

## Featherstone Wood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is important that we prepare our children to be self-sufficient, confident and organised. When they move up to secondary school they will be expected to get to lessons on time with the correct equipment and uniform. They will receive sanctions if they don't. With this in mind we have noticed that a few things have started to slip over the last couple of weeks and we will be tightening up after half term. It is really important that, as parents, you ensure your children are organised, have the correct equipment and are becoming independent.

We are aware that there are a number of children not following the uniform rules. Please ensure they are in the correct uniform as stated in the home school diaries and on the website. Children not in the correct uniforms will be kept in at lunchtimes. This includes hair pieces, socks and shoes.

PE kits should be in school Monday – Friday as they can be needed at any time. Children who do not have their PE kit when required will then be staying in at lunchtimes for a week. This has had a great impact on the number of children in Year 6 who are now remembering their kits!

### **Stevenage Primary Athletics Championships**

Yesterday, 20 children from Years 4, 5 and 6, went to Ridlins athletics stadium to take part in the Stevenage Primary Schools Athletics competition.

All children involved acquitted themselves well in all their events and behaved to the high standards we expect of our students.

Special congratulations go to Chervonte Straker, Year 6, who won the Gold medal in the high jump, jumping 1.25m. Well done Chervonte.



Before half term children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the annual Dragon Boat and Bell Boat event at Fairlands Lakes.

We came ninth out of all the schools participating, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals. On both days the children took part in a range of activities including rowing, canoeing, rock climbing and orienteering.



### **Data Collection Forms**

With the new data protection legislation which came into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, we sent out forms which needed to be completed in respect of your children.

We still have a number of families who have not returned their forms. We are unable to take any photographs of the children until we have your permission to do so.

### **Star Learners**

This week's Star Learners are:-

Reception - Enes Bytyqi  
Year 1 - Jack Auty  
Year 2 - Emma Morris  
Year 3 - Holly Wyles  
Year 4 - Billy Mallam  
Year 5 - Dylan Broad  
Year 6 - Ishe Faulkner

Well done everyone – we are very proud of you all.



### **PE Star Learners**

Our PE Star Learners this week are Chervonte Straker, Year 6 and Jamain Shaw, Reception.

Chervonte has been awarded the trophy this week for trying hard in the high jump and achieving a Gold medal at the Stevenage Primary Schools Athletics competition.

Jamain received the trophy for an excellent performance in his 'under the sea' dance.



### **Attendance Trophy**

Year 2 won the trophy again this week, with 97.73%. This is fantastic Year 2 – well done!

### **Parents of Featherstone Wood (PofFW)**

The PofFW will be holding their AGM on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June at 3.15 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Community Room and will be an opportunity for you to hear about all the activities organised over the year; how the money raised has been spent and what the school is in need of. Ask questions and get to know the wider school community in a sociable way. Everyone welcome!

On Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, they will be holding a meeting in the Community Room at 2.00 p.m. This meeting will be held to make preparations for the Sports Day BBQ. Children are welcome at this meeting.

### **Geronimo Festival**

Geronimo is a family festival aimed at children under 13 and their families and focuses on quality family time and imaginative play. The aim of the festival is to encourage families to play, learn and create magical memories together, and is taking place at Knebworth House.

Marie Curie is delighted to be the nominated Charity for Geronimo Festival 2018. The event takes place at Knebworth House, Hertfordshire on **Saturday, 30th June and Sunday, 1st July.**

They are looking for eager volunteers to volunteer for one day to help with marshalling, directing the public and ticket/bag checks. Volunteers will in return receive a one day family pass to be used at the event.

To register to volunteer please contact:  
Kerri Wheeler, Volunteer Manager Marie Curie,  
or [kerri.wheeler@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:kerri.wheeler@mariecurie.org.uk)  
or call 01604 442300.

### **Shephall Residents Group**

The next meeting of the above group will take place at the Shephall Centre on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. start. All welcome.

### Father's Day Sale

The Father's Day sale will now be held on  
**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June.**

### Sports Day/BBQ/School Fair

The Parents of Featherstone Wood are holding a BBQ on the 6<sup>th</sup> July, straight after sports day. A letter was sent out this week so that you can pre-order your food. **No orders can be taken on the day.**

The PofFW have asked for volunteers to help run the BBQ. If you can spare any time at all to help out please call in at the School Office and leave your name, or let one of the members of the PofFW know. Thank you.



### Dates for your Diary

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 phonics check

12<sup>th</sup> June - Y5 Humanatopia Workshop

14<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Sale

15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

6<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day, barbeque and Summer Fair

12<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Day

16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Party

20<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Assembly

**20<sup>th</sup> July - Term ends 2.00 p.m.**

23<sup>rd</sup> July - Inset Day

24<sup>th</sup> July - Occasional Day

25<sup>th</sup> July - Occasional Day

26<sup>th</sup> July - Occasional Day

### Diary Dates 2018/2019

#### **2018**

3<sup>rd</sup> September - Inset Day

4<sup>th</sup> September - children return to school

26<sup>th</sup> October - Occasional Day

29<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term

2<sup>nd</sup> November

5<sup>th</sup> November - children return to school

20<sup>th</sup> December - school finishes

21<sup>st</sup> December - Inset Day

#### **2019**

7<sup>th</sup> January - return to school

18<sup>th</sup> February - Half term

22<sup>nd</sup> February

4<sup>th</sup> April - Inset Day

5<sup>th</sup> April - Inset Day

8<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays

22<sup>nd</sup> April

27<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term

31<sup>st</sup> May

3<sup>rd</sup> June - return to school

23<sup>rd</sup> July - school finishes

24<sup>th</sup> July - Inset Day

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