

Dear Parents and Carers,



Last week some of our older children took part in the West Oxfordshire Boccia tournament. We sent a team of four children who thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They worked well as a team, communicating well with each



other and discussing tactics. As is often the case with our sports events the children were a credit to the school, remembering to shake hands with the opposing teams and thanking the umpires for their time.



Our year 6 are currently away on residential for the week, they are having lots of fun canoeing, caving, hill walking, and lots more. Last night they all enjoyed their Christmas dinner. It has been very quiet in school without them!



Our children in Foundation Stage have been working hard this week. The first job this week was to decorate the Christmas tree! They have explored the frost and made marks/written their names and been ordering the numbered stockings from 1-24 on the washing line. Yesterday they have been getting the garden ready for winter by shifting the logs and collecting up the leaves and pine cones.



The Christmas season has arrived at William Fletcher School, staff have hung the Christmas artwork in the hall, the Christmas figures are on display in the entrance and we have a beautiful Christmas tree. Our thanks go to Yarnton Nurseries who donated the tree to school.

We will be entertaining parents and carers with our school Christmas plays next week (seven performances in total!). If you are able to help the PTA during the week of the performances, I know this will be very well received, please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the office. The PTA would welcome donations of cakes and help selling refreshments and raffle tickets. As the PTA are aiming to be more environmentally conscious we are asking if you could bring along a reusable mug.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of December is Freedom



Writer of the week – Maxim in Year 1
Mathematician of the week – Ben in Year 1
Reader of the week – Russell in Year 5
School Value – Maya in Year 6
Building Learning Power – Ross in Year 6

Celebration of achievements

This week Jack, Lucy, Sophia & Tristian 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 75 nights of reading at home: Isla C & Tymek in Swallows. Eliza, Jack, Lyla, Lucy M, Phineas & Bella in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Charlie in Swallows. Lucy B, Bella & Sebastian 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.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Red Kites for 99.58% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 25.11.19 – 29.11.19
Eagles	97.69%
Kestrel	96.80%
Kingfishers	97.04%
Nightingales	97.14%
Owls	90.36%
Peregrine Falcons	96.15%
Red Kites	99.58%
Sky Larks	98.40%
Swallows	94.64%
Wrens	99.35%
Total	96.68%

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 £4.00 per child starting at 07:30 and £3.50 per child starting at 08:00. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club, please see the staff in the office.

Play Equipment

Before and after school could we please ask that you do not allow your children to go on the school climbing frames. This is because at these times of the day the play equipment is not supervised by a member of staff.

School Library

Anna Isles will be in the library every Thursday from 3-3.30pm so that children can attend with parents to return and choose new books.

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 playground. Sessions are free in September and October. For more information please email: yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com

Key Stage 2 children Viola and Cello Lessons

Oxfordshire Music Service hold viola and cello lessons at our school, during the day on Thursdays and there are spaces available. If you would like your child to sign up please follow the link below:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>.

Advent Café

Advent Cafe Create takes place this Sunday 8th December from 3pm-5pm in Yarnton Village Hall. An all age gathering, with creative activities and reflections on the meaning of Christmas. With mince pies and festive refreshments. Run by St Bartholomew's Church. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Christmas Dinner

On Thursday 19th December Fresh Start is offering a Christmas lunch for all children in school. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch please log into <https://freshstartcatering.uk> and use your log in details. The cost is £2.30 per child in Key Stage 2 and is free for Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils

Christmas Play Dates

10.12.19	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm
11.12.19	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm
11.12.19	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance – 5.00pm
11.12.19	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance – 7.00pm
12.12.16	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm
12.12.19	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance – 5.00pm
12.12.19	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance – 7.00pm

Children's Christmas Shopping Day

The PTA organize this event each Christmas which is very popular with the children. For those of you who are new to William Fletcher School it runs like this: There is one more non-uniform day and on this day every child can wear his / her own clothes in exchange for bringing in a small gift suitable to be given to a parent. Then on the Christmas Shopping Day the children "go Christmas shopping" and are allowed to buy two gifts, priced at £1 each. The children then wrap these gifts themselves in the classroom and bring them home to put under the Christmas tree. The gifts are required to be new and unopened and in date (and nothing alcoholic please!). To give you some ideas of what to donate, the children enjoy buying for their parents: Small boxes of chocolates or biscuits, sweets, shower gel, soaps, bubble bath.

Key dates:

Friday 13th December – non-uniform day in exchange for a second gift.

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Shopping Day – children to bring in £2.

Forthcoming Dates

December 2019

02.12.19 – 06.12.19	Glasbury Year 6
10.12.19	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm
11.12.19	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm
11.12.19	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance – 5.00pm
11.12.19	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance – 7.00pm
12.12.16	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm
12.12.19	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance – 5.00pm
12.12.19	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance – 7.00pm
13.12.19	Learning cards go home
13.12.19	Non-uniform day in exchange for second gift
16.12.19	Learning cards returned
17.12.19	Christmas shopping day
18.12.19	Class Christmas parties
19.12.19	School Christmas dinner
19.12.19	End of term 2

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 Thursday 19th 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