

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we welcomed staff from The Oxford Playhouse who once again will be working with our older children over the autumn and spring terms. The children will take part in drama workshops which will include writing their own playscripts. One of these playscripts will be selected and performed by professional actors at the Playhouse in the spring.

Once again, our children are taking part in the Oxford Half-marathon event held later in the month. This week they began their training. It was a lovely sight on Wednesday morning to see the children arrive at school for an early morning training session and run. I am grateful to all staff who have supported this, finding time in their busy schedules before school to help with this event.

Following last week's announcement from Buckingham Palace of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we have spent time in school thinking about the life of the Queen in assemblies and class discussions.

Yesterday, a group of children and I visited the village green in Yarnton to lay flowers on behalf of the school community.

It is hard to believe that it was only last summer when we came together as a school community to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. You may recall that we also had the honour of being chosen to provide one of the flag designs used for the national celebrations in London. We now have all of our flag designs on permanent display in the school entrance, a fitting reminder for us all at WF of the life and dedication of Elizabeth II.

As I wrote to you earlier in the week it has been confirmed that the official date of the State Funeral will be Monday 19 September 2022, which will be a bank holiday. Therefore, school on this day will be closed and we will welcome children back into school on Tuesday 20 September.

### **Walking to school**

We would like to politely remind everyone that care needs to be taken on walking up the lane to school in the morning, the lane is used by the nursing home staff so please ensure you keep to the left of the lane.

We also ask that parents and children walk their bikes and scooters up the lane and into school in order to prevent any accidents.

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

**Our assembly theme for the month of September is Thankfulness**



Writer of the week – Aarav in Year 2  
Mathematician of the week – Jacob in Year 3  
Reader of the week – Ethan in Year 5  
Value of the Week – Edith in Year 2  
BLP of the Week – Paislee in Year 2

## 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 06.09.22 – 09.09.22
Eagles	94.32%
Kestrel	100%
Kingfishers	97.32%
Nightingales	98.21%
Owls	99.11%
Peregrine Falcons	96.88%
Red Kites	99.07%
Sky Larks	97.18%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	100%
Total	98.30%

### Ignite Sports Club in September – Every Thursday from 3pm – 4pm

Ignite are running an after-school sports club for children in Foundation to Year 6. If you would like your child to attend Ignite Sports Club for term 1, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, starting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 22, please complete the Parent Pay form. It is based on a first come first serve basis and will cost £4.50 per session (£31.50 for term 1).

### Friday cafe

*Starting Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 8.45am- 10.30am in the Howard Hillsdon Room.*

Pop in, meet other parents and carers, everyone welcome. Information available at each session, including:

\*Helping your child with maths \*Healthy lunchbox ideas \*Money matters \*Reading with your child.

Tea, coffee and biscuits available and younger siblings always welcome. For more information, please contact: Clare Pink, Family Support Worker

clarepink@william-fletcher.gov.uk or, Karen Ariss: karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

### William Fletcher School PTA Update

The PTA AGM (Annual General Meeting) will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, at 7.30pm in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to come along and see what's involved, have a natter and to meet some new faces. All very welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. If you are interested in any of the committee posts - chair, secretary or treasurer, please speak with either Liz, Lauren or Becca or email us at [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com) to find out more.

The next Uniform Exchange and Sale is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, at 3pm pick up in the bottom playground. Items can be brought to the sale to be exchanged or a 50p recommended donation per item. Uniform including shoes, coats, bookbags can continue to be left in the Uniform Exchange bin in the school reception.

The Autumn Disco is booked for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. More details to follow.

Please don't forget to follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with upcoming new and events @WilliamFletcherPTA

## Energy Kidz Vacancy at William Fletcher School

Energy Kidz is on the lookout for a happy, enthusiastic and passionate **Activity Leader** to join our ever growing family.

As an **Activity Leader**, you will....

- Engage with children through play and sports
- Supervise children in a safe and welcoming environment
- Create an inclusive and fun atmosphere
- Be every child's hero!

You don't need a wealth of experience, you just need a can-do attitude, a passion for childcare and a want to make a difference; every... single... day!

Energy Kidz & Fit for Sport (a part of Junior Adventures Group UK) currently operates in 250+ schools and leisure settings across the UK and engages with over 300,000 children, making us the biggest provider of children's services in the UK. Globally we operate in over 1000 settings across Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland and England. Join our worldwide network of colleagues on our mission to build brighter futures for children across the globe!

\*\* We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in our care and so all our team members require an enhanced DBS check. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975, 2013 and 2020.

**To apply please see:**

<https://junioradventuresgroup.livevacancies.co.uk/#/job/details/1637>

### **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.**

### **Knitting For All**

We have a knitting club at school run by Steph Radda on Tuesday's from 3pm - 4.15pm (term time only). If you would like your child to attend or for more information, please contact Steph on 07940564486 for further details.

### **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.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

#### **September 2022**

06.09.22	Term 1 Starts
22.09.22	The Marlborough Open Evening for Parents 6pm at The Marlborough School
23.09.22	Mrs Pink's drop in Café every Friday 08.45 – 10.30 starts

- 29.09.22 The Marlborough School Open morning 9am – 10.30am for Year 6 children  
(parents to take the children)  
30.09.22 Year 3 Autumn Fest at Blenheim Palace

### **October 2022**

- 17.10.22 Year 5 & 6 Ashmolean Museum Visit  
16.10.22 Oxford Half marathon Challenge  
19.10.22 Individual School Photographs  
19.10.22 KS1 Oxfordshire Museum Visit  
20.10.22 KS1 Oxfordshire Museum Visit

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

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 6th September to Friday 21st 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 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February INSET Day

#### **Term 5**

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

#### **Term 6**

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

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2023/2024**

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September INSET Day  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September INSET Day

#### **Term 2**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

#### **Term 3**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February INSET

#### **Term 5**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June INSET

## MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

There are 190 days in a school year.

Therefore there are 175 non-school days  
to enjoy family time, take holidays, make  
visits, go shopping or take other  
appointments.

Help give your child the best start in life  
and ensure they attend school every  
school day.

