

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week, lots of our children in years 3 to 6 took part in the Woodstock Schools Partnership Cross Country event held at the Marlborough Secondary School.

Despite the chilly weather the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Mr Lister who took the children was very pleased with their sporting behaviour and the way they supported each other. Well done to all of the children who took part and a special mention to Hannah in year 3 and Luka in year 4 who won their races. Our school will go through to the next round of the competition later which will be held on Friday 1st April.

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who helped with this event.



Coffee Morning get together

Clare Pink, our school family support worker held our first coffee morning get together for parents this week. These will be taking place every Tuesday from 9.00am, each get together will have a theme as well as the opportunity to get to know other parents in school. Next week Clare will be looking at helping children with anxiety. There is no need to book, all are warmly welcomed, sessions are held in the Howard Hillsdon room.

Start of the school day

We would like to remind parents that children should be in school by 8.45am. It is really important that children arrive at school on time as arriving late means they miss some of their learning time and disrupt the rest of the class.

Parent Governor Posts:

You should have received a letter via email regarding becoming a Governor at our school. If you have not received this email and are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please email the office at office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk.

Kind regards

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of January is Friendship



Writer of the week – Seb in Foundation
 Mathematician of the week – Hollie in Year 3
 Reader of the week – Alfie in Year 1
 Value of the Week – Asher in Year 5
 BLP of the Week – Tobias in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

This week Archie & Frankie in Year 5 and Bella, Grace, Kara, Esme & Max in Year 6 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrows. Olly & Toby in Year 6 have been awarded their silver merit arrows. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Zach in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Maya in Kingfishers. Oscar in Nightingales. Alfie & Eva in Swallows. Nancy, Zeko & Amelia in Owls. Dora, Aashir & Betsy in Eagles. Leah-Kate & Grace in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Esther in Kingfishers. Anna B & Ossian in Nightingales. Jamie, Luca, Pedro & William in Swallows. Georgia in Owls. Selina in Kestrels. Ethan C & Poppy in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Arthur in Swallows. Evia in Red Kites. Selina & Toby in Kestrels. Ellie-Mae in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Gracie in Swallows. Joshua in Kestrels. Josh in Eagles.

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 10.01.22 – 14.01.22
Eagles	90.32%
Kestrel	89.00%
Kingfishers	97.50%
Nightingales	93.25%
Owls	89.60%
Peregrine Falcons	98.93%
Red Kites	94.81%
Robins	95.79%
Sky Larks	94.09%
Swallows	94.44%
Wrens	98.32%
Total	93.80%

ECO Committee

The ECO Committee have conducted an environmental review of the school and have decided to focus on the three topics: Marine, Waste and Litter. They have created an action plan which they begin work on this term with ideas including reducing single-use plastics, promoting food waste recycling and creating a team to regularly litter pick around school and in the community.

Coffee Morning Get Together

Drop-in sessions will be taking place every Tuesday from 9:00am in the Howard Hillsdon room. The topics for the upcoming sessions with Clare Pink will be as follows:

- 25th January: Keeping positive- managing anxiety
- 1st February: Helping your child with maths (FS and KS1)
- 8th February: Lunch box ideas
- 15th February: Reading with your child/phonics

Oxfordshire County Council Road Safety Questionnaire

Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Team are constantly looking to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide to parents and carers. To help us achieve this, we are evaluating the effectiveness of the Footsteps (Child Pedestrian safety advice for parents / carers) programme and would like parents and

carers to help by completing an online questionnaire. If you would like to keep your child safer on our roads, please visit [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) where you can download a copy of the Footsteps leaflet to provide you with guidance to support your child in becoming a safer and, eventually, an independent pedestrian. Once you have downloaded the Footsteps guide, the link to the survey can be found further down the page, please click on the link to complete the short questionnaire which will then help us to keep all children safer. Thank you. Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team

News from the PTA

The PTA has signed up for Your School Lottery, each ticket sold and supporters gained will raise extra funds for the school. A Forest staycation is currently up for grabs!

With just 50 supporters a year the school is guaranteed £1,000! For more info please visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for William Fletcher.

A provisional date of Friday 11th February has been booked in for the Uniform Exchange and sale. More info to follow!

If you have any school uniform (including coats and shoes) in good condition you'd like to donate please leave them in the Uniform Exchange bin in reception.

Also an exciting reminder that the Summer Fete is booked in for Friday 1st July.

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.

Forthcoming Dates

January 2022

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