

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy few days at WF with lots of exciting activities taking place.

Last week we planted two trees in our school grounds as part of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We were joined by children from the Pre-school who performed a song and our Eco committee and Article 12 committee who spoke about the importance of planting trees for the environment. We welcomed Kirsty Colquhoun who works for the Lord Lieutenant, Amanda Ponsonby former High Sheriff of Oxfordshire and Fiona Mawson a member of our local parish council. Our visitors helped with the tree planting and then spoke to children from each class about the artwork they have made for the River of Hope project. These pictures can be seen on our school website. I am very grateful to Yarnton Nurseries and Kirsty and Oliver for donating the trees.



Last week our children in Key stage 2 took part in a Cross-Country event held at Chesterton. Although the weather was cold and windy, they all persevered and had great fun running alongside lots of other children from Oxfordshire.



This week our children in years 5 and 6 saw the culmination of all their work with Oxford Playhouse. Since September the children have been working with staff from the Playhouse learning how to write their own play scripts. Three of these scripts were chosen and all of the children in years 5 and 6 went along to the Playhouse to watch the plays performed by professional actors. Well done to Oliver in Skylarks, Charlie & Seb in Peregrine Falcons, Millie, Orla and Cherry in Eagles whose plays were selected. Although I am told this was a very difficult decision to make as all the plays were great.



Also this week our children in year 4 were away on residential. As has become our tradition the children went to Hooke Court in Dorset for three days accompanied by myself, Mrs Chambers and Miss Welham. We all had a super time taking part in a whole host of exciting activities including, animal tracking in the woods, making and launching rockets (with explosives!...) cooking, craft activities, shelter building and a good sing-song around the campfire. For many of the children it was their first time away from home, they all managed this really well and were able to immerse themselves in all of the activities. I am grateful to the staff who gave their time to take part in the visit and to the rest of the staff team back at school who took on additional duties in our absence – a real team effort!



Tomorrow is the end of term, I hope you all have a restful Easter Break and look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday 25th April.

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of April is Honesty



Writer of the week – Cherry in Year 6
Mathematician of the week – Dylan in Year 2
Reader of the week – Isla in Year 3
Value of the Week – Luka in Year 2
BLP of the Week – Freya in Year 3

Celebration of achievements

This week Lupita in Year 5 has been awarded her bronze merit arrows and Jack B and Orhan 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: Alfie & Arthur in Swallows. Martha in Kestrels. Aashir in Eagles.

Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 175 nights of reading at home: Claudia in Eagles.

Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 150 nights of reading at home: Niko in Nightingales.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Jack & Lupita in Eagles.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Immy & Tobias in Nightingales.

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 28.03.22 – 31.03.22
Eagles	91%
Kestrel	94.83%
Kingfishers	95.83%
Nightingales	90.60%
Owls	95.33%
Peregrine Falcons	97.29%
Red Kites	96.61%
Robins	89.00%
Sky Larks	91.92%
Swallows	98.27%
Wrens	92.42%
Total	94.11%

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

Ignite are starting 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).

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

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.

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

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
04.0.2022	Class Photos
09.05.2022 –	
13.05.2022	Year 6 Sats week
19.05.2022	Foundation Stage Vision Screening

June 2022

08.06.2022	Peregrine Falcons Pitts River Museum Trip
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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	Year 6 - 1 st Induction Day at The Marlborough School

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