

Featherstone Wood Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020



Hello Parents and Carers

Pupils in Featherstone Wood showed their respect by staying silent for Remembrance Day on Wednesday. Year 4 held their 2 minute silence outside during playtime. All children were very quiet and reflective and Mrs Burghelea and Mrs Driver were very proud of them.

Each class made their own poppies for our Remembrance display



Please can the permission slip for the KS1 and Early Years Nativity video please be returned by next Friday 20th November thank you.

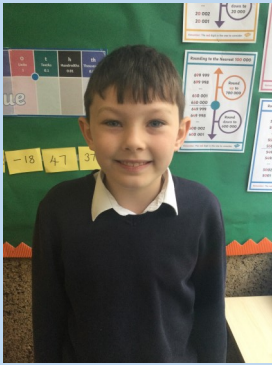


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Congratulations to this weeks Star Learners



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Congratulations to our Star Learner Charlie for challenging himself with his maths learning



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Holly is this week's star learner for her high quality learning and caring attitude towards others.



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Maicey is Star Learner for becoming more confident and independent with her learning



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Mercy is star learner this week for two different reasons. First reason is trying hard with her writing. She has used coordinating and subordinating conjunctions correctly to make her writing flow. Secondly, we were very impressed with Mercy's attitude towards the challenges of school life. Excellent attitude, Mercy!

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Our Star Learner this week has made many positive choices and has completed his learning with greater independence.

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Isabella is our Star Learner this week for being a perfect role model. Always following the classroom rules and doing the right thing. We are very proud of her.



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Scarlett is our star learner this week as she has made great progress in phonics. She has shown enthusiasm and determination all week. Well done!

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A few reminders:



Flu vaccines will continue on the 2nd December for those still waiting



Thank you to those who have already returned your photo order forms. Can order forms be returned by Thursday 26th November




Applications are now open for September 2021 Reception places for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017.

Closing date is 15th January 2021

Applying For A Reception Place?

Choosing a school is an important but exciting decision for you and your child. Here is some information that may help you during the application process.




Important Dates:

- Applications open 2nd November 2020
- Deadline for applications 15th January 2021
- Allocation day 16th April 2021 (Accept or decline by 30th April 2021)

Top Tips!

- Applying for a place in Reception is different to applying for a Nursery place—**applications must be made online** through Herts County. A place in a school Nursery doesn't guarantee you a place in their Reception class as this is a separate allocation process.
- Applications are prioritised for children who will have a sibling in the school when they start. Places are then allocated on **distance from your home**.
- You will be able to list 4 schools in order of preference—It is **advisable to use all 4 choices!** Listing only 1 school **does not give you priority for that school** and if unsuccessful you may be allocated any other school in the area.
- Research the schools** you are interested in applying for—most schools have information on their website, open days and many offer individual or group tours. *these may be subject to change due to covid19*
- Remember to **submit your application on time**—you are much less likely to get your preferred school if you apply late.



Once allocations are made:

- If you do not get your first choice school, once places are allocated you will remain on the continued interest list for all higher preference schools in case a place becomes available —**if you are happy with your allocated school you must opt out of continued interest** by the date given.
- If you are not happy with your allocated school, you have the option to **add new choices** to your application for round 2 of allocations, but it is advisable to accept the place you have been given in the meantime—doing so **will not affect your chances of getting into another school** at a later date.

For more information and to find your nearest schools visit the school admissions section of the Hertfordshire County Council website:
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education

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Many children and young people across the UK will be missing out on their usual sport clubs. We're here to help all young people feel part of a club that helps them develop skills and learn something new.

The Youth Sport Trust's After School Sport Club is about much more than physical fitness. It will help children develop physical literacy and confidence to try lots of new sports, helping all children find a sport for them.

The After School Sport Club will be led by Athlete Mentors from different backgrounds, abilities and sports.

Every day at 5pm from 16 November until 18 December, children and young people can join in with the live broadcast for free on our [YouTube](#) channel. Join in the conversation on social using #YSTAfterSchool and tagging [@YouthSportTrust](#) across all social media channels. You might need items from around your home for some sessions, but we'll give some ideas ahead of each club to adapt if you don't have these items.

The different daily themes are below:

- **Adventure Monday** – This might involve getting children to do floor, wall climbing and map reading all within their living room
- **Tuesday Play** – Imaginative play utilising resources in the house to create games and activities to get active
- **Wild Wednesday** – Some high tempo competitive activities involving personal challenges
- **Thinking Thursday** – Introducing cognitive challenges for children through movement. Active noughts and crosses and introducing an element of competition – whether that be against themselves, the clock, their siblings or remotely with friends
- **Fun Friday** – A chance for children to let loose and have some fun. Dancing and doing what makes them feel good.

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