

Dear Parents and Carers

This week at WF the children have enjoyed taking part in Harvest Festival celebrations. They have spent time with their teachers thinking about the importance of water in our lives and have used this stimulus to write poems, create pictures and fact files. Much of this work has been shared with their peers in other classes at our Harvest celebrations held at St Bartholomew church in Yarnton. Our children in Kingfisher class reminded us all that Article 24 in the UN convention for the Rights of the Child is the right to clean water and that not all children around the world have this right fulfilled. Many thanks to everyone who was able to make a contribution to Water Aid or who sent in tins and packets of food.

As part of our Partnership with The Oxford Playhouse the children in year 5 were invited to a performance of Josephine at the Burton Taylor Studio. The play was about Josephine Baker a performer born in America. She had an interesting life not only as a performer but also was part of the French resistance during World War II and became a leading civil rights activist. The play is on until the end of this week with the last performance on Saturday 9th October.



We heard last week that our school has gained re-accreditation from UNICEF as a gold Rights Respecting school. This is an important part of our school with all of our children learning about the UN convention on the Rights of the Child. Our assessment took place at the end of last term. Assessors from UNICEF spent the day talking to staff, children, governors and parents. We received a very complimentary report from the assessment which we will be posting on to our school website. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the assessment process and a very big thank you to Mrs Lancaster who supports and leads our Rights Respecting work.



Our children really enjoyed the dance taster session held at school last Thursday. If children are interested in attending dance classes with the teacher who visited please contact Mini Professionals Dance Academy at www.mpdance.co.uk/#



Parent- Teacher discussions will be taking place during the week commencing 18.10.21. If you haven't yet done so, please do sign up for a meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of October is Courage



Writer of the week – Ethan R in Year 4
 Mathematician of the week – Jemima in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Serenity in Year 4
 School Value – Liam in Year 6
 BLP of the week – Arthur in Year 2

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Senay, Elliott in Kingfishers. Tilly & Simon in Nightingales. Tilly, Alex, Everest, Ruby, Emeran, Felicity, Esme, Eva & Joshua in Swallows. Nate, Serenity, Amelia, Dexter, Charlotte, Tom & Riley in Owls. Ethan R, Isla, Enid, Evan, Evie & Amelia in Red Kites. Josh, Cerys, Hollie, Georgia & Tymek in Kestrels. Liam & Oscar in Peregrine Falcons. Charlotte, Grace, Maggie, Jemima & 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 27.09.21 – 01.10.21
Eagles	100%
Kestrel	98.31%
Kingfishers	98.75%
Nightingales	100%
Owls	93.33%
Peregrine Falcons	94.17%
Red Kites	97.92%
Robins	97.89%
Sky Larks	97.66%
Swallows	99.23%
Wrens	97.66%
Total	97.67%

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 this term.**

Individual School Photographs

The children had their individual school photographs taken yesterday. You should have received an email and a hard copy from Tempest with the photograph and ordering instructions, please order them online by Wednesday 20th October.

Robins & Wrens Pumpkin Patch

Robins and Wrens are going to make a pumpkin patch in the garden! If you would like to donate pumpkins for this could you bring them in from Monday 4th October.

Morrisons Good to Grow Scheme

We are participating in Morrisons Good to Grow Gardening Scheme, where the school will receive gardening equipment. If you shop online or instore at Morrisons you can collect points for our school, if you shop at Morrisons and would like to help the school get some more gardening equipment, please do the following:

1. Sign up to MyMorrisons today. Simply go to mymorrisons.com or download the MyMorrisons app
2. Once registered you can collect Grow Tokens for any shopping you do online or in store

3. On your first visit to MyMorrisons you'll be asked to select the school you'd like to donate your Grow Tokens to
4. Then after each shop log onto your MyMorrisons account and donate

News from the PTA

Just a reminder that the PTA AGM is booked for Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm in the school hall. We are planning to offer zoom invites too, if you would like to attend either in person or virtually please email us at williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

We are still in need of a new chair or co-chairs for the PTA.

Words from our current chair Steph "This is a wonderful way to help support our children and school. Please do get in touch with me if you are interested. I didn't know anything about the PTA before I became chairperson and I have really enjoyed getting involved. No prior experience is necessary just a capacity to work with the the PTA team and the school. Our current secretary and treasurer are amazing and will help you all the way. The active members are knowledgeable and keen to try new and old things. If you are even slightly tempted I can assure you it's a very rewarding role"

To speak with Steph or get more information on the role please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

Events at Yarnton Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion have a few events coming up, and it would be great to have lots of local people at these events, please see below for the details:

Halloween Disco

Friday 29th Oct, Starts at 8pm.

Fun for all the family! Prizes for best costumes (Children and Adults!)

£2 per ticket, or £5 per Family. Tickets available now from the British Legion or contact Jo Coffey (jovarney2001@yahoo.co.uk).

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.

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 interest 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.

Yarnton Blues FC U9s (September 2021)

Yarnton Blues Football Club – U9s are looking for players for next season (starting September 2021). If your child will still be aged 8 on August 31st 2021 and would be interested in joining the team, we have spaces available at the moment.

Training sessions take place on Wednesdays at 17:30 at Yarnton Park, off Rutten lane.

****Note:** Football boots or astros, and shin pads required.

If you would like more information please contact the club secretary James Finnigan via email (secretary@yarnton-blues.co.uk).

Forthcoming Dates

October 2021

15.10.21	Learning cards go home
15.10.21	Year 3 – 6 X Country
18.10.21	Learning cards returned to school
19.10.21	Parent- teacher discussions
20.10.21	Parent- teacher discussions
22.10.21	Term 1 ends

November 2021

04.11.21	Year 5 & 6 Bletchley Park
11.11.21	Imps visit
15.11.21 – 19.11.21	Year 6 Glasbury visit
17.11.21	Climbing Sessions Year 5

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 1

Thursday 2nd September to Friday 22nd October
Wednesday 1st September INSET Day

Term 2

Tuesday 2nd November to Friday 17th December
Monday 1st November INSET Day

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