

# Featherstone Wood Newsletter

## Friday 24th January 2020



Dear Parent and Carers,

Not only have you filled Australia with your pennies you have also filled up the Kangaroo.



Don't forget that we have a film night on Friday 31st January with hot dogs at a cost of £5. Film is Toy Story 4.

We hope you are enjoying all the positive messages you are receiving on our new MarvellousMe app and would like to thank all the parents who have already signed up to it. The app tells you about all the wonderful things your child is doing so that you can celebrate their achievements. It's free and you can share it with partners, carers and grandparents.



Please remember to check you have the latest MarvellousMe parent app installed and are logged in. You don't want to miss out!

There's lots more information at [www.marvellousme.com](http://www.marvellousme.com) or please ask the office to help.

There are several other ways the School communicates with parents; Facebook (Official Featherstone Wood), Website and Schoolgateway. You can contact the School via message for child sickness via Studybugs or Schoolgateway.

**Please make sure you have registered on the Hertfordshire County Council site to receive notification of school closures due to bad weather:**

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>

**Please be reminded that there is no parking on the school site.**

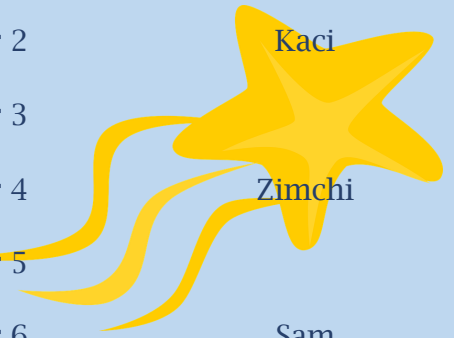
Other upcoming events in February:

4th— Parents Evening  
6th— POFW Emoji Disco



### Star Learners for 24th January 2020

Reception	Macie
Year 1	Hayden
Year 2	Kaci
Year 3	
Year 4	Zimchi
Year 5	
Year 6	Sam



### Attendance

Congratulations to **Nursery** for winning the Attendance Award this week with 98.75%

Thank you to those parents who helped raise £28.50 towards Cancer Research by buying their school photos from Braiswick.

We would also like to thank Sir Dominic Cadbury for his generous donation to Featherstone Wood.

### 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 27th January will be week 1

**Gentle reminder that dinners must be paid for in advance. This can be done via School Gateway or the office**

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### Premier Sport presents:

**Brand new holiday clubs starting this Half Term. Parents are invited to come along and meet Mr Hewitt who will introducing their new clubs at a special assembly on Thursday 30th January at 9am**

## Holiday Camps!

We've got heaps of half term fun lined up for children aged 4 to 11!



The UK's No.1 provider of sports & physical activities to primary schools.

Premier Education Holiday Camps are so popular thanks to our unique mix of games and activities. With all day to play, your child will be able to enjoy their favourites and discover a few more!

### Our Holiday Camps near you...

**HERTFORDSHIRE**

**HITCHIN**  
Fairfield Park Lower School  
Multi-Activity Camp  
17th & 18th February

**Fairfield Community Center**  
Multi-Activity Camp  
19th - 21st February

**STEVENAGE**  
Fairlands Primary  
Multi-Activity Camp  
17th - 21st February

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**Standard Days:** 9.00am - 3.30pm for just £14.95  
**Half Days:** 9.00am - 1.00pm for just £11.95  
**Extended Days:** 8.00am - 5.00pm for just £19.95



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Arts and Crafts are available on all the camps!

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Real Customer



Book now at... [premier-education.com/holidaycamps](http://premier-education.com/holidaycamps)

## Musical Madness!



The UK's No.1 provider of sports & physical activities to primary schools.

We've got an incredible week lined up, full of musical routines and themes related to the musical of that day!

By the end of the week, children will have learned loads about different musicals and the wonderful styles of dance that they use.



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**Fairlands Primary School**

Monday 17th February  
Come alive and step into...  
**The Greatest Showman**

Tuesday 18th February  
Have a supercallfragllistic Tuesday...  
**Mary Poppins**

Wednesday 19th February  
Roar into Wednesday...  
**The Lion King**

Thursday 20th February  
Golden ticket Thursday...  
**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

Friday 21st February  
You've never had a friend like me...  
**Aladdin**

Standard Days: 9.00am - 3.30pm for just £14.95  
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**CHANGE OF MENU FOR THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY**



**HCL**   
*Excellence in Educational Catering*

# Chinese

## NEW YEAR 2020

**Chinese New Year Menu**

HCL has created a special menu to enjoy  
and celebrate a taste of China  
during this popular cultural event.

