

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and the start of the summer term, I hope you all had an enjoyable Spring break.

This week our children have all begun new projects. Curriculum maps and class newsletters will be sent home tomorrow, so please do look out for these. Our children in Key Stage 1 especially enjoyed their first day back to school where they were immersed in the theme of their history project – Queen Elizabeth II. You may well have seen the children going home in their very own crowns!



We were delighted to be invited by Yarnton Parish Council to help plant six trees in the park on Rutten Lane, the trees had been donated to our community by Yarnton Nurseries. Our Article 12 Committee and Eco Committee took this on and also took the opportunity to carry out a litter pick whilst they were in the park. I am sure that over the years to come the children will enjoy seeing the trees they helped to plant grow and mature.



Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online Mental Health Awareness Training specifically for Parents and Carers of young people. The sessions are FREE for Oxfordshire residents.

The training session for parents and carers aims to aid understanding of relevant topics surrounding young people's mental health today. The training also explores how parents/carers can talk to their young people about the struggles around ill mental health and where they can seek support.

For further information or to book on a training session, please click on the link below - To ensure a free ticket is purchased please enter just the first part of one's Oxfordshire postcode (e.g OX4) is entered into the box which says 'Enter promo code'
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-296887668007>

May Day celebrations

We will be holding our traditional May Day celebrations tomorrow at 9:15am. Parents and carers are warmly welcomed to join us and watch the crowning of the May King and Queen, country dancing and dancing around the Maypole. The children should come to school dressed in their dancing clothes, this is dark trousers (no jeans please) and a shirt (shirts with no logos please) or a summer dress. All children should also have a flower pinned to their outfit. Children should wear their trainers when dancing.

We are all looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our May Day celebrations – hopefully the sun will shine!

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of April is Honesty



Writer of the week – Rupert in Year 3
Mathematician of the week – Richard in Year 3
Reader of the week – Isla in Year 1
Value of the Week – Alissa in Year 4
BLP of the Week – Eva-Grace in Year 5

Celebration of achievements

This week Lupita in Year 5 has been awarded her bronze merit arrows and Jack B in Year 6 has been awarded his silver merit arrows. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badge.

Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Simon in Nightingales. Edith in Swallows. Senay & Alex P in Kingfishers. Ben & Martha in Kestrels. Serenity in Owls. Elise & Grace in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Jamie & Luca in Swallows. Hannah & Daisy in Owls. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Teddy & Isabella in Kingfishers. Hollie & Toby in Kestrels. Corey in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Violet & Paislee in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Stanley in Kingfishers. Hamish in Swallows. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Arthur in Kestrels. Imogen in Kingfishers.

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 04.04.22 – 08.04.22
Eagles	91.60%
Kestrel	93.33%
Kingfishers	95.00%
Nightingales	97.60%
Owls	93.38%
Peregrine Falcons	100%
Red Kites	100%
Robins	97.00%
Sky Larks	90.00%
Swallows	93.85%
Wrens	90.56%
Total	94.85%

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.**

Message from the PTA - May Day Dancing Refreshments

The PTA will be selling pastries, doughnuts and hot drinks at the May Day Dancing on Friday 29th April. Pastries and Doughnuts 50p (these are for the adults watching the dancing). Hot Drinks £1. Please bring your own mug if you're able to.

We will also be holding a Uniform Exchange and Sale at the dancing. 50p per item recommended donation. Items can also be dropped off and/or exchanged at the sale. Apologies but cash ONLY for both of these sales.

Many thanks.

Ignite Sports Club – Every Thursday from 3pm – 4pm

Ignite are running a new after school sports club for children in Foundation to Year 6. If you would like your child to attend Ignite Sports Club for term 5, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, starting on 28th April, please complete the Parent Pay form. It is based on a first come first serve basis and will cost £4.50 per session (£22.50 for term 5).

Free Book Workshop Launch Event

The author Isabel Thomas who wrote 'The Invisible World of Germs' book is holding a free workshop at Blackwells in Oxford on 7th May. Please see attached Poster and link below for details:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/isabel-thomas-the-invisible-world-of-germs-tickets-315386689077>

Yarnton Brownies

Yarnton Brownies currently have spaces. Come and join the fun! Open to girls aged between 7-10. We run Wednesday's during term time from 6.30-8pm. Please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> for more information and to register interest. Alternatively call 07866122863 - Heather Kimber Moss for any additional help.

Lost Property

A child in Peregrine Falcons has lost a round sparkly earring front. If you find this, could you please hand it into the school office?

Calling all budding violin and cello players!

County Music Service Teacher Mrs. Beaumont who comes into school has space to set up a new group for beginners on violin and / or cello. Lessons are taught in small groups of 2-4 students for 20 minutes. Lessons will run on a Wednesday afternoon finishing just after end of school day at 3.05. Students will be escorted by the teacher for pick up at Reception. Charges apply, instruments can be hired if necessary. Suitable for both those in years 3 or 4 who have had whole class learning or new beginners. All welcome! For further info email: Victoria.beaumont@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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

April 2022

29.04.22 May Day Celebrations

May 2022

02.05.2022 Bank Holiday

04.0.2022 Class Photos

09.05.2022 –

13.05.2022 Year 6 Sats week

17.05.2022 The Marlborough School Year 6, 1st Induction Day 11.30am – 2.15pm

19.05.2022 Foundation Stage Vision Screening

27.05.2022 Term 5 ends

June 2022

06.06.2022 Inset Day

07.06.2022 Term 6 starts

08.06.2022 Peregrine Falcons Pitts River Museum Trip

09.06.2022 Eagles and Sky Larks River Museum Trip

14.06.2022 Key Stage 2 Sports Day – Starting at 9.30am

16.06.2022 Key Stage 1 Sports Day – Starting at 9.30am

16.06.2022 Fire Engine Visit for Key Stage 1

21.06.2022 Foundation Stage Cotswold Farm Park Visit

27.06.2022 New Parents Visit for Reception children starting in September 2022

28.06.2022 The Marlborough School Year 6, 2nd Induction Day 09.30am – 2.30pm

July 2022

01.07.2022 School Fete

12.07.2022 The Marlborough School Year 6, 3rd Induction Day 08.25am – 3.05pm

18.07.2022 Year 6 Leavers Evening

19.07.2022 Term 6 ends

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 5

Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May

Term 6

Tuesday 7th June to Tuesday 19th July

Monday 6th June INSET

Wednesday 20th July INSET

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



Young Scientists!

You're invited to join
Isabel Thomas to explore the
mindboggling world of germs

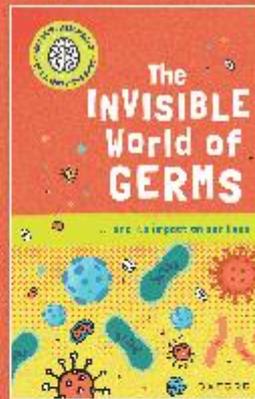


At a special free launch event on
Saturday 7th May at 3pm
At Blackwell's Broad Street, Oxford



Packed with spectacular science for curious young minds, this event will banish misconceptions and soothe worries about the invisible world of germs all around us.

-  Find out all about micro germs
-  Zoom back in time to when germs were first discovered
-  Discover the difference between bacteria, viruses, and protists
-  Find out what makes snot, sweat and tears such brilliant body defences
-  Find out how scientists are harnessing the superpowers of germs, and watch germs turn everyday ingredients into elephant toothpaste
-  Make a pet germ to take home!



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