

Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week, our netball teams took part in a session of netball matches at The Marlborough School. Our wonderful netball coaches were impressed by the manner in which the children played using all of their netball skills. Well done to everyone who took part.



This week, children in Key stage 1 visited Cotswold Wildlife Park as part of their work learning about animals and their habitats. The children took part in workshops led by the staff at the park and thoroughly enjoyed meeting and learning about the animals. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who accompanied the children on their visit.



### May Day Celebrations

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the arrival of Spring with our traditional May Dancing celebrations. We will be 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 by 3.00pm Thursday 4th May.

Trish Amesbury, the school Chair of Governors has written to all parents and carers about our new headteacher taking over from me in September, please do let the school office know if you have not received the letter which was sent today via email.

We have another Bank holiday weekend; I hope you all have an enjoyable few days and I look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 9th May.

Best wishes Deborah Nind and The WF team

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



Writer of the week – Tymek in Year 4  
 Mathematician of the week – Oscar in Year 2  
 Reader of the week – Lily-Rose in Year 6  
 Value of the week - Evie & Poppy in Year 4  
 BLP of the Week – Harry in Year 1

## Celebration of achievements

This week, Serenity in Year 5 has been awarded her Silver merit arrows and Nathan in Year 5 has been awarded his Gold 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: Edith in Swallows. Ben in Kestrels. Betsy & Serenity in Eagles. Maisie in Peregrine Falcons. Joan in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Joshua in Eagles. Ethan C in Peregrine Falcons. Charlie in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Ruby in Swallows. Tymek in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Charlie & Emelia in Peregrine Falcons. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Harry in Swallows. Tegan in Red Kites. 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 24.04.23 – 28.04.23
Eagles	100%
Kestrel	97.50%
Kingfishers	96.55%
Nightingales	97.50%
Owls	96%
Peregrine Falcons	97.14%
Red Kites	95.17%
Sky Larks	94.09%
Swallows	98.52%
Wrens	90.71%
Total	96.24%

## PTA Update

May Day Dancing - We will be selling hot drinks, pastries and doughnuts at the May Day dancing on Friday 5th May, weather permitting. **Please bring your own mug.** 50p for pasties and doughnuts and £1 for hot drinks.

Any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch via [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto: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/](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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:clarepink@william-fletcher.gov.uk) or Karen Ariss: [karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk](mailto: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 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