

## Featherstone Wood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Red Nose Day

On Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, we are holding a 'Walking Red' day. For a donation of £1.00 the children may come to school wearing red all over or, if they want to wear just a red top, they should wear the normal school uniform bottoms, i.e. grey trousers/skirt.



### Red Nose Day Fun Run

On Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March we will also be holding a Fun Run for all children in Key Stage 1 and 2. We will also be joined by other schools for this fun event.

Children may wear something red but they **MUST** have a PE kit suitable for the weather on the day, and appropriate shoes for PE as it may be muddy.

Any donations towards our Red Nose Day fundraising would be welcome.



### Star Learners

This week's Star Learners are:-

Reception - Chloe Hannah

Year 1 - Jayden Williams

Year 2 - Kelsie Kirton

Year 3 - Elenna Kelly

Year 5 - Bleu McCarthy

Year 6 - Kurtis Kouyate

Well done everyone - we are very proud of you.



## Big Write

Our Big Write winners this week are:-

Year 1 - Erin Kelly  
Year 2 - Kara-Shannon Poynter  
Year 3 - Rhema Egbukole  
Year 4 - Abbie Young  
Year 5 - Roanne Williams  
Year 6 - Leo Cullen



## Speed Stacking Competition

On Wednesday this week we hosted a Speed Stacking competition in which our Year 4 children took part. All the children showed good teamwork skills.

The top four girls were Jessica, Zarah, Leila and Sky; and the top four boys Mizan, Dylan, Handitt and DJ.

Well done everyone!

## School Parliament

On Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, a collection of non-perishable food and other items was held in school in aid of 'Love Day'.

We have received a letter from the Stevenage and Knebworth

Community Food Bank thanking pupils, staff and parents for our tremendous effort in collecting donations for the food bank. They assure us that our contributions are greatly appreciated and valued owing to the continuing needs of many families in our locality who are suffering from food poverty.

## Neil Griffiths - Children's Author & Inspirational Speaker

On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, children's author Neil Griffiths will be coming into school, firstly working with the children and then he will be holding a parents forum from 2.00 - 3.00 p.m.

Neil was a Head teacher for 13 years and has changed his career path to become a children's author and inspirational speaker. He is an extremely funny man and it would be lovely if as many of you as possible could come along before you collect your children from school.

***This is an event not to be missed!***



### PGL Meeting

On Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a meeting for the parents of those children going on the PGL trip this year. The meeting will be held in the Year 6 classroom at 3.15 p.m.

### Change in the law for using your mobile phone whilst driving

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider.

New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

Keep safe - put your phone away in the glove compartment.

### Attendance Trophy

The Attendance Trophy this week has been awarded to Year 3 for 99.23%. Well done everyone!



### Sponsored Spell

Just to remind you about the Sponsored Spell we are holding to help raise money for the next phase of our outdoor play equipment. We already have over £3,000 towards our total of £11,000.

Letters were sent home with a list of spellings for the children to learn, and a sponsor form. The words are also on the website if you have lost them. Each child will be tested on their spellings on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. The words chosen are linked to the New National Curriculum and are words the children are expected to know, along with a few trickier words thrown in!

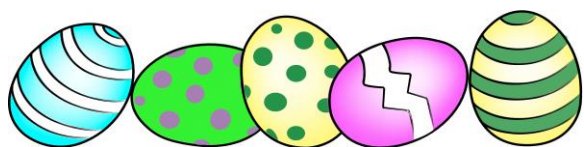
Once tested the children with the highest scores in each class will go through to a Spelling Bee competition to be held here on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each heat. All parents are welcome and refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. At the end of the Spelling Bee parents can look around the classes.

Thank you for your support in helping them to learn the spellings and for any contributions you make to our fundraising.



### School Council

The School Council are holding an Easter Raffle to raise funds and donations of Easter eggs or any Easter related items would be kindly appreciated. Tickets will go on sale from Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March - 20p a ticket. The draw will take place on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March.



### Dates for your Diary

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March - Cycle Proficiency Training

17<sup>th</sup> March - Years 5 & 6 to Barnwell Science and Technology Fair (p.m. only)

17<sup>th</sup> March - RND Fun Run

24<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

30<sup>th</sup> March - Exhibition Day

30<sup>th</sup> March - End of term

31<sup>st</sup> March - Inset Day

18<sup>th</sup> April - Children back to school

18<sup>th</sup> April - SAT's practice week

19<sup>th</sup> April - PGL meeting for parents - 3.15 p.m.

19<sup>th</sup> April - Reception class hearing and vision checks

8<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SAT's week

15<sup>th</sup> May - KS1 SAT's week

17<sup>th</sup> May - Neil Griffiths - Children's Author & Inspirational Speaker

25<sup>th</sup> May - Roller Disco (Years 1-6)

29<sup>th</sup> May to 2nd June - Half Term

5<sup>th</sup> June - Children back to school

12<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics check week

19<sup>th</sup> June - New to Reception meetings - 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

W/C 19<sup>th</sup> June - SEN Reviews

26<sup>th</sup> June - New to Nursery meetings - 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

27<sup>th</sup> June - Reception taster lunch

28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June - Years 5 & 6 PGL

4<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 play to school

5<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 play - matinee 1.30 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day and picnic

7<sup>th</sup> July - Reports out

13<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Day/meet the new teacher

14<sup>th</sup> July - Last achievement assembly

15<sup>th</sup> - School Fair

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

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

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

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

### Diary Dates 2017/2018

#### Autumn Term:

30<sup>th</sup> August - Occasional Day

31<sup>st</sup> August - Occasional Day

1<sup>st</sup> September - Inset Day

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

20<sup>th</sup> October - Term ends

23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term

30<sup>th</sup> October - Children back to school

18<sup>th</sup> December - Term Ends

19<sup>th</sup> December - Inset Day

#### Spring Term:

3<sup>rd</sup> January - Term starts

9<sup>th</sup> February - Term ends

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half term

19<sup>th</sup> February - Children back to school

28<sup>th</sup> March - Term ends

29<sup>th</sup> March - Inset Day

#### Summer Term:

16<sup>th</sup> April - Term starts

25<sup>th</sup> May - Term ends

28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half term

4<sup>th</sup> June - Children back to school

20<sup>th</sup> July - Term ends

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

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

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

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