

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been a very busy week at William Fletcher School! On Monday three architects from an Architects firm in Summertown spent the day in school working with all our children in years 3 and 4. The children designed and built an Ancient Egyptian town. All of the children made plans to scale and then built their designs using a range of materials. The visiting architects spent time talking to the children about being an architect and then worked with the children on their designs. At the end of the day the children brought their models into the school hall and put together their town along the banks of the Nile – it looked amazing.



On Tuesday, we had the final part of our pollen project. Dr Hommel came into school and worked with the Key Stage 2 children, exploring how examining pollen can tell us what the landscape in Yarnton looked like thousands of years ago. In the afternoon Dr Hays, one of the archaeologists who

worked on the dig at the Yarnton gravel pits, came to speak to the children. It was fascinating to learn about the dig that took place in the village and look at pictures of what the settlement in Yarnton looked like when it was first established. We were also very fortunate to have Raphael Brough's grandparents join us for the day. Mr Brough is a bee keeper and he brought in lots of artefacts and an observation bee hive, so the children could learn about how bees make honey and the importance of looking after our bee populations. The children also had the opportunity to taste honey, for some it was the first time they had tried honey – most thought it was delicious! It was a



marvellous day and reminded me what a great job all of the staff do for our children. I am extremely grateful to Dr Hommel and Mr and Mrs Brough for the time and commitment they have given to our school and for making the project such an interesting and exciting learning experience.



Last Thursday, Key Stage 1, and yesterday Key Stage 2, had their Sports Days, the children thoroughly enjoyed their mornings. All of the children were active and engaged, which is exactly what we want our children to be doing during sports sessions.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who supported the summer fete last Friday. The sun shone, which enabled us all to enjoy the evening. I certainly enjoyed catching up with parents and children who have left our school now – it's so nice that they enjoy coming back to WF to share their news and join in with the occasion. The PTA did an excellent job organising the event and I am grateful to them all, for their work and



commitment to our school.

The School Council will be selling ice lollies after school tomorrow, to raise money for a new buddy bench for the school playground.

Best Wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of July is Responsibility / Journeys



Writer of the week – Tiffanie in Year 6
Mathematician of the week – Kaidie in Year 6
Reader of the week – Emelia in Year 1
School Value – Sonny in Year 4
Building Learning Power – Ross in Year 5

Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Becka & Nell in Owls. Ava & Zachary in Swallows.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Aaron in Nightingales. Oliver in Swallows. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 75 nights of reading at home: Mathias in Nightingales.

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 Swallows for 100% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 24.06.19 – 28.06.19
Eagles	94.67%
Kestrel	97.78%
Kingfishers	90.91%
Nightingales	96.36%
Owls	97.14%
Peregrine Falcons	95.50%
Red Kites	96.43%
Robins	92.17%
Sky Larks	95.53%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	96.25%
Total	95.66%

Ignite Football Club – Every Friday from 3pm – 4pm

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

Yarnton Youth Netball Girls Club

There is a new Netball club starting in September for children aged 11 – 17 years old, on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:15, on the hardcourt in the playfield. Sessions are free in September and October.

There is a free **taster session on Tuesday 9th July** at the courts from 6:15-7:15pm for girls age 11-17 years old.

For more information please email: yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com

Gosford All Blacks (GAB) Touch Rugby

Come along to Stratfield Brake OX5 1UP to see if rugby is for you this summer term! Touch rugby on Wednesdays 6-7pm is open to all 8-11 year olds (years 3-6). It is a non-contact, fast paced game for boys and girls. For more info

contact Kate@oxfordtouch.co.uk

Kidlington Youth Football Club

Kidlington Youth Football Club are running a training/taster session for boys and girls in the Under 5 and Under 6 age groups in preparation for the 2019/20 season. The session is aimed at those boys and girls who will be moving into Foundation and Year 1 after the summer holidays. The session will take place on Saturday 20th July at Exeter Hall Park, Kidlington, OX5 1AG from 09:30 – 10:30. The session will be run by qualified coaches and is the perfect opportunity for boys and girls to come along and get a feel for the game. To reserve your place or to find out more please contact either:

Matt Peachey - matt1peachey@yahoo.co.uk or Donna Connelly -

kyfcsecretary@gmail.com

Yarnton Pre-School Competition Time

In celebration of Yarnton Pre-School becoming 40 this year we would like your help. Can you help us to design a new logo?_The competition winner will be announced in September and the new logo design will be revealed. The winner will be awarded a prize and will be named and photographed for our newsletter in term 1. Our competition is open to all children aged 4-11. Please deliver all entries to YPS by Wednesday 24th July. Entries must include your full name, your age, a contact address and a telephone number. We look forward to receiving your designs.

Forthcoming Dates

July 2019

08.07.19 – 12.07.19	(not 11.07.19) Year 6 Bikeability Training
08.07.19	3.15pm Meet the teachers for children moving into years 3 or 4
10.07.19	Reports go home
10.07.19	Foundation Stage Sports Day starts 9am

10.07.19	3.15pm Meet the teachers for children moving into years 5 or 6
12.07.19	Foundation Stage Sports day if sports day on 10.07.19 is wet
18.07.19	Leavers Evening
19.07.19	Governors Awards Assembly
23.07.19	Leavers Assembly
23.07.19	End of term
24.07.19	Inset Day

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2018/2019

Term 6

Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July
Wednesday 24th July INSET Day

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 Friday 20th 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