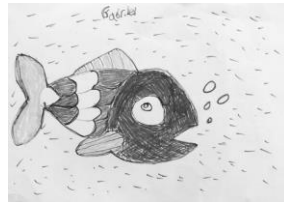


Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your children have had a good week and enjoyed the glorious weather we are experiencing at the moment.

Thank you to everyone who has taken up the challenge of decorating windows on the theme of animals, keep sending in your photos. Here is a selection of windows created so far, hopefully you will have spotted them when out walking:



Staffing news

In September, our number of children in Foundation Stage will be more than 30. This requires us to have an additional teacher for our Foundation Stage class. Miss Coulson who currently teaches in Kestrel class will move to Foundation Stage and teach alongside Mrs Haynes. This is a good opportunity for Miss Coulson to broaden her teaching experience and I am delighted that we are able to support Miss Coulson's professional development in this way. I know that parents and children in Kestrel class will be disappointed not to have Miss Coulson as their teacher in September.

Following this move of staff, we advertised and held interviews last half term. We had a very strong field of applicants and have appointed Miss Welham to teach Kestrel class in September. Miss Welham is an experienced teacher who has a keen interest in environmental geography and children's writing. I am very much looking forward to Miss Welham joining our staff team at WF. Towards the end of this term we hope to invite the current year 3 children in Kestrel class and the new year 3 children joining Kestrel class to attend a virtual session with Miss Welham.

School reports, new classes and transition

We will be sending school reports to parents on Friday 3rd July, enclosed with the report will be a form to complete for parents and carers response to the report. If you are able please complete these and return to school.

If your child is currently in Foundation Stage, Year 2 or Year 4, your child will be moving to a new class in September. Enclosed with your child's report will be an additional letter with information about your child's new class. Children currently in Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 will remain with their current class teacher.

Usually we spend time in school preparing the children for moving to their new classes. They meet with their new teacher and visit their new classrooms. Due to the COVID pandemic we are not able to offer this to the children. We will however, in the last week of term, hold virtual sessions for children moving into Years 3-6.

Children moving into year 1 (current Foundation Stage children) will have the opportunity to meet KS1 staff over the next two weeks. For those children who are not in school at the moment KS1 staff will arrange with parents to make "doorstep" visits so they can be introduced to staff. In addition, children will also have a letter from their teacher which will include photos of their new teachers, teaching assistants and their new classrooms.

We are hoping that all children will be able to return to school in September. As you are aware this might well change depending on the rates of infection both nationally and locally. We will keep parents and carers fully informed regarding returning to school for September, we will do this via email and the school App, so please do look out for this information over the summer holidays.

Oxfordshire County Council Libraries and the Reading Agency are running a summer reading challenge. This year children set their own reading challenge and as they read they collect digital rewards. They can read any books they like, comics, jokes, stories or information books. This can include ones they have at home, or if they are members of the library they can download eBooks and eAudio from Oxfordshire Libraries. To join the library, they can visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries. Please see attached form or the school app for further information.

Best wishes
Deborah Nind
Headteacher

Ensuring social distance

Can I ask that all parents when dropping off or collecting their children to follow the social distance rules and leave the school site as soon as possible. We need to be able ensure the safety of everyone; children, parents and staff.

Certificates of the week

The certificates will be awarded to both children at school and children who are learning at home. It has been lovely to see how proud the children are to receive their awards.



Austin in Eagles – Writer of the week
Maya in Wrens – Reader of the week
Brooke in Peregrine Falcons – Mathematician of the week
Ellie in Eagles – Star of the week
Bella in Owls – BLP of the week



William Fletcher School Term Dates 2019/2020

Term 6

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

Friday 10th July **only children in current year 6 will attend school**, finishing at 1pm

Monday 13th July all other children who have been physically attending school will return to their “bubbles”. **Their last day will be Wednesday 15th July**

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th July the teachers will be meeting virtually with children and leading transition sessions or talking to children about returning to school next academic year.

Monday 20th July INSET Day

Tuesday 21st July INSET Day

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2020/2021

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October

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 Day

Tuesday 8th June to Tuesday 20th July

Wednesday 21st July INSET Day

Thursday 22nd July INSET Day