

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a lovely occasion it was last week celebrating May Day and the arrival of Spring. It was wonderful to see so many families able to join us to watch our traditional crowning of the May King and Queen, the superb May Pole dancing and country dancing performed by each of our classes. The children really rose to the occasion, overcoming any nerves and thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to share their dancing. As the last of my May Day celebrations at WF, it is one I will remember and treasure. And it didn't rain!!



Last week, some of our children in year 4 took part in a School's Maths Challenge held at Headington School in Oxford. The children joined other year 4's from schools across the county and spent the afternoon taking part in a whole range of maths activities and puzzles. Well done to everyone who took part.



Before the end of last term children on the WF Arts Council took part in an art competition organised by The Tower of London. They worked as a group to design a coronation throne for his Majesty King Charles III. There were thousands of entrants and whilst our entry didn't make the final 10, it did make the next 80! In the post, we received some bunting made up of the designs from these 80 schools. Sadly, it didn't arrive in time before the coronation, but it is now hanging in the school hall. All the children who took part should feel very proud of themselves, they produced a super design, and they worked well as a team - not always easy with children spread across the year groups.

In a couple of weeks on the last day of term 5, the PTA will be collecting any unwanted soft toys. These will be used as prizes for one of the games being organised for the school summer fete. If you do have any unwanted soft toys which you would like to pass on, please get them ready to bring into school on Friday 26th May.

As we head into spring and summer OCC have asked us to remind everyone to be 'tick aware' as they enjoy the great outdoors.

Ticks can carry infections and while Lyme disease is more common in the UK, recently there has been a confirmed a case of tick-borne encephalitis (TBE) in England.

Information on ticks can be found on the UKHSA website:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1148613/Tick-awareness-A5-leaflet-April-2023.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1148613/Tick-awareness-A5-leaflet-April-2023.pdf)

Best wishes Deborah Nind and The WF team

**Our assembly theme for the month of May is Understanding**

**Celebration of achievements**

This week, Reggie in Year 5 has been awarded his Bronze merit arrows and Joan in Year 5 has been awarded her Silver merit arrows. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Belle in Nightingales. Oscar in Swallows. Arthur, Anelie & Martha in Kestrels. Enid in Red Kites. Anoushka in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Paislee & Tandis in Nightingales. Tymek in Kestrels. Alex P in Red Kites. Beatriz in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Darcey in Nightingales. Hollie in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Simon in Nightingales. Evangeline in Swallows. Nevaeh B in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Abigail in Nightingales. Tegan & Jack in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following child who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Isla & Jiya 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 02.05.23 – 05.05.23
Eagles	100%
Kestrel	99.11%
Kingfishers	97.41%
Nightingales	98.21%
Owls	95.83%
Peregrine Falcons	100%
Red Kites	91.38%
Sky Larks	96.59%
Swallows	98.21%
Wrens	91.38%
Total	96.60%

### PTA Update

We are pleased to let you know that we raised a wonderful £100.40 from the refreshments sold at last Friday's May Day Dancing. Thank you for continued support.

Do you have any suggestions of what we can use this money for? We'd love to hear from you, all ideas welcome. please email us at [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com)

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.

We will also be holding a small toy amnesty on the two non-Uniform days, items that would be suitable for Lucky Dip Prizes. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

### Junior Parkrun in Kidlington

Junior Parkrun has arrived in Kidlington! A weekly 2k timed event for children aged 4-14. No regular commitment or sign up required - just turn up and run. It's a 9am start every Sunday at Parkhill recreation ground (Benmead Road). For more information and to sign up for a free barcode, which enables you to get your results, please see:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/parkhillrecreationground-juniors/>

## **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/](http://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

## **Williams Hockey Coaching – Holiday Camp**

WHC holiday camp is from 31<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June at Oxford Hawkes Hockey Club. For more information please email [drew@williamshockeycoaching.com](mailto:drew@williamshockeycoaching.com) or register at [www.forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1psWpRy2xUS79XR1D31bwbqDBBEE2ddlrWQhabGgcShURTAwMDFOWVZUN0tEMFUzMjk2UFlyQ1cxSC4u](http://www.forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1psWpRy2xUS79XR1D31bwbqDBBEE2ddlrWQhabGgcShURTAwMDFOWVZUN0tEMFUzMjk2UFlyQ1cxSC4u).

## **Yarnton Blues Presentation**

Yarnton Blues Presentation is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 6**

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 6, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, started on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 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 6).

### **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**

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  
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07.07.2023	Parent meeting - Meet the teacher years 5 and 6 at 3.15pm
11.07.2023	Moving up Morning
11.07.2023	Marlborough School Induction Day 3 from 08.25am – 3.05pm – Year 6
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 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June INSET

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2023/2024**

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September INSET Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September INSET Day

#### **Term 2**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

#### **Term 3**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February INSET

#### **Term 5**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June INSET