

# Featherstone Wood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Laughology

Years 4, 5 and 6 had wonderful sessions with Dave Keeling from Laughology on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. He spoke about the different brains and their functions and how we can achieve anything if we have the right frame of mind because our brains are so powerful.

He also spoke about how sleep is so important and that adults need at least 5 REM patterns a night and children need 7. An REM pattern lasts for 90 minutes. Dave recommended planning your sleep time so you wake up just at the end of the an REM pattern as that is when you are in light sleep and it is easier to wake up. Good sleep needs a cool dark room, with no electronic gadgets before sleep.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the session Dave held and everyone took something positive away with them.

“a very interesting and motivational session. It made me really think about my personal life and challenges and how to change my mindset.”  
KS1 parent.

“I’m an example and want my kids to believe they can do whatever they desire.” Year 1 parent

“I thought this was a brilliant idea and would love to learn more.” Year 6 parent



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## Summer Fair – Change of date

Please note that the date for the Summer Fair has been changed. It is now the **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.**

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has bought a Poppy this year. In assembly this morning we finished with our minutes silence to remember the sacrifice of those who have gone before us.



## Star Learners

This week’s Star Learners are:-

Reception - Eliza Burghelea  
Year 1 - Kyle Eden-Enfield  
Year 2 - Thomas Hatcher  
Year 3 - Daria Radu  
Year 4 - Lewis Yates  
Year 6 - Andrew Camp



## **Sports Stars of the Week**

Our Sports Stars this week are Hannah Poulter year 2, and Rhema Egbukole, Year 4.

Hannah received her award for a consistently high standard of behaviour in PE and always helping and focusing.

Rhema received her award for always listening, working hard and having a big smile on her face.



## **Attendance**

The winners of the Attendance Trophy this week are Year 3 with 98.67%. Well done Year 3!



## **School Photographs**

Don't forget to return your photograph orders to school on or before **15<sup>th</sup> November.**

## **Year 6 Leavers 2018**

Mrs Taylor is arranging several activities to help raise funds for the Year 6 leavers next year.

They held a successful cake sale on Tuesday evening and below are a few dates so far arranged:-

19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2018 - KS1 movie night - Emoji movie

26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2018 - KS2 movie night - Emoji movie

27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 - Easter Cake Sale

## **Hertfordshire Community Youth Choir**

The Hertfordshire Community Youth Choir was set up 8 years ago with the aim of helping local children to enjoy and appreciate the art of singing in a choir. They are holding their Christmas Concert at The United Reformed Church, Cuttys Lane, Stevenage, on Saturday, 9th December at 6.00 p.m.

Tickets are £3.00 each and include a mince pie and tea or coffee.



## **School Closures**

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>.

## **Children in Need**

On Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a 'Walk in Wellies' for this year's Children in Need appeal.

We shall be walking around the school grounds in our wellies and would kindly ask that a small donation is brought into school to be given to the appeal. Thank you for your continued support.



## **Crocus Planting**

Stevenage Rotary Club has been running a campaign to support global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. You may well have seen patches of purple crocuses all around Stevenage and throughout the country. These have been planted by Local Rotary Clubs – the purple crocus symbolises the purple dye used on little fingers when immunising children to indicate that they have received the vaccination.

A group of our children joined the Rotary Club this week to plant 2000 bulbs in the Donkey Park. We had a wonderful time and look forward to seeing the flowers appear in the Springtime.



## **Bags2School**

Once again we are collecting any unwanted clothes, bags, shoes and soft toys. A Bag2School bag came home to you this week. Please can they be returned to the office no later than Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. All money raised is going towards our outdoor climbing equipment.

## **School Council**

The School Council are running a lucky dip stall at the Christmas Fayre and would like donations of sweets, chocolate and new toys or stationary. Thank you for your support.

## **Dates for your Diary**

16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3/4 topic assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 1/2 topic assembly

1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Art Sale – 2.30 p.m.

11<sup>th</sup> December – KSI nativity to school

12<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime

12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas parties

13<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS nativity to school

13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 nativity - matinee performance 1.30 p.m.

14<sup>th</sup> December – KSI nativity - evening performance 6.00 p.m.

15<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS nativity performance 9.30 a.m.

15<sup>th</sup> December – Carols Around the Tree 2.00 p.m.

15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre after school

18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

18<sup>th</sup> December – final Achievement  
Assembly 9.00 a.m.

18<sup>th</sup> December – whole school Christmas  
Lunch

**18<sup>th</sup> December – term ends normal  
time**

19<sup>th</sup> December – Inset Day

**Spring Term:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January – Term starts**

6<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening

7<sup>th</sup> February – Valentines Disco

**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

9<sup>th</sup> March – Mother’s Day Sale

28<sup>th</sup> March – Spelling Bee Final

28<sup>th</sup> March – Exhibition Day

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

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

**Summer Term:**

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

14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April – SAT’s Week Year 6

21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May – SAT’s week Year 2

**24<sup>th</sup> May – End of term**

25<sup>th</sup> May - Inset Day

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June – PGL Trip

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

15<sup>th</sup> June – Father’s Day Sale

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Summer Fair

6<sup>th</sup> July – Sports 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

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