

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year, I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. The children have certainly returned to school full of enthusiasm and are enjoying finding out about the new topics they will be learning this term.

Staff will be sending their class newsletters to you for the term ahead so do look out for these and let your child's class teacher know if you do not receive one. Teachers will also be sending home the curriculum maps for the Spring term; these outline what your children will be learning over the coming weeks. We hope you find both these documents useful, as always do contact your child's class teacher if you would like further information.



At the end of last term our anti-bullying ambassadors worked hard painting our new friendship bench. You may recall the children took part in a fund-raising activity in order to purchase the bench and then under the watchful eye of Mrs Haynes did a great job painting the bench using eye-catching colours. We now have two buddy benches for the children to use at breaktimes.



We continue to have an outbreak of chicken pox at school, if your child catches the virus, please ensure you keep your child at home until all the spots have formed a scab, this is usually 5 days after the spots appeared. Further advice about chicken pox can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Next week, we will be celebrating Founders' Day on Tuesday 10th January. In time honoured tradition, as stated by William Fletcher himself, all the children will be given a small cake. If you would not like your child to take part in this part of Founders' day, please inform the school office or your child's class teacher.

Best wishes Deborah Nind and The WF team

Our assembly theme for the month of January is Generosity



Writer of the week – Tilly in Year 2
 Mathematician of the week – Reggie in Year 5
 Reader of the week – Ariana in Year 1
 BLP of the Week – Warren in Year 6

Celebration of achievements

This week Kyron in Year 6 has been awarded his bronze merit arrows. Well done to him for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded his arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Isla in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Seb in Kingfishers. Oscar, Freya, Tilly & Osian in Nightingales. Tilly, Jamie, Oscar & Finn Tansy in Swallows. Arthur, Ben, Maya, Harry, Eva, Anelie & Martha in Kestrels. Alissa, Zac, Aaron, Evan in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Samar & Ariana in Kingfishers. Darcey in Nightingales. Albie & Ruby in Swallows. Hollie & Tymek in Kestrels. Congratulations to the

following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Nevaeh B in Kestrels.

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 12.12.22 – 16.12.22
Eagles	94.55%
Kestrel	96.07%
Kingfishers	96.43%
Nightingales	90.69%
Owls	91.67%
Peregrine Falcons	92.17%
Red Kites	94.07%
Sky Larks	91.82%
Swallows	91.07%
Wrens	96.43%
Total	93.51%

Uniform Exchange

The next sale for the 'Uniform Exchange' will be after school - on Tuesday 10th December @ 3pm in the playground - if it's raining, we will be in the hall.

How does it work?

- **Donate uniform:** any unused, outgrown uniform items, PE Kit, coats and shoes accepted
- **Exchange uniform:** swap your outgrown uniform for new bigger sizes
- **Purchase uniform:** For a small donation, get new pieces to mix and match with what you already have

We have lots of coats, school shoes & trainers so don't miss the sale.

Thank you for your continued support and if you need anything

email: ptauniformexchange@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk

Ignite After School Club Term 3

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 3, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, starting on 5th January, please complete the Parent Pay form. It is based on a first come first serve basis and will cost £4.50 per session (£27.00 for term 3).

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

January 2023

19.01.2023 Year 4 Trampolining
25.01.2023 Netball Tournament at The Marlborough School

February 2023

06.02.2023 Heights & Weights for Foundation & Year 6
08.02.2023 Portals to the Past Workshop, Year 5 & 6
09.02.2023 End of term 3
10.02.2023 Inset Day
20.02.2023 Start of Term 4
23.02.2023 Sports Hall Athletics, Year 5 & 6

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023

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

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

BE SUSPICIOUS OF NEW INFORMATION

BE HONEST WITH PARENTS & CARERS

TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF SOMETHING UPSETS YOU

DON'T CHAT WITH STRANGERS

TAKE BREAKS FROM BEING ONLINE

ASK PERMISSION before downloading anything

AVOID SHARING PRIVATE PHOTOS

Stick to trusted apps

TAKE NOTICE OF AGE RESTRICTIONS

DOUBLE CHECK YOUR NEWS SOURCES

Don't give away personal information

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Friday Café

Free course: Keeping Up with the Homework

- Improve your confidence with English and maths
- Feel more confident helping with homework
- Discover how English and maths are taught in school
- Run by Karen Ariss- Abingdon and Witney College Tutor

Starts: Friday 20th January

Time: 8.45-9.45

Venue: William Fletcher School

Course length: 3 weeks

To enquire or book a space please contact:

Clare Pink: clarepink@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk



HAPPY SMILES

FRIDAY CAFE, HOWARD HILLSDON ROOM
WILLIAM FLETCHER SCHOOL

9-10AM 13TH JANUARY 2023

Join Charlotte Iddon, manager
of the Oral Health Improvement
team, to get advice and support
for your children on...

BRUSHING

DIET AND SNACKS

DENTIST VISITS

