

Dear Parent and Carers

Last week, children in year 4 took part in a residential visit to Hooke Court in Dorset. During the three-day trip the children took part in a wide range of activities including animal tracking, cooking, den building, making and launching rockets, painting pots and planting seeds. The children had great fun and learnt so much about teamwork, being independent, decision making as well as making their own beds! Whilst we were away the staff at Hooke Court commented on the children's excellent learning behaviours as well as the manner in which they conducted themselves. They certainly were a pleasure to take away. Many thanks to the staff who accompanied the children on the residential and to the staff at school who took on additional duties whilst we were all away.



Yesterday our children in year 1 took part in a Cricket workshop held at Stanton Harcourt Cricket club and led by the Cricket organisation – Chance to shine. The children learnt about bowling, batting and took part in small team games. They had a wonderful time, taking part in the workshop with tremendous enthusiasm – well done to all of the children in year 1.



May Day celebrations

Next week 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 4th May.

Best wishes Deborah Nind and The WF team

Our assembly theme for the month of April is Forgiveness



Writer of the week – Claire in Year 6
 Mathematician of the week – Isla in Year 2
 Reader of the week – Sophie in Wrens
 BLP of the Week – Paislee in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Tilly, Elliot, Alfie, Finn, Oliver & Tansy in Swallows. Teddy in Red Kites. Maya, Eva, Felicity, Anelie, Martha & Harry in Kestrels. Charlotte, Dora & Cora in Eagles. Olivia in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Jude in Nightingales. Edith & Oscar in Swallows. Leah & Arthur in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Niko & Ianis in Nightingales. Laura & Albie in Swallows. Georgia in Kestrels. Esme, Nathaniel & Alex in Red Kites. Claudia & Lupita in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Nevaeh B in Kestrels. Ellie-Mae in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Dyhan in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following children who have reached his 75 nights of reading at home: Harry in Swallows. Greg & Maxim in Kestrels. Tegan in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 25 nights of reading at home: Callum in Red Kites.

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 17.04.23 – 21.04.23
Eagles	98.10%
Kestrel	99.64%
Kingfishers	95.86%
Nightingales	91.43%
Owls	98.67%
Peregrine Falcons	98.10%
Red Kites	95.17%
Sky Larks	98.18%
Swallows	96.30%
Wrens	95.71%
Total	96.62%

PTA Update

Book Swap - The next Book Swap is this coming Friday, 28th April, 3pm in the school hall. Please come along and don't forget your child's previous books to swap for new ones and their Reading Heroes Record to collect more stamps.

May Day Dancing - We will be selling hot drinks, pastries and doughnuts at the May Day dancing on Friday 5th May, weather permitting.

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 on 30th June.

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

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 Blues Presentation

Yarnton Blues Presentation is on Saturday 10th June from 2pm at Little Marsh Lane (behind The Turnpike). There will be a BBQ, Drinks, lots of stalls, Penalty shoot-out and Great raffle prizes – they have lots of raffle tickets which are available from Verity Donovan, Sarah Carter and Charlotte Ryan.

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 5, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, started 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

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
20.06.2023 Key Stage 1 Sports Day (22.06.23 if wet)
21.06.2023 Year 2 Mini Olympics
27.06.2023 Key Stage 2 Sports Day (29.06.23 if wet)
30.06.2023 Summer Fete

July 2023

04.07.2023 Foundation Stage Sports Day (06.07.23 if wet)
05.07.2023 Parent meeting - Meet the teacher years 3 and 4 at 3.15pm
06.07.2023 Parent meeting - Meet the teacher years 1 and 2 at 3.15pm
07.07.2023 Parent meeting - Meet the teacher years 5 and 6 at 3.15pm
11.07.2023 Marlborough School Induction Day 3 – 8.25am-3.05pm – Year 6
11.07.2023 Moving up Morning
21.07.2023 Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00am
21.07.2023 Last Day of Term

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