**Chicken Chow Mein**  
**OR**  
**Sweet and Sour Quorn**  
**with Rice (v)**

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**Cookie**



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### UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD ON THE AUTISTIC SPECTRUM



**Wednesdays**  
**26th February, 4th, 11th, 18th,**  
**25th March and 1st April 2020**  
**9.30 - 11.30am**

A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder. We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict without giving in.
- Manage emotional reactions.
- Learn how to encourage and support your child.
- Manage the different needs within your family.
- Explore sensory issues.

*'I have been on a few courses to help me with my son, this was by far the most helpful.'*

**BROADWATER FAMILY CENTRE**  
**Longmeadow School**  
**Oaks Cross**  
**STEVENAGE SG2 8LT**

*'I tried the techniques and was amazed at the outcome.'*

**Pre-booking essential**  
 Contact Supporting Links  
**QUOTING REFERENCE SL352 on:**

**07512 709556**  
**bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk**  
**www.supportinglinks.co.uk**  
 If you require childcare to attend this course please speak with us

This course is provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council

External courses you may be interested in

### Families Feeling Safe Protective Behaviours

Buntingford

for Dads and Male Carers of children 0 - Teens



For eligibility and to book your FREE place please contact  
 Sue  
 Email: [sue@familiesfeelingSAFE.co.uk](mailto:sue@familiesfeelingSAFE.co.uk)  
 Tel: 07531 247657



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Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life?

- Build self-esteem and confidence
- Recognise Early Warning Signs
- Understand the link between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- Manage a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries and make safe choices
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Improve communication with your child and others
- Improve emotional well-being
- Develop strategies for feeling safe and problem-solving skills to use in a range of situations

*'I've got a whole set of approaches and practical ways to understand family life and Me!'*

*'I wish I had done the course sooner'*

Thursday evenings 7.00 - 9.00pm  
 16th January - 19th March 2020  
 (excluding half term 20th Feb)  
 Edwinstree Middle School,  
 Norfolk Road, Buntingford  
 SG9 9AW



### Attention Parents/Carers of Children in Reception Class

Please complete an on-line health questionnaire for your child between:  
 6th January - 24th February 2020



This will help the School Nursing Team identify any health needs for your child  
**The team can offer:**  
 advice, support and sign post to appropriate services



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[www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)



DSPL  
 Delivering Specialist  
 Ambulance quality services



family lives

6-week group for parents / carers  
 Wednesday 12.45pm - 14.45pm

29 January & 5, 12, 26 February & 4, 11 March 2020

Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents / Carers of Children with ASD & ADHD

The Oak Suite  
 Peartree Spring Primary School,  
 Hydean Way, Stevenage, SG2 9GG

Contact Louise on  
 01707 247 032 / 01163 666087 to book a place

Parents/ Carers can book direct on this number

Professionals - please send completed referral forms via HertsFX to [louisev@familylives.org.uk](mailto:louisev@familylives.org.uk)

Please note this group is available to Parents/ Carers of children within Hertfordshire including the DSPL2. Stevenage, Aston, Benington, Datchworth, Gravely, Knebworth, Walkern

Family Lives will not discuss anything that is confidential unless there is a life threatening situation, or a child or adult is in need of at risk of significant harm or we have your permission to do so. Family Lives is a national charity, Reg Charity No 107722. Registered in England and Wales

### TALKING TEENS



TUESDAYS

25th February, 3rd, 10th,  
 17th, 24th and 31st March 2020  
 7.00 - 9.00pm



Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 12-19 will cover:

- The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate during a conflict situation.

**'Very well delivered and engaging sessions'**

**BEDWELL FAMILY CENTRE**  
**2 Bedwell Park**  
**3 Exchange Road**  
**STEVENAGE SG1 1NB**

*'I have already changed my attitude towards my 12 turning 13 year old daughter by understanding her behaviour rather than being annoyed by it. The results have been quite remarkable.'*

**Pre-booking essential**

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on:

**07512 709556**

**bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk**

**www.supportinglinks.co.uk**

**QUOTING REFERENCE SL359**




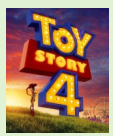
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# Featherstone Wood Calendar



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### January

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
27 Music club KS2Gymnastics	28 KS2Dodgeball	29 Bags to School  KS1Multisports	30 Premier Sport Assembly 9am Chinese Menu for Chinese New Year KS2Multisports	31 Film night—Toy Story 4 

### February

3 Music club KS2Gymnastics	4 Parents Evening KS2Dodgeball	5 KS1Multisports	6 Emoji Disco  KS2Multisports	7
10 Music club KS2Gymnastics	11 KS2Dodgeball	12 KS1Multisports	13 KS2Multisports	14 
17	18	19	20	21

HALF TERM

## Featherstone Wood Primary School

Featherston Road, Stevenage, Herts. SG2 9PP

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