

Dear Parents and Carers

Our children in years 1 and 2 are now fully immersed in their project work learning about dinosaurs. The children made a special discovery this week at school...a dinosaur egg. The children are busy writing instructions about caring for the egg!



Children in year 2 have also started their Forest School sessions with Miss Staniland. During these sessions the children work and learn outdoors, this week they have been learning about trees and stories connected to trees. Forest school sessions help children to develop their skills in working together, problem solving, planning and of course having fun!

For the past two years we have been using the Nursing Home Lane to access school at drop off and pick up times. This began because of COVID and the need to minimise contact between people. We were very grateful to the Nursing Home in giving their permission for us to use the lane and to our Governors who have done a great job in stewarding the entry from Rutten Lane in the mornings.

The Nursing Home have now withdrawn their permission for us to continue to use the lane for this purpose and so we will revert to pre-pandemic days and use the entrance to the bottom playground on Rutten Lane for both drop off and pick up times. The gate will be unlocked from 8.30am and we ask that you remain with your child until they have gone safely into class. In the afternoon the gate will be unlocked at 2.50pm.

Children using breakfast club and Energy Kidz should continue to use the entrance on the Nursing Home Lane.

Children taking part in the early Tuesday morning Archery sessions and Wednesday morning runs should enter school using the entrance to the playground from Rutten Lane.

A new initiative by Oxford active called Go Active has been launched to help families and young people in our area include more physical activity in their lives. Information can be found using the following link <https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/you-move>

We will be celebrating Harvest next week on Tuesday 4th October. The children will be taking part in celebrations at St Bartholomew church and are invited to bring into school a packet or tin of food which will then be donated to local foodbanks.

Best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

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



Writer of the week – Oscar in Year 2  
 Mathematician of the week – Arthur in Year 3  
 Reader of the week – Frankie in Year 6  
 Value of the Week – Georgia in Year 5  
 BLP of the Week – Joey 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 19.09.22 – 23.09.22
Eagles	96.59%
Kestrel	94.23%
Kingfishers	90.63%
Nightingales	93.75%
Owls	92.41%
Peregrine Falcons	91.67%
Red Kites	98.15%
Sky Larks	92.61%
Swallows	91.35%
Wrens	92.86%
Total	93.39%

## 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

## PTA Update

Thank you to everyone that came along to the Uniform Exchange and Sale last Tuesday. We raised a wonderful £30 and received a number of clothing donations.

The next sale dates are booked in for Tuesday 1st November and Tuesday 6th December. At 3pm on the bottom playground.

Should you have any clothing donations in the meantime 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 your child's attendance in the coming weeks newsletters, on the app and on the PTA Facebook page. @WilliamFletcherPTA

### **Half Term Hockey Club**

Please see link below for information of a Half term camp happening at Oxford Hawkes hockey club, which will be ran through WHC (Williams Hockey Coaching).

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### **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**

- 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**

- 12.10.22 Years 3 – 6 cross country at The Marlborough School
- 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 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



# Friday Cafe

*Every Friday*

*8.45am- 10.30am*

*Howard Hillsdon Room*

Pop in, meet other parents and carers, everyone  
welcome!

This week's topic is 'Supporting your child's learning  
at home'

**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](mailto:clarepink@william-fletcher.gov.uk)

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Karen Ariss: [karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk](mailto:karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk)

# 10 tips for parents and carers

## HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?  
**Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!**

### 1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

### 2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little 'button' ones from smaller gadgets. You could choose a box at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

### 3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

### 4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cams: there are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an outdated phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a media centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

### 5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smartphones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

### 6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and accept them back to refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

### 7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigating topics like far-off star systems, cancer treatment and earthquakes need enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is WiFi enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

### 8 SELL THEM

This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

### 9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

### 10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

## Meet Our Expert

Neil Atkin teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, Rubbish Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively uses waste to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website: [www.rubbishscience.com](http://www.rubbishscience.com).



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