

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers



During the last week of last half term, our children in year 6 were away on their annual residential visit to Glasbury in Wales. The children and their teachers spent the week outdoors, canoeing, caving, navigating high ropes in the tree tops, night walking and mountain walking during the day. It was an action-packed week, everyone came back exhausted but proud of many



achievements. I am indebted to Mrs Phillips, Mrs Davies and Mrs Yaxley for the time and their commitment to our children in year 6.

Our children in years 3 and 4 took part in a lesson this week using Virtual Reality Technology. The children were able to explore life during the times of the dinosaurs as well as landscapes from other places. Thank you to our science co-ordinator Miss Parsons for organising this activity for our children.

Staffing news

Mrs Lind will be taking her maternity leave soon. I have written to all parents and carers in Nightingale class informing them that we have appointed Mrs Crowe to teach Nightingale class during Mrs Lind's maternity leave. Mrs Crowe is an experienced teacher and I am sure will be an asset to the William Fletcher Team.

PTA

I am disappointed that we have had no one step forward to take on the role of chair of the PTA. This will mean that we will be unable to run our PTA this year and will not be able to access the current funds that are held in the PTA account. For our children this will mean that we may have to have fewer trips and visits as they will be more expensive without PTA funding. We will also not be able to purchase class books with PTA money, support development of key areas in school through PTA support, provide activities such as discos and the summer fete without a PTA committee. We have 256 children in our school, if you feel at this late stage you might be able to chair or co-chair the committee please do come and speak with me, the job is not as onerous as it may appear, there is a very large group of parents and staff who willingly volunteer for events.

Best Wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of November is Courage



Writer of the week - Alfie in Year 5

Mathematician of the week - Zara in Year 2

Reader of the week - Lily-Rose in Year 1

School Value person of the week - Isabella in Year 4

Building Learning Power - Kara in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

This week Anisha, Scarlett, Sophia, Alistair, Callum, Bori, Maisy and Callan in Year 5 have been awarded their bronze merit arrow. Tiffanie in Year 5 has been awarded her silver merit arrow. 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 25 nights of reading at home: Russell, Hakan, Grace and Niamh in Red Kites. Isabella T, Isabella N, Archie and Isobal in Kestrels. Justin, Oscar and Alicia in Swallows. Jack, Susan, Aanya, Esme, Bella, Jovan and Seb in Kingfishers. Elise, Kara and Maggie in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Eliza, Declan, James, Jessica and Abby in Red Kites. George, Phineas, Austin, Alfie and Thomas in Kestrels. Cora, Jasper, Zachary, Charlie C, Ben and Iris in Swallows. Claudia, Kai, Charlotte and Jemima in Nightingales.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Wrens class for 100% attendance.

| Class | % attendance for 16.10.17 - 20.10.17 |
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| Eagles | 91.61 |
| Kestrel | 92.86 |
| Kingfishers | 91.54 |
| Nightingales | 92.96 |
| Owls | 99.26 |
| Red Kites | 98.93 |
| Robins | 95.29 |
| Sky Larks | 95.00 |
| Swallows | 98.85 |
| Wrens | 100 |
| Total | 95.39 |

School Disco

The school disco is tomorrow evening (Friday 3rd November). Foundation/Key Stage 1 disco will be from 6.00 - 7.00pm, and Key Stage 2 disco will be from 7.15 – 8:30pm. Year 3 children may choose which they would like to attend. Entrance is £2 per child. A disco has been booked to entertain the children and the PTA will be selling hotdogs, drinks, sweets, tattoos and glow sticks. Children are welcome to come in fancy dress if they would like to, though this is optional.

Lost Property

Luke in Eagles lost his small cuddly sheep at Glasbury. If your child went on the residential trip to Glasbury, please could you check they have not packed it with their belongings or taken it home by mistake.

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 £3.50 per child starting at 07:30 and £3.00 per child starting at 08:00. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club please see the staff in the office.

Email Newsletter

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you every week, can you please email Mrs Morris at office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk and your details will be added to the email list. Our newsletters can also be viewed online at <http://www.william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk> and on the William Fletcher Primary School App.

Forthcoming Dates

November 2017

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| 03.11.17 | School Disco |
| 06.11.17 | Eagles Imps Visit |
| 14.11.17 | Parent-Teacher discussions |
| 15.11.17 | Parent-Teacher discussions |
| 16.11.17 | Flu Vaccination for FS and Years 1 – 4 |
| 17.11.17 | Children in Need |
| 20.11.17 | INSET DAY |

December 2017

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| 11.12.17 | Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm |
| 12.12.17 | Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm |
| 12.12.17 | Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.30pm |
| 12.12.17 | Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 7.00pm |
| 13.12.17 | Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm |
| 13.12.17 | Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.30pm |
| 13.12.17 | Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 7.00pm |
| 15.12.17 | Learning Cards go home for review |
| 18.12.17 | Learning Cards to be returned to school |
| 18.12.17 | Class Christmas Parties |
| 19.12.17 | Christingle Service for years 1-6 |
| 19.12.17 | End of Autumn Term |

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 1

Tuesday 5th September to Friday 20th October

Monday 4th September INSET Day

Monday 30th October INSET Day

Term 2

Tuesday 31st October to Tuesday 19th December

Monday 20th November INSET Day

Term 3

Thursday 4th January to Friday 9th February

Term 4

Monday 19th February to Thursday 29th March

Term 5

Monday 16th April to Thursday 24th May

Friday 25th May INSET Day