need.

PTA Art Work

The children completed a piece of art which you are able to look at online and buy various items with your child's art work on. The details to log online to view and purchase your child's artwork on different items are:

Parents login at www.mychildsart.co.uk

Click on 'parent looking to order a child's artwork' button.

Click 'log in'

Login to a GROUP ORDER PORTAL using the details below:

Username: WilliamFletcher

Password: M7Jw7DnY

Any queries please call the customer service team on [01530 887650](tel:01530887650) or email customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk.

PTA Christmas Shopping Events

Each year we hold two non-uniform days on the Fridays leading up to Christmas to support this event.

1st Non-uniform Day: Tomorrow

2nd Non-uniform Day: Friday 11th December

On each of these non-uniform days we ask for the children to bring in a gift suitable for a parent, carer, sibling, grandparent or anyone they decide they want to buy for. We no longer expect it to be a male and female gift as in previous years. These are to be brought into their classrooms and will then be checked, sorted and stored until the shopping event. Ideas include items such as a box of chocolates, biscuits, toiletries, socks, mugs, gloves, games...anything you would like to receive. (no alcoholic gifts please!)

Please can we ask that these are new, unopened and in date where applicable.

Shopping Day: Wednesday 16th December

On the actual shopping day we ask for your child to bring in £2 and to hand to their teacher/class money box, please put in an envelope with their name on if possible to avoid cash handling. This allows them to buy 2 gifts for whoever they choose.

They will choose their gifts from a class selection that has been quarantined and they will then wrap and label their gifts to come home with them.

We hope this answers some questions but if not please email

williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

The children thoroughly enjoy choosing the gifts themselves, the wrapping and the surprise for the recipients.

Play Equipment

Before and after school could we please ask that you do not allow your children to go on the school climbing frames.

Yarnton Playgroup Events

Following the success of the Spooky Trail around the village we are holding a Christmas trail from 12th December until Christmas Eve. If you'd like to create a festive display outside your home and feature on the trail map, please sign up by 27th November. Maps to walk the trail will be on sale from Budgens & Preschool for just £2 each. Join the group Yarnton Family Fun on Facebook for further details.

Forthcoming Dates

December 2020

04.12.20

Non Uniform Day in exchange for a gift

11.12.20

Non Uniform Day in exchange for a gift

16.12.20

Christmas Shopping Day