

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we saw the recommencing of our early morning running club, after a rest following the Oxford Half Marathon. 30 children joined Mrs Phillips, Mrs Moore, Mrs Moran and Mrs Lee. It was great to see the children and as one parent said to me - only Mrs Phillips can make morning running fun! If your child would like to take part, the next morning run will be on Wednesday, starting at 8.15am.



On Wednesday, the girls in Year 5/6 and Years 1/ 2 were invited to take part in a football training session run by the Sports Leaders from The Marlborough. Lots of girls took up the opportunity, showing many skills as well as a lot of promising potential! The Summertown Stars are recruiting players for their youngest teams: Under 8s, 7s and 6s. If your child is interested in joining their team, please email: andrew@ampsales.co.uk.

Also, there is a girls' football training session for Years 4 and 5 held at Headington Girls School on Tuesday evenings from 6-7pm with the hope of starting a new team after Christmas. If your daughter is interested in this, then please go along to a session there and ask for David. Many thanks to everyone who took part.



Over the past two days our children in years 3 and 4 have visited the Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock. This was to support the learning the children have been doing in their history lessons. The children took part in Anglo Saxon workshops led by the museum staff and looked around the Anglo Saxon gallery. Many thanks to the PTA for part funding this visit.



It is good to see so many of our children wearing school uniform, they certainly look very smart. However, can I remind everyone that on PE days children should wear their school PE uniform which is black / navy shorts or joggers, white t-shirt and black / navy sweatshirt. The PE uniform should not be branded with logos other than William Fletcher. Children can always wear their school sweatshirt if they do not have a black /navy sweatshirt.

The PTA run an excellent uniform exchange, so please do contact the school office if you would like to access this outside of their regular exchange sessions.

Next Friday is Children in Need day, as we will be on INSET we will be holding our Children in Need day on Thursday 17th November. The children are invited to come to school dressed in yellow or spots (or both!). A donation to Children in Need can be made through Parent Pay, please see link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8335>

Best wishes Deborah Nind and The WF team

Our assembly theme for the month of November is Respect



Writer of the week – Kieran in Year 4
 Mathematician of the week – Mathias in Year 5
 Reader of the week – Alfie in Year 4
 School Value – Navaeh in Year 4
 BLP of the Week – Enid in Year 4

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Elsie in Kingfishers. Freya in Nightingales. Tilly, Jamie, Laura, Saffy & Tansy in Swallows. Maya, Felicity, Arthur, Kieran & Ben in Kestrels. Tom & Dexter in Owls. Milly, Charlotte, Nathan, Serenity, Cora, Dora, Betsy, Ethan, Georgia & Nancy in Eagles. Claire, Peter, Riley, Ethan & Ava in Peregrine Falcons. Zach & Anna in Sky Larks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Toby in Nightingales. Toby in Kestrels. Jaya in Owls. Jude, Amelia & Rupert in Red Kites. Isabelle, Priyah & Charlie H in Peregrine Falcons.

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 31.10.22 – 04.11.22
Eagles	92.73%
Kestrel	97.41%
Kingfishers	97.14%
Nightingales	90%
Owls	96.43%
Peregrine Falcons	95.83%
Red Kites	97.04%
Sky Larks	95.45%
Swallows	98.08%
Wrens	96.21%
Total	95.67%

Class Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 17th November 2022**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

PTA Update

The next PTA meeting is booked in for this evening, Thursday 10th November, 7.30pm via zoom. We'll be discussing all things Christmas and more. All very welcome.

If you would like to join the meeting log in details or to know a bit more about the PTA please email us at williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

Thank you to those of you that have already donated preloved books ready for the new Book Swap. If you have any further donations please leave them in the box in the school reception. We'll let you know dates of the first Book Swap once confirmed.

The next Uniform Exchange and Sale is due to take place on Tuesday 6th December, 3pm on the bottom playground.

Wood Paint

Mrs Haynes is looking for brightly coloured wood paint so that we can paint our friendship bench. If anyone has some that they no longer need please send it in to school.

Ignite After School Club Term 2

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 3rd November, 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 2).

Lego Club

Lego Club is now full, if you would like to go on the waiting list please email the school office at office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk

Yarnton Fireworks - Saturday 12 November

Yarnton Fireworks on Saturday 12 November. Gates open at 6pm. Fireworks start at 7.00pm at Little Marsh Playing Field (Behind the Turnpike Pub), Green Lane, Yarnton, OX5 1QE.

American Hotdogs, Dinky Donuts, Cakes, Sweets & Refreshments!

Tickets can be purchased online www.tinyurl.com/yarntonfireworks2022 - £4.50 in advance and £5.00 on the gate. Under 5's free!

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

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

November 2022

14.11.22	Parent/teacher meetings
15.11.22	Parent/teacher meetings
17.11.22	Children in Need own clothes day
21.11.22 –	
25.11.22	Year 6 Glasbury week
22.11.22	Clip & climb for year 5

December 2022

02.12.22	Non-uniform day in exchange for male gift
09.12.22	Non-uniform day in exchange for female gift
14.12.22	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10am
14.12.22	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 2pm
15.12.22	Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9.45am
15.12.22	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 2pm
15.12.22	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm
16.12.22	School Christmas Lunch
19.12.22	Christmas shopping day
20.12.22	School Carol Service
20.12.22	End of term 2

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 HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health – so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent "fighting their battles for them". In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

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.





Friday Cafe

Friday 11th November

8.45am- 10.30am

Howard Hillsdon Room

***This week's topic: Money matters
(including advice on budgeting and
support)***

**Pop in, meet other parents and carers, everyone
welcome.**

**Tea, coffee and cake available. Younger siblings
always welcome too!**

**For more information, please contact:
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or

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