# Featherstone Wood Newsletter Friday 20th September 2019

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Being able to communicate is one of the most important skills we need in life. Almost everything we do involves communication; everyday tasks such as learning at school, asking for food and drink, sorting out problems, making friends and having fun. These all rely on our ability to communicate with each other.

With this in mind Featherstone Wood has been using Makaton. Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

With Makaton, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear. Using symbols can help people who have limited speech and those who cannot, or prefer not to sign.



Each week we will be showing you a different sign, all of which the children have been learning in class

If you would like more information on Makaton please visit their website:

https://www.makaton.org/

Monday—KS2 gymnastics

Monday—Music

Tuesday—KS2 Dodge Ball

Wednesday—KS1 Multi Sports

Thursday—KS2 Multi Sports

All sessions must be booked and paid for via School Gateway

#### **MOVING ON TO YEAR 7**

Year 6 parents have been sent an email regarding pupils moving on to Secondary School. A leaflet has also been given to each pupil. Apply online at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. **DEADLINE IS 31 OCTOBER 2019** 

Applying for Reception deadline is Wednesday 15 January 2020

### Star Learners for 20th September 2019

Reception
Lizzie Eddy
Year 1
Charlie Warwick
Year 2
Eric Udo-Uzoagba
Thandie Kupe
Year 4
Neve Barnard
Year 5
Alvin Emovon
Year 6
Mal Murtezi

#### Attendance

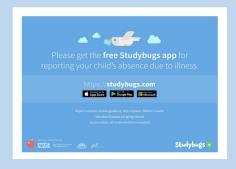
Congratulations to Year 5 with 96.11% attendance this week followed closely by Year 6 with 95.18%

#### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club is £3.00 a session and must be booked and paid for **in advance** via the Gateway app.

#### **Lunch**

W/c 23rd Sept will be week 1 Menu is available to see our on website



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The Stevenage Cycle Hub is running a Level 1&2 Bikeability course during the October half term holiday. It is being run in conjunction with the Herts CC Cycling Team and is the same as they run in schools. The courses are delivered by their instructors.

The Bikeability cycle training programme is about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads.

A place on the course can be booked using the following link: https://stevenagecyclehub.org.uk/events/bikeability-level-2-

### Featherstone Wood Calendar Friday 20th September 2019



September						
Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 INSET DAY	3 BACK TO SCHOOL	4	5	6	7	8
9 KS2 Gymnastics	10 KS2 Dodge- ball	11 KS1 Multi Sports Years 4 & 6 swimming	12 KS2 Multi Sports	13	14	15
16 KS2 Gymnastics Music	17 KS2 Dodge- ball	18 KS1 Multi Sports Years 4 & 6 swimming	19 KS2 Multi Sports	20	21	22
23 KS2 Gymnastics Music	24 KS2 Dodge- ball	25 Harvest Festival KS1 Multi Sports Years 4 & 6 swimming	26 KS2 Multi Sports	27	28	29

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