

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and the start of term 4, I hope you had an enjoyable half-term break.

All of the children enjoyed the pancakes on Shrove Tuesday in school this week. Many thanks to the PTA for organising this special treat for the children. All money raised from the pancakes is being donated to UNICEF.



Our children in years 5 and 6 visited the Story Museum in Oxford this week. They took part in poetry writing workshops, spent time in the museum and had a tour of Oxford learning about the literary connections to some of our famous authors including C.S.Lewis author of the Narnia books.



I am sure that like me, you will have been closely watching the news from Ukraine over the last week. There is no doubt that it is a deeply worrying situation. Many of you will also have been thinking about how to talk to your children about the news from Ukraine and how to address any questions they might have in an age-appropriate way. The following link from the organisation Place2Be has some useful resources and advice which you might find helpful when talking to your children. <https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2022/march/talking-to-children-and-young-people-about-war-and-conflict/>

### Changes to COVID guidance

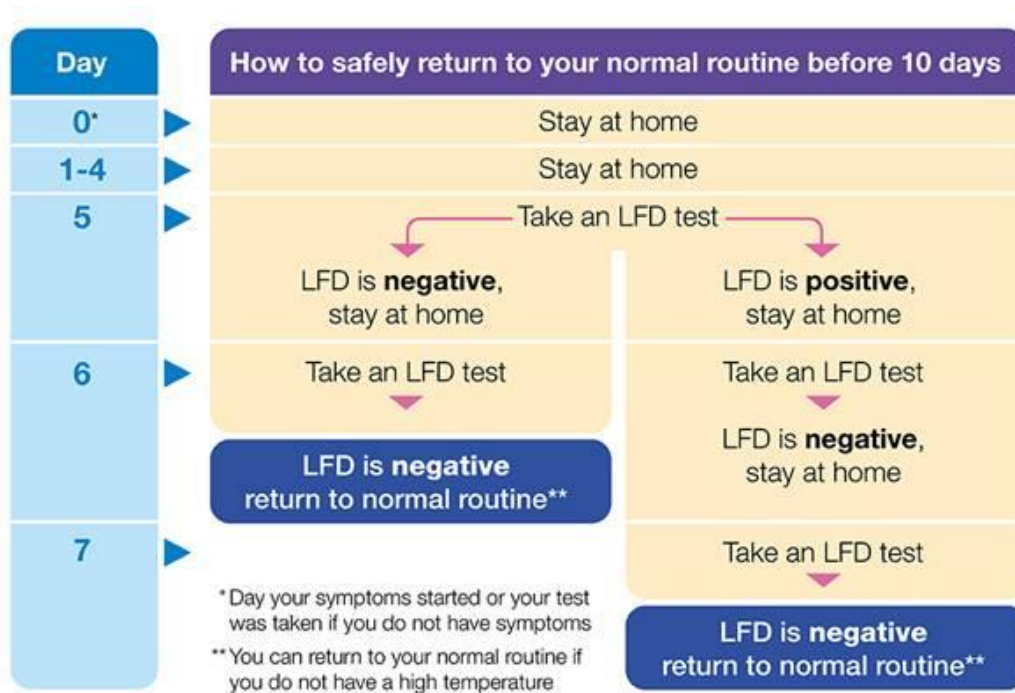
The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its guidance for schools regarding COVID-19, for schools there are two main changes:

From 21 February the DfE are no longer advising regular asymptomatic testing in most education settings, and COVID-19 will be increasingly managed in line with other infectious diseases through public health guidance.

From 24 February the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed, as has the advice to take daily tests if you are a close contact, all contact tracing has also ended.

The guidance states that children with COVID-19 should not attend school while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results. The table below is helpful to illustrate this:

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



We will be taking part in eat them to defeat them, the children will bring an envelope home today with all the information.

We will be holding parent evenings next week to discuss your child's progress. Please do book an appointment with your child's class teacher if you have not yet done so.

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

**Our assembly theme for the month of March is Hope**

**Celebration of achievements**

Congratulations to the following children who have reached her 175 nights of reading at home: Senay in Kingfishers. Emeran, Eva & Joshua in Swallows. Anelie & Isla in Kestrels. Nate, Nathan, Ingrid, Charlie & Emily in Kestrels. Leah-Kate, Emily S, Charlotte, Jemima & Georgia in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Simon in Nightingales. Matilda, Edith, Ruby, Oscar & Esme in Swallows. Zeko & Serenity in Owls. Maggie & Elise in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Isabella & Luka in Kingfishers. Niko in Nightingales. Lucy & Felicity in Swallows. Hannah in Owls. Hollie & Joshua R in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Aiden in Swallows. Toby in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Phoebe in Kingfishers. Ruari in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 50 nights of reading at home: Hamish in Swallows. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Aurora in Kestrels. Zak 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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance for 14.02.22 – 17.02.22</b>
Eagles	93%
Kestrel	97.50%
Kingfishers	94.79%
Nightingales	92%
Owls	99.57%
Peregrine Falcons	94.27%
Red Kites	99.11%
Robins	88%
Sky Larks	90.38%
Swallows	97.22%
Wrens	85.92%
Total	94.63%

### **Dental hygiene talk**

Our next drop-in session is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, in the Howard Hillsdon room. We will be listening to a talk about dental hygiene and how to best look after our children's teeth. The talk will be delivered by Charlotte Iddon from Oxfordshire Oral Health Promotion Team. Everyone welcome. There is no need to book, please arrive by 9am.

### **PTA Meeting**

The next PTA meeting will take place via Zoom on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. If you would like to join, please email us at [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com)  
All welcome!

### **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.**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

#### **March 2022**

07.03.2022	Parent Teacher Meeting
08.03.2022	Parent Teacher Meeting
15.03.2022	NCMP Height and Weight for Foundation and Year 6
22.03.2022	Foundation Stage Hill End Camp
24.03.2022	Key Stage 2 Parliament Trip

#### **April 2022**

04.04.22 – 06.04.22	Year 4 Hooke Court
08.04.22	Term 4 ends
25.04.22	Term 5 starts

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022**

#### **Term 3**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January INSET

#### **Term 4**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June INSET  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July INSET

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023**

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September INSET Day  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September INSET Day

#### **Term 2**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

#### **Term 3**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January INSET

#### **Term 4**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### **Term 5**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June INSET