

Dear Parents and Carers

It was good to see so many of our parents of children in Foundation Stage joining us yesterday evening for a phonics session. We hope the session was useful, as always do contact us if you would like further information and support. This session is always a reminder for us in school about the importance of reading, as it opens so many other doors to learning. All of our children have their new reading diaries which they bring home each day, please ensure you read with your children every day and record this in their reading diaries.

This term we are very fortunate to have a hockey specialist working with our children in years 3 and 4. The children and their teachers are all enjoying taking part in these sessions. We will also be starting an after-school hockey club tomorrow for children in years 4-6. If you would like your child to take part in this please follow the [link](#)

All of the children in school are preparing for Harvest Festival which this year takes place on Tuesday 4th October, we will hold two harvest celebrations at St Bartholomew Church in Yarnton. As part of our celebrations, we invite children to bring a packet or tin of food which we will take to the church. These donations will then be given to local food banks.

COVID-19 update

The number of people infected with COVID still remains low in Oxfordshire, however we have been advised to continue to encourage the children to have good respiratory hygiene and promote regular handwashing.

We have received the following guidance from the UK Health Security agency for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to an education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.
- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.
- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days.
- Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.
- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please inform school by either ringing the office (01865 372301) or emailing (office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk)

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of September is Thankfulness



Writer of the week – Teddy in Year 4
Mathematician of the week – Evie in Year 4
Reader of the week – Ruari in Year 2
Value of the Week – Georgia in Year 4
BLP of the Week – Luka in Year 6

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 12.09.22 – 16.09.22
Eagles	93.64%
Kestrel	100%
Kingfishers	100%
Nightingales	96.43%
Owls	94.64%
Peregrine Falcons	94.17%
Red Kites	99.26%
Sky Larks	99.09%
Swallows	98.46%
Wrens	99.29%
Total	97.57%

Friday cafe

Starting Friday 23rd 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

PTA Update

Thank you to everyone that came along to the Uniform Exchange and Sale on Tuesday. We raised a wonderful £30 and received a number of clothing donations. We'll let you know the date of the next sale once confirmed.

Should you have any clothing donations in the mean time please leave them in the Uniform Exchange bin in the school reception. If there is a particular item of clothing you are after

please email us at ptauniformexchange@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk and we'll get back to you to whether we have it in stock.

The PTA AGM (Annual General Meeting) will take place on Monday 3rd 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 - please bring a friend.

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 to find out more.

The Autumn Disco is booked for Friday 14th October. Details that have been confirmed are that the Foundation Stage disco will take place during school hours. The Key Stage 1 is disco 5pm-6pm and Key Stage 2 disco will take place between 6.15pm-7.15pm. Year 3 can choose which disco they attend. There will be no charge for this disco. Look out for more information on how to register in the coming weeks newsletters, on the app and on the PTA Facebook page. @WilliamFletcherPTA

Lost Property

Georgie in Owls class has lost her Next school cardigan aged 11. Can you make sure your child has taken the correct jumper home?

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

- 23.09.22 Mrs Pink's drop in Café every Friday 08.45 – 10.30 starts
- 22.09.22 The Marlborough Open Evening for Parents 6pm at The Marlborough School
- 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
- 14.10.22 School Discos – Foundation Stage in School time
 - Key Stage 1 5pm – 6pm
 - Key Stage 2 6.15pm – 7.15pm

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 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 Thursday 9th February

Term 4

Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March
 Friday 10th February INSET Day

Term 5

Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Term 6

Tuesday 6th June to Friday 21st July
 Monday 5th June INSET

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2023/2024

Term 1

Tuesday 5th September to Friday 20th October
 Friday 1st September INSET Day
 Monday 4th September INSET Day

Term 2

Monday 30th October to Wednesday 20th December
 Monday 27th November INSET Day

Term 3

Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February

Term 4

Tuesday 20th February to Thursday 28th March
 Monday 19th February INSET

Term 5

Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May

Term 6

Tuesday 4th June to Wednesday 24th July
 Monday 3rd June INSET