

Featherstone Wood Primary School



Newsletter

12th December, 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some exciting news - our new school website has gone live today! Please do take the time to have a look. We have already had one parent comment on how professional it looks.

We have had a very busy couple of weeks and the last week of term is no different with lots of fun activities too. We have the Carol Service at St. Mary's on Monday (unfortunately the church is too small for parents as well), EYFS play on Tuesday, Christmas dinner on Wednesday, Christmas parties on Thursday and 'wear your Christmas jumper to school day' on Friday. Phew!

On Tuesday morning this week the whole school enjoyed a pantomime performance of Dick Whittington. All the children enjoyed the show and participated enthusiastically.

I would also like to share with you some brilliant news concerning the recently published school league tables - after our excellent SATs results in the summer we have moved from 120th place to 60th. This is a fantastic result and we look forward to progressing even higher up the table!

School Office Closure

Please note that the School Office will be closed from 1.00 p.m. on Monday, 15th December.

Dinner Money/Breakfast Club

We are currently in the process of collecting in all outstanding dinner/breakfast club money. Please may I remind you that we cannot allow children to book school meals if there is more than one week's money outstanding (£10.75). You will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child until the debt has been cleared. The school is now responsible for all dinner money debt and we cannot afford to divert money to pay for this when it should be used for the children's education.

If you find yourself in difficulty with payments please call into the school and we will do all we can to assist you.

Likewise, Breakfast Club money should be paid weekly. If your child only attends on the odd occasion the money should be paid on that day. The current cost is £1.50 per child, per day.

Star Learners

Reception - Kiera Shaves

Year 1 - Zeynep Taygur

Year 2 - Whole Class

Year 3 - Bleu McCarthy

Year 5 - Marshall Kirton

Year 6 - Arman Ali



Attendance

The winners of this week's Attendance Trophy are Year 2 with 99.2%. Year 5 were close on their heels with 99.1% - well done everyone.



Word of the Week

We have had lots of entries for last week's word which was 'Aspire'. The children received their certificates in assembly today. Well done to Jessica Townley, Charlotte Cullen, Sophie Lewis, Zarah Rahman, Jessica Wood, Eleanor Harris, Waasil Aswat, Morgan Camp, Kurtis Kouyate, Malackey Archer-Henderson, Jamila Begum, Grace Ramsey and Joe Hares.

This week's word is 'Loyalty'. All entries should be placed in the white box in the interactive area.

Gourmet Burger Day

Hertfordshire Catering are running a Gourmet Burger Day on the 15th January. Keep an eye out for more details at the start of next term.

Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget our last day of term is 'wear your Christmas jumper to school day'. For a donation of 50p your child can come to school dressed in their favourite Christmas jumper but wearing their usual grey trousers/skirts etc. All proceeds will be donated to our charity - Bliss.

Dates for your Diary

15th December - St. Mary's Church Carol Service 2.00 p.m. (Years 1 - 6)

16th December - EYFS play - 9.30 a.m.

17th December - Christmas Dinner

18th December - Christmas parties

19th December - Term ends 2.00 p.m.

5th January - Inset Day

6th January - Children back to school

10th February - Parents Evening

12th February - Valentine Disco

16th to 20th February - Half Term

1st April - Exhibition Day

2nd April - Term ends normal time

20th April - Inset Day

21st April - Children back

10th May - SAT's Week

1st June - Inset Day

14th June - Phonics check week for KS1

3rd July - Sports Day & Proms

9th July - Transition Day/Meet the Teacher

11th July - Summer Fair

14th July - Cinema Trip

21st July - Term ends 2.00 p.m.

22nd July - Occasional Day

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