

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas has well and truly arrived at WF! Our children in year 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit to the Oxford Playhouse last Friday, they watched a performance of Robin hood. The show had all the traditional pantomime characters with great audience participation – particularly from the WF children!

This week has seen our children from FS to year 4 take part in school plays. They have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of performing in front of family and friends. Thank you to everyone who attended the performances and being such an encouraging audience for the children.



Next week we will continue with our festive celebrations:

Tuesday 14th Christmas Shopping.

Wednesday 15th Christmas parties (children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes on this day and wear their Christmas jumpers if they would like to).

Thursday 16th Christmas Dinner.

Friday 17th Carol service at the church for children in years 3 to 6.

A reminder that the flu vaccinations for all children in school will take place on Tuesday 14th.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of December is Love



Writer of the week – Ben in Year 6
 Mathematician of the week – Maggie in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Amelia in Foundation Stage
 BLP of the Week – Alex in Year 1

Celebration of achievements

This week Archie & Claudia in Year 5 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrows. 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 100 nights of reading at home: Susan in Peregrine Falcons. Georgia in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Ella in Kingfishers. Tilly, Jamie, Oscar, Pedro & William in Swallows. Cora in Eagles. Joey in Peregrine Falcons. Emily, Elise, Grace, Maggie & Olivia in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Jack in Red Kites. Josh C in Kestrels. Ellie-Mae, Frankie, Bella, Cherry & Jack in Eagles. Archie, Oliver & Leah-Kate in Sky Larks.

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 29.11.21 – 03.12.21
Eagles	95.93%
Kestrel	97.33%
Kingfishers	95.42%
Nightingales	95%
Owls	88.93%
Peregrine Falcons	96.25%
Red Kites	97.10%
Robins	91.58%
Sky Larks	92.91%
Swallows	97.67%
Wrens	91.07%
Total	94.62%

Shopping Day: Tuesday 14th December

On the actual shopping day, we ask for your child to bring in £2 and to hand to their teacher, please put it in an envelope with their name on if possible, to avoid cash handling. This allows them to buy 2 gifts for whoever they choose. They will choose their gifts from a class selection, and they will then wrap and label their gifts to come home with them. We hope this answers some questions but if not please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com
The children thoroughly enjoy choosing the gifts themselves, the wrapping and the surprise for the recipients.

Key dates:

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Shopping Day

Wednesday 15th December - Class Christmas Parties

Thursday 16th December - Christmas School Lunch

Friday 17th December - Carol Service for Key Stage 2

PTA Update

We will be selling raffle tickets at all of today's Christmas play performances.

£1 a strip of tickets, winners to be drawn on Friday. Prizes include Christmas cake, Bartletts Butchers voucher and a multitude of wonderful hampers.

We will also be doing a lucky bucket, £1 entry for a chance to receive 50% of what's in the bucket.

As mentioned previously, the Christmas shopping day is next Tuesday 14th December. We ask for each child to bring in £2 which when then allow them to choose 2 gifts to then bring home with them.

Any questions please email us at williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

Parenting Smart Website

Please see link below for a new Parenting Smart website – it is a free online resource featuring practical advice and tried and tested tips for parents and carers of primary school age children.

https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Sprint1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=parenting-smart

Free Mental Health Awareness course for Parents & Carers

In partnership with the Mental Wealth Academy, Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online Mental Health Awareness Training for Parents and Carers of young people. The training happens monthly and it's FREE for Oxfordshire residents*. The session primarily considers the mental health of adolescents and young adults, aiming to help parents and carers to:

- Identify emotional distress
- Know where, and how, to signpost children and young people if you, or they, have a concern
- Learn practical strategies to help with listening to, and supporting, children and young people
- Develop your understanding of the wide range of factors and variables that can impact on children and young people's mental health
- Feel more confident and less fearful having 'the conversation' with your child or young person

The session lasts 1.5 hours and includes presentations and group work, providing the opportunity to speak with other parents and carers about young people's mental health. Since the launch of the training, Oxfordshire Youth has received extremely positive feedback by the attendees. The evaluation forms that Oxfordshire Youth asks attendees to complete, show that parents and carers have improved their confidence, knowledge and understanding around young people's mental health. 100 % of the attendees would recommend this training to others. For further information, booking or to check the dates of these sessions, please click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/oxfordshire-youth-12478648335>

*In order to receive tickets for free, Oxfordshire residents need to use the first part of their postcode as the promo code (e.g: OX4) when purchasing the tickets online

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.**

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.

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).

Together Time is a Sensory & Massage Classes for under 3's

They are offering group classes, 1:1 private group & personalised massage routines & party packages. Please email togthertimeoxfordshire@gmail.com for further information.

Forthcoming Dates

December 2021

10.12.2021	Learning cards go home
13.12.2021	Learning cards returned to school
14.12.2021	Christmas Shopping Day
15.12.2021	Class Christmas Parties
16.12.2021	Christmas School Lunch
17.12.2021	Carol Service for Key Stage 2
17.12.2021	Term 2 ends

January 2022

04.01.2022	Inset Day
05.01.2022	Term 3 starts
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 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