

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school, I hope you had an enjoyable half-term break.

This week the children have been taking part in Parliament Week. This is a national event where children all over the UK learn about how our governing system works. The children take part in a whole range of activities including class debates, virtual tours of the Houses of Parliament and online quizzes. In our school some of our children debated what they would do if they had £100 to spend on the school playground, they learnt how debates are organised and run to ensure everyone taking part is heard.

Children at WF also learnt about COP 26 and how this relates to the UN, they looked at some of the issues being discussed at COP 26 and who is representing the UK at the conference.

In school this week, we have also launched Manners Month. During the month of November, we will be reminding the children of the importance of using good manners; remembering to say please and thank you and being respectful towards everyone in our school. Please support this initiative at home with your children.

We will be supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The children will have the opportunity to purchase items out of the Poppy Box, which will be taken to their classrooms on one of the following days, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, if you would like your child to purchase an item or make donation, please can you make sure they bring their loose change.

Next Friday (12th November) the PTA will be running school discos for the children. If you would like your child to take part please do look out for the information regarding timings and tickets, as always offers of help would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

**Our assembly theme for the month of November is Freedom**



Writer of the week – Milly in Year 4  
Mathematician of the week – Nathaniel in Year 2  
Reader of the week – Charlotte in Year 6  
BLP of the week – Isla in Year 4  
Value of the Week – Esme in Year 6

### **Celebration of achievements**

This week Cora & Dora in Year 5 and Daniel, Toby T, Orhan, Jack B, Olly, Elise & Emily in Year 6 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrows. 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 50 nights of reading at home: Senay & Alex P in Kingfishers. Simon & Oscar WJ in Nightingales. Tilly, Edith, Luca,

Emeran, Esme, Eva & Joshua in Swallows. Milly, Nate, Nancy, Tom, Dexter, Charlie, Amelia, Daisy, Serenity, Ingrid, Georgia, Zeko & Nathan in Owls. Jude, Luka & Evan in Red Kites. Annabel, Isla, Tymek, Anelie, Martha, Ben, Harry & Nevaeh B in Kestrels. Orhan, Daniel and Toby in Eagles. Maisie, Iris, Claire, Nell, Seb, Peter & Becka in Peregrine Falcons. Charlotte in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Reggie, Daniel, Immy, Stanley & Phoebe in Kingfishers. Ruari in Nightingales. Sofia in Swallows. Zach in Red Kites. Emmie & Henry in Owls. Olly in Eagles.

## 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 18.10.21 – 22.10.21
Eagles	95.99%
Kestrel	97.02%
Kingfishers	96.69%
Nightingales	96.97%
Owls	95.82%
Peregrine Falcons	95.64%
Red Kites	97.61%
Robins	95.49%
Sky Larks	95.73%
Swallows	98.92%
Wrens	95.87%
Total	96.63%

## 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.**

## PTA

### Christmas Artwork

As mentioned previously the process for ordering the children's Christmas artwork is different this year.

Each form has a unique reference number for your child which you'll need to add online when placing your order. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS IF YOU PLAN TO ORDER AFTER RETURNING THE FORM.**

Once ordered please tick the box on the form and return the artwork to school. If you don't return the form to school the artwork can't be uploaded and there's a risk you'll receive blank items. The deadline for forms to be returned is **THIS Friday 5th November.**

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com)

Many thanks and please share!

### Autumn Disco

The Autumn Disco is next Friday 12th November.

Times are as follows -

Years 1 & 2: 3.45pm- 4.45pm

Years 3 & 4: 5.00pm- 6.00pm

Years 5 & 6: 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Tickets are £5 and include entry, hotdog, drink, sweets and a glowstick.

We will be selling tickets in advance in the bottom playground at pick up Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th November.

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### **Resources for Key Stage 1**

Could you start to save/bring in the following for our DT project this term please?

We are making packed lunch boxes for pirates!

\*Plastic/paper bags

\*Cardboard

\*A variety of different sized and shaped cardboard/plastic boxes and containers

Thank you from the KS1 Team

### **Winter viruses information from Oxfordshire County Council**

This winter, compared to last, there is a higher risk of catching a winter virus because people are getting more exposure to common viral infections.

COVID-19, flu, norovirus and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) could all be in circulation at the same time in Oxfordshire.

For the majority of children, these illnesses will not be serious, and they will soon recover, but it's important we do all we can to minimise the chance of them spreading.

Vaccinations are an important part of reducing that risk – so please do ensure you and your families get the vaccines you are offered – but there is a lot more we can do at home, work and school.

- If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19 – a temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell, book them a PCR test. This can be done at [gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).
- If you don't have symptoms or you just feel more generally unwell, you should regularly test for COVID-19 using an LFD test. These can be collected at pharmacies, ordered online, or you can get them through secondary schools.
- If your child is unwell – for example has an upset tummy, is nauseous, has a temperature, a bad cough or is sneezing a lot – keep them at home and follow the relevant guidance.
- Ensure you encourage your family to keep washing and drying their hands. Almost 80% of illness-causing germs are transmitted by the hands. Drying them can remove 99% of those germs so it's important to do both.
- Throw away used tissues and keep surfaces wiped down. They can harbour germs and so increase the risk of the viruses spreading.
- If you know someone is not well, then try to stay away from them. It's obvious, but the closer you are, the more likely you are to catch the virus they have.

More information on winter viruses can be found through the links below.

- Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group leaflet about managing your child's health
- Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group leaflet on bronchiolitis
- Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group leaflet on fever
- 0 – 18 NHS website

### **Yarnton Fireworks**

On Saturday 13 November. Gates open at 6pm. Fireworks start at 7.00pm.

Little Marsh Playing Field (Behind the Turnpike Pub), Green Lane, Yarnton, OX5 1QE.

American Hotdogs, Dinky Donuts, Cakes, Sweets & Refreshments!

Tickets can be purchased online [www.tinyurl.com/yarntonfireworks](http://www.tinyurl.com/yarntonfireworks) for £3 each in advance, or £4 on the gate. Under 5's are free.

## Events at Yarnton Royal British Legion

### 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.

## Forthcoming Dates

### November 2021

11.11.21 Imps visit  
12.11.21 PTA Autumn Disco  
15.11.21 – 19.11.21 Year 6 Glasbury visit  
26.11.21 Non Uniform Day in exchange for a female gift (for the Christmas Shopping Event)

### December 2021

03.12.2021 Non Uniform Day in exchange for a male gift (for the Christmas Shopping Event)  
07.12.2021 Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10am  
07.12.2021 Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 1.45pm  
08.12.2021 Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10am  
08.12.2021 Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm  
09.12.2021 Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9.45am  
09.12.2021 Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 2pm  
09.12.2021 Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm  
Year 5 & 6 are doing a summer play in term 6  
10.12.2021 Learning cards go home  
13.12.2021 Learning cards returned to school  
14.12.2021 Christmas Shopping Day  
15.12.2021 Class Christmas Parties  
16.12.2021 Christmas School Lunch  
17.12.2021 Carol Service for Key Stage 1 & 2  
17.12.2021 Term 2 ends

## William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

### Term 2

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November INSET Day

### Term 3

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January INSET

### Term 4

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

### Term 5

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June INSET  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July INSET DAY  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET Day