

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last few days the children have been celebrating Harvest and the definite arrival of Autumn!



Children in year 3 took part in the Autumn Festival held at Blenheim Palace. There were a whole arrange of activities for the children to enjoy including theatre performances, exploring the impressive vegetable gardens, art activities and climbing the hay bale wall. We are very grateful to the staff at Blenheim for organising the festival for local primary schools.



This week we celebrated Harvest Festival, the children enjoyed sharing their poems and art work about harvest during the school services at the church in Yarnton.



The PTA held their first meeting of the school year this week, I am delighted that Liz Moran has agreed to continue as chairperson along with Becca Shewry as treasurer and Lauren Mohammed as Secretary. The PTA do an amazing job providing extra activities for our children as well as fund raising to support the work of the school.

The first PTA event of the year will take place next Friday - the Autumn Disco for children which will be held at school. Information has been sent to parents about how to book a place, this year, entry to the disco will be free for children.

The PTA's next meeting will take place in November, please look out for the date and do come along, it's a great way to meet other parents as well as helping the school.

Best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of October is Justice



Writer of the week – Peter in Year 6
 Mathematician of the week – Charlie in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Isabella in Year 2
 School Value – Richard in Year 4
 BLP of the Week – Daisy in Year 4



Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home:

Alex, Alfie, Luca, Laura, Finn & Luke in Swallows. Felicity, Maya, Martha, Tymek, Arthur, Harry, Georgia, Ben, William, Josh W & Kieran in Kestrels. Georgie, Amelia, Daisy, Hannah, Staley, Senay, Luke, Emily, Tobias, Charlie, Ingrid, Tom, Phoebe D, Emeran & Hamish in

Owls. Cora, Serenity, Georgia, Nancy, Arthur, Charlotte, Nathan L, Betsy, Ethan & Nate in Eagles. Zak S, Isla, Reggie, Aaron, Evan, Luke, Joan, Anoushka & Warren 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.

Class	Attendance for 26.09.22 – 30.09.22
Eagles	99.55%
Kestrel	94.40%
Kingfishers	93.93%
Nightingales	94.29%
Owls	93.57%
Peregrine Falcons	96.67%
Red Kites	96.27%
Sky Larks	95.91%
Swallows	85.38%
Wrens	94.14%
Total	94.28%

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

Robins Pumpkin Patch

Robins are going to make a pumpkin patch in the garden! If you would like to donate pumpkins for this, could you bring them in before or on Monday 10th October.

PTA Update - Autumn Disco

The Autumn disco is booked for Friday 14th October 2022.

The Foundation stage disco will take place during school hours - each child should have received a letter notifying them of the arrangements for the afternoon.

The Key Stage 1 disco will take place between 5pm - 6pm

The Key Stage 2 disco will take place between 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Year 3 can choose which disco they would like to attend.

Drop off and collection is via the office at the front of the school.

Parents can stay for the Key Stage 1 disco if desired but we ask for children to be dropped off and left for the Key Stage 2 disco due to hall space.

The Key Stage 1 and 2 discos are optional fancy dress.

On arrival each child will receive sweets and a glowstick.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle as there will be squash and water refills.

Please note that the Autumn discos are all free of charge.

To book your child's place at either of the discos you will need to register on PTA Events and book a space at the required disco (link below) This allows us to capture your contact details (in case of an emergency) and for us to have a register of each child attending on the night.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/williamfletcherschoolpta>

We recommend doing this on a laptop/desktop initially if possible.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need the instructions, have questions about PTA events or the discos and we will do our best to help.

Email: williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

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).

https://www.canva.com/design/DAFHPnuv-C4/eaGgfOEbtv3Ro4d8tuCNcw/view?utm_content=DAFHPnuv-C4&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink

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

October 2022

12.10.22	Years 3 – 6 cross county 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
21.10.22	Last day of term
31.10.22	Term 2 begins

November 2022

10.11.22	Year 6 Imps visit
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14.11.22	Parent/teacher meetings
15.11.22	Parent/teacher meetings
21.11.22 –	
25.11.22	Year 6 Glasbury week
22.11.22	Clip & climb for year 5

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

AGGRATING
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from the
App Store &
Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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