

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and a Happy New Year, I do hope you had an enjoyable time over the festive season.

The Department for Education has published new guidance regarding COVID for schools, the relevant information for Primary Schools is below.

Isolation guidance: The 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive test result for COVID has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances. To take advantage of this reduced isolation time individuals can now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. If these are both negative and the person concerned does not have a high temperature they can return to school. It is important to stress that the first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and the two tests must be taken 24 hours apart.

Daily testing: People who are fully vaccinated or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive result or develop symptoms at any time. This replaces the precautionary PCR test that was previously advised. Schools will not be able to provide lateral flow test kits to families; this must be sourced by parents via the online ordering service or at pharmacies or libraries.

The guidance now states that primary age children can use lateral flow tests.

90 day rule: Individuals who have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 can participate in lateral flow testing within the 90-day period as long as they are no longer exhibiting any symptoms and their self-isolation period has expired.

The Omicron variant is far more transmissible than previous variants. At William Fletcher we have been fortunate that the number of staff and children contracting COVID has been relatively low. Unfortunately, at the start of this term we have seen higher numbers of children absent from school due to COVID. It is concerning that this new variant could potentially disrupt teaching and learning at William Fletcher. We will of course do our utmost to continue face to face teaching and ask all parents and carers to maintain vigilance and keep children at home if they have symptoms.

Staffing news

This term, we welcomed back to school Mrs Buchannan following her maternity leave. Mrs Buchannan will be working with Mrs Lancaster in Peregrine Falcon class and will then teach the class when Mrs Lancaster takes her maternity leave later this term.

We also welcomed two new members of staff to the WF team. Mrs Moran and Mrs Tyrrell have joined our team as teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor respectively.

Teaching and learning

On Friday the children will bring home their class newsletters and curriculum maps for this term. These outline the learning for the term ahead so please do look out for these.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of January is Friendship
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Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Senay in Kingfishers. Anelie in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Leah in Nightingales. Tilly, Alfie, Emeran, Esme & Eva in Swallows. Martha in Kestrels. Leah-Kate in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Teddy in Kingfishers. Thomas, Anna B & Violet in Nightingales. Maxim, Hollie & Georgia in Kestrels. Warren in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Delcie in Kingfishers. Sofia in Swallows. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home:

Attendance

School starts at 8:45am, can you please make sure your child is in class by 8:45am.

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 13.12.21 – 17.12.21
Eagles	98.39%
Kestrel	90.67%
Kingfishers	96.69%
Nightingales	95.74%
Owls	97.20%
Peregrine Falcons	98.74%
Red Kites	92.14%
Robins	79.57%
Sky Larks	92.13%
Swallows	97.31%
Wrens	85.31%
Total	93.59%

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.**

News from the PTA

The total raised from the Christmas shopping day was a wonderful £404.73.

Exciting news! The PTA have signed up to Your School Lottery. Every ticket purchased will generate funds for the school. For more information please visit yourschoollottery.co.uk

You can now drop off any donations of school uniform including PE Kit, coats and shoes to the school office in the 'Uniform Exchange' Collection Bin for the first sale - date to be confirmed.

The next PTA meeting is booked for Monday 17th January at 7.30pm. This meeting will be held via zoom. If you would like the log in details please email us at williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

Step 2 Dance Lessons

A local dance company Step 2 that comes into school has lots of lessons for all range of ages. Please see website below for further details:

[Step 2 Dance Oxford Homepage — STEP 2 DANCE](#)

Yarnton Youth Netball

Open to boys and girls in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from William Fletcher School. Training is on Wednesdays at the school, after school until 4pm. Places are limited, and if you are interested in your child taking part please email yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com for more details. This year we will be asking all youngsters involved to become members of England Netball for a small one-off fee, so that we can run the session as part of Yarnton Netball Club.

Forthcoming Dates

January 2022

07.01.2022	Class Curriculum Newsletters go home
11.01.2022	Founders Day Service
13.01.2022	X Country for Years 3 – 6
25.01.2022	Fencing Taster Session
26.01.2022	Fencing Taster Session

February 2022

02.02.2022	Planetarium Year 5 & 6
11.02.2022	Learning Cards go home
14.02.2022	Learning Cards returned
18.02.2022	Term 3 ends
28.02.2022	Term 4 starts
28.02.2022	West Oxfordshire Hockey tournament

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 3

Wednesday 5th January to Friday 18th February
Tuesday 4th January INSET

Term 4

Monday 28th February to Friday 8th April

Term 5

Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May

Term 6

Tuesday 7th June to Wednesday 20th July
Monday 6th June INSET
Wednesday 20th July INSET DAY
Thursday 21st July INSET Day

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023

Term 1

Tuesday 6th September to Friday 21st October

Friday 2nd September INSET Day

Monday 5th September INSET Day

Term 2

Monday 31st October to Tuesday 20th December

Friday 18th November INSET Day

Term 3

Wednesday 4th January to Friday 10th February

Tuesday 3rd January INSET

Term 4

Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March

Term 5

Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Term 6

Tuesday 6th June to Wednesday 21st July

Monday 5th June INSET