

Featherstone Wood Newsletter

Friday, 10 September 2021



Hello Parents and Carers

Our first full week back is over already and everyone has settled back in nicely. We have also welcomed the return of our buddy reading between our KS1 and KS2 classes. Here are some of our Year 4 pupils reading to our Early Years pupils.



We have an extra inset day next year due to the Queen's jubilee. This will be Friday 11th March

Year 1 will have their school entrance screening—height, weight, vision and hearing check - on 16th September. Leaflets were sent out in July. This would normally have been in Reception but was delayed due to Covid. Please contact the office if you wish to opt out

Have your circumstances changed ?? Could you now be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) ? If so please contact the office or look on the Hertfordshire FSM page—<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>



Reminder that we are nut free school due to severe allergies—this includes no peanut butter in sandwiches

After school clubs have restarted but there are limited spaces. If your child is booked on and no longer wants their space please let the office know.

Monday—Years 3 and 4 Gymnastics

Tuesday—Years 5 and 6 Football

Wednesday—Years 3 and 4 Rugby

Thursday—years 5 and 6 Badminton

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Congratulations to our Star Learners



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Samuel is Star Learner as he has matured in attitude over the summer and has been trying hard in all subjects especially with his handwriting - a great start to year 6!

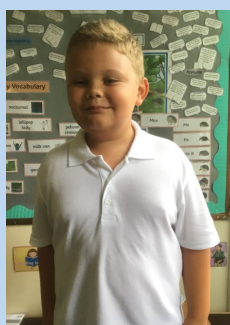


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Skye is Star Learner for having an excellent attitude towards her work and producing some lovely independent work



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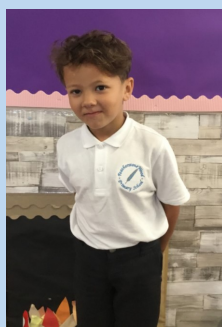
Bobby is star learner for his excellent attitude towards learning and for completing all tasks independently and efficiently. He did a fabulous piece of writing in English using coordinating conjunctions correctly.

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Eloisa is Star Learner for adapting to Year 3 really well. Keep up the good work



Zach is Star Learner for amazing us with his attitude towards his learning and his outstanding focus in all lessons.



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Jason was our Star Learner for last week for his excellent Year 2 attitude and independent writing. Great start Jason, well done!

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Arian is Star Learner for trying really hard to write his name independently

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June is Star Learner for always trying her best and being a super role model

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Vinnie is a great role model for super tidying up in the classroom and being helpful

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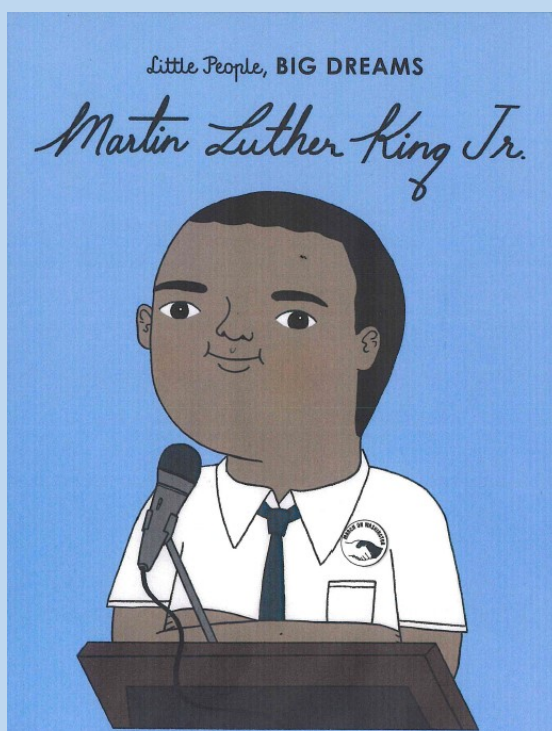


OUTSTANDING PERSON OF THE WEEK

Every Monday in the School Assembly we will be focusing on a different role model each week using our beautiful new 'Little People, Big Dreams' books in the library. So our OUTSTANDING PERSON OF THE WEEK for 13th September is: Martin Luther King Jnr

Who was Martin Luther King Jnr ?

Growing up in a family of pastors, Martin grew up understanding the power of words and he used words instead of hatred and violence to change the divided world he was growing up in.



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SWIMMING STARTS WEDNESDAY 15TH
SEPTEMBER FOR PUPILS IN YEARS 4 & 6

CONSENT AND PAYMENT OF £22 MUST BE
MADE VIA THE SCHOOLGATEWAY APP

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Dear Parent/carer, **Play centres re-open after school**

We are pleased to contact you regarding the play centres. We would like welcome your children back and have the details below on how to register your children.

We are offering pre-booked, adult supervised, children only sessions that are for Stevenage children aged 5 - 12 years at Bandley Hill, Pin Green and St. Nicholas. The play sessions remain free of charge for Stevenage children. The new online registration and booking system means you only need to complete one form per child and you can then access all of our play centres and events.

Our after school sessions start on Thursday 9th September, you will be able to book online from 1st September, we thank you for your continued support and patience whilst we introduce the new booking system and play centres re-open.

Play centre opening times:

After school: Monday to Friday 3:15pm - 5:30pm

School holidays: Monday to Friday 9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30 pm until 4:30pm

To register - Children's Information form.

The registration form provides all of the information needed to support your child's individual needs and emergency contact information to help keep your child safe whilst at the play centre.

