

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and the start of term 2.



This week the children have been taking part in Parliament Week. They have learned about the way our parliament works and what it means to be able to vote in a democracy. They have discussed ways in which voters can have an effect on how the country is governed, both by voting and by approaching their MP directly. The older children have held mock debates on subjects like school uniform, and then voted to decide the outcome. In Key Stage 1, the vote was about which is the best fruit. All of the children came up with questions about being an MP which were sent to our MP, Layla Moran. She has very kindly



made a video answering those questions which the children have watched.

Next week is Children in Need, the theme this year is based around children's mental wellbeing. During the week our children, with their teachers and teaching assistants, will incorporate "Five to Thrive" into their day - the 5 ways to wellbeing. These are: connecting with other people, taking notice, being active, being curious and giving to others. Please try and discuss these with your children next week and encourage them to think how they can incorporate these ideas into their routines at home.

On Friday 13th the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and dress in yellow and or spots and or a home decorated t-shirt. We will be collecting for children in Need so please either donate via parent-pay using the following link

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1287> or send your child in with a donation which they should give to their child's class teacher.

We will be holding parents' evenings next week, unfortunately we are not able to hold face to face meetings, but we have been able to set up virtual meetings. If you haven't yet signed up, please do so over the next few days by visiting <https://williamfletcher.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. If you are not able to meet with your child's class teacher virtually you should arrange a time to have a phone call to discuss your child's progress this year. Please find attached instructions how to make a video call, we recommend you logging onto the system 10 minutes before your appointment.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of October is Justice



Writer of the week – Saesha in Year 5
Mathematician of the week – Jacob in Year 1
Reader of the week – Dylan in Year 2
School Value – Corey in Year 6



Celebration of achievements

This week, Elise, Emilie, Archie S & Alex 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 50 nights of reading at home: Scarlet, Emily, Amelie, Toby V & Ben in Kingfishers. Leah, Jaya, Ingrid & Charlie in Nightingales. Felicity, Eva, Tymek, Martha & Amelia D in Swallows. Georgia, Claire, Nathan, Charlotte, Zac & Finley in Owls. Claudia, Ethan & Alissa in Red Kites. Lyla E, Lucy M, Orhan, Phineas and Austin in Eagles. Maisie & Zara in Peregrine Flacons. Chanelle, Holly, Aanya, Ben, Emilie & Jemima in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home. Ruby, Phoebe & Robert in Nightingales. Dylan in Swallows. Zach & Nathan in Red Kites. Corey & Lilly in Peregrine Falcons. Toby in Eagles. Archie R, Tristan & Oliver 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 19.10.20 – 23.10.20
Eagles	100%
Kestrel	100%
Kingfishers	99.63%
Nightingales	96.92%
Owls	100%
Peregrine Falcons	99.29%
Red Kites	98.07%
Robins	95.19%
Sky Larks	100%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	100%
Total	99.08%

Message from the PTA

The PTA would like to say thank you very much to everyone who entered the Halloween Competition, it looked like fun was had by all; carving pumpkins, baking spooky cakes and biscuits, dressing up and making Halloween

decorations. The photos were great; such creative ideas, thank you to all the parents for emailing them in. Mrs Nind had a difficult time choosing just one winner per class, but we are delighted to congratulate the following children:

Ruari - Robins

Teddy - Wrens

Delcie - Kingfisher

Arthur - Swallow

Dexter - Nightingale

Nathan L - Owls

Claudia - Red Kites

Selina - Kestrel

Nell - Falcons

Lucy - Eagles

Elise - Skylark

Well done, your prize voucher will be with you very soon.

PTA Art Work

The children are doing a piece of art which you will be able to look at online and buy various items with your child's art work on. Further information will follow.

Governor News

Further to our recent request for nominations for a Parent Governor, I am pleased to inform you that having received just one nomination, Mr Neil Shewry, dad to Emily and Georgia, has accepted the position with immediate effect. We would like to welcome Neil to the Governing Body and we look forward to working with him to further the aspirations of our school.

Trish Amesbury

Chair of Governors

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 2.**

Play Equipment

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

Kidlington Youth Football Club

Kidlington Youth Football Club are looking for players to join a new Under 10's boys team. If you are interested or would like further information please contact Matt Williams on mwilliams0682@icloud.com or 07495127690.

Forthcoming Dates

November 2020

02.11.20

Autumn Term 2 Starts

09.11.20

Parent Teacher Discussions

10.11.20

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13.11.20

Flu Vaccine for all years

20.11.20

Unicef World Children's Day

24.11.20

INSET Day

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2020/2021

Term 1

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October

Tuesday 1st September INSET Day

Term 2

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December

Tuesday 24th November INSET Day

Term 3

Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February to Wednesday 31st March

Term 5

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June INSET

Tuesday 8th June to Tuesday 20th July

Wednesday 21st July INSET Day

Thursday 22nd July INSET Day