

Dear Parents and Carers



Last week, some of our older children took part in a visit to the Houses of Parliament in London. The children visited the house of Commons and the house of Lords and learnt about how decisions are made in our country through discussion and voting in both houses. The children were interested in visiting a place which they have often seen on television and heard about in their learning at school.



This week saw the start of our learning about, and celebrations of, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All of the children took part in school assemblies led by Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Robert Buckeldee.

Robert joined us in his official capacity to talk to the children about the role of the Queen in our country and the Commonwealth. The children had lots of questions and were particularly interested to learn about the Green Canopy project launched by the Queen earlier in the year. Our school will be taking part in the project which aims to plant thousands of trees across the UK. On Friday of this week, we will be planting two trees in our school grounds as part of this project.

Our children have also been taking part in an art project to celebrate the jubilee called "River of Hope." All of the children have been involved in designing and making art works which takes rivers and hope as its themes. Our artwork will be sent to the project organisers who will select 200 pictures designed by children from around the country to make into flags. You can view photographs of the children's work on the attached PDF or on the gallery on the school website.

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in schools from Friday 1 April

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend

- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

The new advice says "the population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk."

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of March is Hope



Writer of the week – Selina in Year 4
 Mathematician of the week – Betsy, Claudia, Jovan & Theo in Year 5
 Reader of the week – Harry in Foundation
 Value of the Week – Joey in Year 5
 BLP of the Week – Eva in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

This week Izzy & Elise 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.

Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Oscar WJ & Tilly in Nightingales. Emran & Eva in Swallows. Amelia, Emily & Charlie B in Owls. Orhan & Dora in Eagles. Emily in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Simon & Oscar H in Nightingales. Laura, Tilly & Oscar in Swallows. Enid in Red Kites. Elise in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Isla in Nightingales. Felicity & Jamie in Swallows. Aarav in Kingfishers. Joshua R in Kestrels. Claudia in Eagles. Oliver in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Nikodem in Nightingales. Gracie in Swallows. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Ava & Josh C in Kestrels. Orla in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Hamish in Swallows. Georgie in Owls. Emelia in Kestrels. Lily & Lupita in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Tegan in Nightingales. Jayreece & Hudson in Swallows. Vinnie in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Alfie in Owls. Rupert in Red Kites. Arthur in Kestrels.

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 21.03.22 – 25.03.22 |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Eagles | 95.60% |
| Kestrel | 98% |
| Kingfishers | 99.17% |
| Nightingales | 92.40% |
| Owls | 93.67% |
| Peregrine Falcons | 96.67% |
| Red Kites | 96.79% |
| Robins | 85% |
| Sky Larks | 92.31% |
| Swallows | 99.62% |
| Wrens | 92.13% |
| Total | 94.96% |

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.**

Lost Property

Maisie in Kestrels has lost her blue ski gloves. Please can you check your child has not taken them home by mistake. Many thanks.

News from the PTA

Thank you to all who came along, helped and supported the Uniform Exchange and Sale on Tuesday. If you have any items of uniform (including coats, bookbags and shoes) you'd like to donate please leave them in the Uniform Exchange bin in reception or bring them along to the next sale to exchange. Next date to be confirmed asap.

Chancellors of Kidlington have very kindly agreed to sponsor the Summer Fete on Friday 1st July through Estate Agent Boards around Yarnton and Begbroke. We have a number of houses already signed up to house a board for approximately a month before the fete but we are still looking for homes on the following streets - The Paddocks, Merton Way, Bartholomew Avenue. In Begbroke - Fernhill Road, Church Lane and Begbroke Lane. If you would like to sign up for a board or would like more information please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com Support William Fletcher School by signing up to Your School Lottery and you could also WIN a £500 Bike voucher. With just 50 tickets purchased this could raise an amazing £1,000 a year for the school. For more info or to sign up please visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for William Fletcher.

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 taught in small groups of 2-4 students for 20 minutes. Lesson will run at the end of school afternoon 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 for pick up. 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.

Spring Craft and Shopping Fair

Yarnton Village Hall, Sunday 3rd April, 1-4pm

Lots of local small business selling a range of goodies, including Wreaths, Bodyshop, Personalised Easter Gifts, Handmade Gifts & Products, Candles & Wax melts, Jewellery, Chocolate products and lots more!

We will also have a Face painter, Raffle, and Tombola

Refreshments will be available.

A donation will be made to the charity – CHILDREN ON THE EDGE

May Day Dancing Celebrations

This year we will be holding our traditional May Morning celebrations. We haven't been able to do this for the past two years due to the covid restrictions. As 1st May falls on Sunday this year, we will hold our May Day Dancing on the morning of Friday 29th April

Forthcoming Dates

April 2022

04.04.22 – 06.04.22 Year 4 Hooke Court
08.04.22 Term 4 ends
25.04.22 Term 5 starts
29.04.22 May Day Celebrations

May 2022

02.05.2022 Bank Holiday
09.05.2022 –
13.05.2022 Year 6 Sats week
19.05.2022 Foundation Stage Vision Screening

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 4

Monday 28th February to Friday 8th April

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