To register online please follow this link:

https://myaccount.stevenage.gov.uk/service/Play_Centre_Registration_Form

Or register in person at the play centre.

Please visit the play centre (during opening times) to collect a registration form.

To Pre-book a play session.

Once you have registered your child, you will have been emailed your child's unique registration number, you are able to use this to access the online pre-booking system.

Please note: There are no limits to the number of sessions you can pre-book (subject to availability).

To reserve a space, please follow this link:

https://myaccount.stevenage.gov.uk/en/service/Play_Centre_Booking_Form

Or if you were unable to pre-book, you can turn up on the day and see if we have any spaces available (Limited spaces available for each session)

If you have difficulties registering, booking online or need further information please contact the Play and Wellbeing Team by:

Email: play.section@stevenage.gov.uk or

Telephone (during opening times)

Bandley Hill Play centre 01438 218848

Pin Green Play centre 01438 726749

St. Nicholas Play centre 01438 722753

Or visit your local play centre.

Translating and interpreting

If English is not your first language and you need help with communication, our Translating and Interpreting service will be happy to help you.

Kind regards,

The Play and Wellbeing Team



www.stevenage.gov.uk



Where to find your nearest play centre.

Bandley Hill Play centre

Featherstone Road

Stevenage SG2 9PP

01438 218848

Pin Green Play centre

Hampson Park

Webb Rise

Stevenage SG1 5QU

01438 726749

St. Nicholas Play centre

St. Nicholas Park

Pilgrims Way

Stevenage SG1 4PT

01438 722753



Play session Terms and Conditions

- There are no restrictions to the number of sessions booked (subject to availability).
- Your child must live (reside) in Stevenage.
- The sessions are for children aged 5 - 12 years old only.
- The play sessions are for children only, parents/carers are not allowed into the play centre unless they are essential in supporting their child with additional needs.
- Inclusion: If a parent/ carer will be attending to support their child with SEN/additional needs, please email your contact details to play.section@stevenage.gov.uk and a member of the team will contact you to discuss arrangements (The Parent/Carer would need to provide evidence of a recent clear Covid test.)
- If you book on to a session and you don't meet these criteria, you will receive a follow up email explaining why your booking has been cancelled.
- In exceptional circumstances, we may need to close the play centre and this may be at short notice. Parents/carers will be informed so arrangements can be made for their children to be collected.

Additional short notice child spaces

To check if there are any spaces available at short notice on the day, please telephone either:

- Bandley Hill on 01438 218848
- Pin Green on 01438 726749
- St. Nicholas on 01438 722753

Please telephone prior to the session time to check if we have any spaces available.

You will need to have registered your child online to be able to request a short notice space over the phone. Or if you were unable to pre book, you can turn up on the day and see if we have any unfilled spaces available. Places will be limited and allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Please contact your local play centre if you need any help completing the online registration forms.



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School Transitions: Managing Anxiety and Worries in Children and Young People



Who is this workshop for?

Parents of a child/young person and/or young people who are struggling with the transition into a new school year or a new school.

Parents and young people can attend.

What will be covered?

- What anxiety looks like
- How to identify and explore worries
- Strategies for managing anxious thoughts
- Strategies for managing physical symptoms related to anxiety
- How to implement a step-by-step plan to manage anxious behaviours
- Practical tips on school transitions
- General emotional wellbeing tips



Dates

All workshops are via MS Teams



Wednesday 15th September 2021

6pm – 8pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-transitions-managing-anxiety-worries-in-children-young-people-tickets-170026540961>



Thursday 16th September 2021

6pm – 8pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-transitions-managing-anxiety-worries-in-children-young-people-tickets-170027363421>

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Information for our current Year 6 pupils

Moving On 2022

School open events and key dates for secondary / upper transfer

Information for parents with children in year 5 at primary/junior schools and year 7 at middle schools.

Further information about moving to secondary or upper school in September 2022 will be available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions after 1st September 2021.

Important Dates

The timetable below gives you an idea of what will happen over the next few months.

First week of September 2021	Admissions information is available online for parents to read or download
Wednesday 1 September 2021	Online application system opens and the "Moving On" leaflet is distributed via children's current school
September and October 2021	Schools hold their open events
Sunday 31 October 2021	Closing date for applications (online and paper)

Open Events at secondary and upper schools

The following pages give details of open events at secondary and upper schools. Schools are listed in alphabetical order.

This is the information available at the current time. However, schools will need to follow the Government guidance regarding Covid-19 that is in place in the autumn term and therefore some open events may change. Please check the school's own website and www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooldirectory for updates.

Aptitude / academic testing

Some details have been provided under individual school entries, but please see the school's own website for full details of their aptitude and academic testing arrangements.

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Secondary School application deadline is 31st October 2021

Apply for school on time

Applying for a school place for September 2022

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical College
Application deadline: Sunday 31 October 2021

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
Application deadline: Saturday 15 January 2022

Apply online at
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions



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September 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
13	14	15 Swimming Years 4&6	16 Year 1 screening	17
20	21	22 Swimming Years 4&6	23	24
27	28	29 Swimming Years 4&6	30	1

October 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	5	6 Swimming Years 4&6	7	8
11	12 Parents Evening	13 Swimming Years 4&6	14	15
18	19	20 Swimming Years 4&6	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

HALF TERM

November 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3 Swimming Years 4&6	4	5

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