

Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome back to school, I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Spring break.

This week we have held our parent's evenings, and these have been very well attended. If you haven't been able to meet with your child's class teacher and would like to, please contact the school office.

This week school has been quieter with the year 4 children away Wednesday to Friday on residential at Hooke Court in Dorset, with myself, Mrs Chambers, Miss Welham and Mrs Hambridge accompanying the children.

May Day celebrations

In a couple of weeks we will be celebrating the arrival of Spring with our traditional May Dancing celebrations. This event will take place on Friday 5th May starting at 9.15am and we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to come and watch the children dance and celebrate the crowning of the May King and Queen.

Children are invited to come to school in smart summer dresses, trousers or shorts and shirts with a small posy of flowers pinned to their clothes. As the children will be dancing, they should wear their trainers or plimsols.

We will be decorating the May Chairs with fresh flowers and would greatly appreciate any donations of flowers on Thursday 5th May.

We will be sending home class curriculum newsletters and maps on Friday so please do keep an eye out for these.

Best wishes Deborah Nind and The WF team

Our assembly theme for the month of April is Forgiveness



Writer of the week – Zeko in Year 4
Mathematician of the week – Joey in Year 6
Reader of the week – Luca in Year 2
School Value of the week – Maya in Year 3
BLP of the Week – Seb in Year 6

Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Tilly, Chloe, Osian, Freya & Oscar H in Nightingales. Selina in Peregrine Falcons. Annabel & Zac in Skylarks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Ariana in Kingfishers. Ava in Peregrine Falcons. Olivia & Anoushka in Skylarks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Elsie in Kingfishers. Emilia in Nightingales. Charlie in Skylarks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Eddie in Nightingales.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Priyah in Peregrine Falcons. Aurora & Finley in Skylarks.

Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 75 nights of reading at home: Yasmeena in Nightingales.

Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 50 nights of reading at home: Jasper 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 27.03.23 – 31.03.23
Eagles	100%
Kestrel	95.71%
Kingfishers	86.90%
Nightingales	90%
Owls	97.33%
Peregrine Falcons	93.64%
Red Kites	92.41%
Sky Larks	94.55%
Swallows	90.71%
Wrens	94.29%
Total	93.36%

PTA Update

Summer Fete - Friday 16th June will be a non-uniform day in exchange for a prize for the children's Tombola stall and Friday 23rd June will be a non-uniform day in exchange for an Adult or Bottle Tombola prize at the Summer Fete.

Any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch via williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

All Stars Cricket

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Each participant that signs up will receive 8 weeks of cricket sessions, personalised All Stars t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack. More information can be found - www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars

Dynamos Cricket (8-11 years) is an action-packed, fun programme centred around game play with each session including a skill building activity aimed at providing an active warm-up and focusing in on a skill for that week. During the programme, children will play 60-ball countdown cricket each week, with the skill building activity changing week to week. Every child that signs up will receive a personalise New Balance t-shirt - Information can be found www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricquet

OPERA IN A DAY

Imagine. Create. Perform.

Opera in a Day is a series of workshops for 8-18 year olds, designed to introduce children and young people to some of the world's most beloved operas – and there's even a chance to create your own opera with a professional composer. These one-day workshops will combine singing, acting, storytelling and (most importantly) fun! Our workshop participants will get to put their own spin on these famous stories, and will showcase their work to

friends and family at the end of the day. These workshops are led by opera industry professionals, so our young opera makers have the chance to work alongside top level performers and musicians.

You could be an opera fanatic, or a total newbie to the genre - it doesn't matter! Everyone is welcome. We're putting creativity and imagination first; there's no limit on what you can do, so come and spend a day with us and immerse yourself in the wonderful world of opera.

13 May | *The Magic Flute in a day* | 8- 10s

25 June | *Carmen in a day* | 10 – 14s

22 July | *Make your own opera in a day* | 10 – 14s

12 August | *Hansel and Gretel in a day* | 10 - 14s

20 August | *Pirates of Penzance in a day* | 15-18s

For further information please see: www.oxfordopera.uk/education/

There are also several fully-funded bursary places per workshop available; these are on a first-come-first-serve basis, so if you are interested but are unable to afford the place then please contact Katie Blackwell, Education and Outreach Director, to apply for a bursary place: Office: +44 (0) 1865 250 405 | +44 (0) 7901 764 582

Yarnton Community Drop In

Yarnton Community Drop-In sessions are held every Monday afternoon in the village hall from 2pm to 4pm. All ages are welcome. They are run by and for villagers. If you would like a warm and friendly place to pop into on your way to or from school pickup please do come and have a drink, cake and a chat. There is no charge unless you would like to donate something towards our running costs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ignite After School Club Term 5

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 4, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, starting on 23rd April, please complete the Parent Pay form. It is based on a first come first serve basis and will cost £4.50 per session (£27 for term 5).

Friday cafe

Every Friday, 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

April 2023

19.04.2023 –
21.04.2023 Year 4 Hooke Court
24.04.2023 National Skipping Day
26.04.2023 Cricket – Year 1

May 2023

02.05.2023 Key Stage 1 Cotswold Wildlife Park
03.05.2023 Class Photographs
05.05.2023 May Day Dancing
08.05.2023 –
12.05.2023 Sats Week
17.05.2023 Chairmans Cup Rugby – Year 5 & 6
18.05.2023 Foundation Stage Vision Test
18.05.2023 Marlborough School Induction Day 1 from 09.30am – 12.30pm – Year 6
24.05.2023 Quidditch Day
26.06.2023 Last Day of Term 5

June 2023

05.06.2023 Inset Day
06.06.2023 Term 6 Starts
09.06.2023 Boys Cricket
15.06.2023 Marlborough School Induction Day 2 from 09.30am – 2.30pm – Year 6
16.06.2023 Non-uniform day in exchange for a prize for the children's Tombola stall at the School Fete
23.06.2023 Non-uniform day in exchange for a prize for the adult's Tombola stall at the School Fete
21.06.2023 Year 2 Mini Olympics

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023

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