

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. Lots of our children noticed straight away that the large willow tree has been pruned. I spent much of the first morning back this week reassuring the children that it will grow back in the spring.



At the end of last term children in Key Stage 2 took part in a Cross Country event at Chesterton. The course was over 2 km long, all of our children completed the course and enjoyed the challenge of taking part.



GET INVOLVED! UK PARLIAMENT WEEK
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This week all of our children are taking part in “UK Parliament week”. The children began the week learning about the houses of Parliament and how MPs are elected.

Children in Wrens and Key Stage 1 have written postcards to our local MP and children in Key Stage 2 have been debating the theme of single use plastic and formulating a petition. This work links with Article 12 (children have the right to be heard and their views taken seriously) of the UN convention of the Rights of the Child.



Next week we have our first set of Parent-Teacher discussions, please do sign up to this if you have not done so already.

We will also be raising money for Children in Need next week, further on in the newsletter there is some information about this from our School Council reps.

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of November is Freedom



Writer of the week – Daisy in Year 1
Mathematician of the week – Reggie in Year 2
Reader of the week – Kara in Year 4
School Value – Orla in Year 4
Building Learning Power – Honey in Year 5

Celebration of achievements

This week Alfie E & Archie R 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 his arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Martha, Tymek, Nathan L, Georgia, Nancy, Isla M & Milly in Swallows. Toby, Ethan R & Emelia in Kingfishers. Ingrid, Charlie, Alissa, Enid, Evie & Phoebe in Nightingales. Dora-Jean, Liam, Cherry, Zara, Ben & Emily in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Henry in Kingfishers.

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 Nightingales for 100% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 21.10.19 – 25.10.19
Eagles	97.69%
Kestrel	97.60%
Kingfishers	95.19%
Nightingales	100%
Owls	97.14%
Peregrine Falcons	91.15%
Red Kites	89.17%
Sky Larks	93.20%
Swallows	96.07%
Wrens	96.33%
Total	95.47%

Message from School Council - Children in Need Week

School Council have decided to once again support Children in Need week. We have arranged several activities and we would love for your child to join in. On **Wednesday 13th November** we have a Wake and Shake session in the hall at 8.25am – 20p per child.

On **Thursday 14th November** we shall be holding a Pudsey Bear cup cake competition. Entries for the competition should be brought into the hall on Thursday morning. Once the judging has taken place and prizes awarded all cakes will be sold at breaktime for 50p. Please make sure no nuts are used.

On **Friday 15th November** all children are invited to come to school wearing yellow or spots and a 50p donation. *Eliza and Jess Year 6 School Council Reps.*

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.

Yarnton Fireworks Show

On Saturday 9th November, Firing at 7.00pm at Littlemarsh Sports Field (behind the Turnpike). Tickets in advance from Yarnton Post office £3.00 a person or £10 for a family (2 adults & 3 children). Tickets on the gate from 6.00pm: £3 a person 12 years and under) or £4 a person (over 12 years) or £12 a family (2 adults & 3 children). There will be refreshments/stall. No sparklers and no parking on site.

Parking

Please do not park your car on the residential nursing home drive whilst dropping and picking your child off/up from school or on the zig zag lines of Bartholomew Avenue, this is preventing one of our grandparents using their disability scooter.

Talk for Parents - Children's wellbeing and how to manage their feelings of worry

We are holding a talk for parents with Nic McGuinness from the Getting Help Team on Tuesday 19th November from 4.30 pm - 6pm in **Foundation Stage Classroom**. There will be a Creche and refreshments available. If you would like to attend, please sign up at reception. Please note, we have a maximum capacity of 15 parents.

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. 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>.

Country Dancing

Begbroke Playgroup presents an evening of 'Country Line Dancing' on Saturday 16th November from 7.30pm to 10pm at Yarnton Village Hall. We have a brilliant instructor so should be a real giggle - ideal for beginners. Tickets are £5 each. Food available at the bar and there is a fabulous raffle. Call KAREN on 07594 652291 or email karen@begbrokeplaygroup.org.uk to buy your ticket.

We really appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you all on the night.

Forthcoming Dates

November 2019

04.11.19	Term 2 begins
04.11.19 – 08.11.19	UK Parliament Week
07.11.19	Year 5 & 6 Bletchley Park
11.11.19	Parent Teacher discussions
12.11.18	Parent Teacher discussions
13.11.19	Foundation Eye Test
19.11.19	Drop in session
22.11.19	Flu vaccination Foundation & Year 1,2,3,4,5 & 6
28.11.19	Boccia U11
29.11.19	Non-uniform day in exchange for first gift

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
20.12.19	Carol service at 9.30am
20.12.19	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 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