

Featherstone Wood Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020



Hello Parents and Carers

We have only one week left until we break up for Christmas and the dates to remember for next week are:

16th Christmas Lunch - Years 1, 2, 5 & 6

17th Christmas Lunch - Years 3, 4 & EYFS

17th Christmas Parties in class

18th Christmas Jumper Day and School finishes normal bubble times



I am very pleased to share with you the letter from Ofsted following our remote visit on the 12th November. The focus of the visit was to find out how Covid had impacted the school, what changes had been made and the steps we were taking to ensure that all our children were once again engaging with a broad and balanced curriculum. It was a very productive and supportive meeting. It does not have an impact on our overall Ofsted grade but was a good process for some of our new leaders to take part in. All the staff have worked exceptionally hard over this challenging time and it was refreshing to get the opportunity to share their hard work.

The report can be found on our website: <https://featherstonewood.herts.sch.uk/our-office/ofsted-and-local-authority-reports>



Message from Vaccination UK : If your child has still not received their Fluenz Vaccine nasal spray it is not too late to have it.

It is important to keep your children, family members and the wider community protected this Winter from the Flu virus.

Please contact the contact Hertfordshire School Immunisation Team on Tel: 01462 341173 to book your child an appointment to have their Flu Vaccine.



covid@featherstonewood.herts.sch.uk

Reminder that if anybody in your household has a positive test (if you/they start showing symptoms please get tested) during the first week of the Christmas holidays up until Christmas Eve then please can you message the above email address. These messages will get picked up during the holidays up until Christmas Eve. Please see page 4 for full details.

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Congratulations to this weeks Star Learners



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Congratulations to this week's Star Learners Alex and Daisy for their amazing progress this term.



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Lily is a quiet and hardworking member of our class who doesn't always find learning easy but she perseveres, tries hard and always gives 100%. Well done Lily

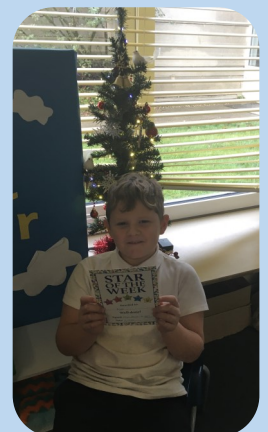
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Congratulations to Lola. She has achieved a Risk Taking sticker for overcoming her personal fears and bravely completing her tests this week. She also showed Reflectiveness by carefully listening and following instructions and advice.

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Congratulations to Kyle who is Star Learner for his increasing maturity and attitude to his learning since joining Year 3

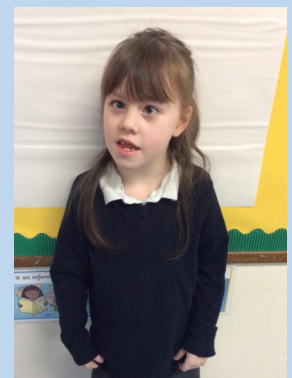


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Michael is our Star Learner this week for excellent progress in his learning and for perfect projection when delivering his nativity lines.

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Emma-Jane has been working really hard in phonics and can recognise and say the phase 2 sounds. She is using her words and signs to communicate with the adults and class friends. Emma-Jane has also enjoyed the role play as a doctor.

EYFS

Arian is Star Learner for Early Years for trying really hard with his signs and singing in the Nativity



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Christmas dinner takes place on two days next week due to our bubbles. If your child's bubble is not having Christmas dinner then the food option for that day is Fish Fingers or Pizza. There will be no Jacket Potato or Cold Option as our Cooks will be very busy cooking the Christmas dinner. If you pay for your child's meals then please make sure there is credit on their account. KS2 £2.55 and Nursery £2.45

CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

Wednesday 16th December - Years 1, 2, 5 & 6

or

Thursday 17th December - EYFS, 3 & 4

Sliced Roasted Turkey Breast
With a Chipolata Sausage

or

Vegetable Wellington

Served with
Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roasted Potatoes & Choice of Seasonal
Vegetables & Gravy

Chocolate Crispy Pudding

or

Christmas Shortbread

Menu for your non Christmas Dinner day

*Fish Fingers or Pizza
(no Jacket Potato or Cold Option)*



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The Governors are looking to recruit a new parent governor. If you are interested and would like to find out more about the requirements and expectations of being a governor, please contact the office and we will arrange for the information to be sent out to you.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at any point during the Christmas break, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process with public health, if required, and notify any other children or staff who have been close contacts and who need to self-isolate.

*During the holidays you should the following email address - covid@featherstonewood.herts.sch.uk - **this will only be monitored until Christmas Eve as after this point your child(ren) shouldn't be a close contact of anyone at the school.** Please don't call the normal absence line as this won't be covered during Christmas term.*

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test regardless of it being Christmas.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please do not send children back to nursery or school if any of the following apply:

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, any members of your household, or any close contacts (including extended family or friends they have seen and bubbles at holiday activities and sports clubs) have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 14 day isolation period requested

Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read our helpful self-isolating guide at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus