

Featherstone Wood Primary School



Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We like to celebrate children's achievements in and outside of school and it gives me great pleasure to share with you some exciting news.

Firstly, one of our students, Lois Fraser, Year 4, has been successful in auditioning for the English Youth Ballet. Lois was amongst a group of over 100 children auditioning so to get through is a wonderful achievement. Lois will be taking part in the English Youth Ballet's production of Sleeping Beauty at the Gordon Craig Theatre during October.



Well done Lois, we are all very proud of you.

Secondly, children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Stevenage and District Athletics Festival at Ridlins Athletics Track which was held yesterday.

All the children did really well, but special mention must go to Jayden Ingham, Year 6, who won Gold in the 100 metres, and the mixed relay team (Kane, Milly-Grace, Holly and

Jayden), who got through to the final. These are fantastic performances as there were 25 schools participating.

The staff who accompanied the children spoke very highly of their exemplary behaviour and teamwork ethic. They would also like to thank the parents who stayed and supported the children, plus a special mention to Mr. Townley for providing ice lollies for everyone!



Thirdly, a few Year 5 children went along to Barnwell School for a Puzzle Mathsternoon. Twelve teams were involved and one of our teams were runners-up and another team came 6th. The children had a very enjoyable afternoon and were a credit to our school.



Sports Day

This year our Sports day is being held on Friday, 3rd July, between 9.15 and 12.00, followed by a family picnic until 1.00 p.m. It will be a normal day for the children and they will not be allowed to leave early.

There will be no proms this year due to the performance at the Gordon Craig Theatre - the proms will now become a bi-annual event.

Beat the Street

It is good to hear that a lot of children are participating in 'Beat the Street'. In order for you to see your points total and be in with a chance of winning prizes, you need to register your card at

www.herts.beatthestreet.me. If you have not already done so it needs to be done as soon as possible.

SPLAT Holiday Club

SPLAT Holiday Club has some special offers on in order for you to access affordable, high quality care this summer holiday. They are offering a 10% Early Bird discount until 24th June; book 27 days and pay for 26; recommend a friend and save £5.00 and a free 1 hour trial to all new families. To find out more visit www.splatstevenage.co.uk.

Home/School Diaries

We have recently had a look at the children's home/school diaries and it would appear that some children are not doing their spellings, reading and times tables. These ought to be practiced at least four times per week.

Book Bags/PE Bags

Both the above bags can be purchased from the School Office at a cost of £4.50 for the book bags and £4.00 for the PE bags.

Class Photographs

Please be reminded that the photographer will be in school next Thursday, 18th June, to take photographs of each class.

Amendment to Diary Dates

There has been an amendment to the Diary Dates for the start of the Spring Term 2016. The 4th January is an Inset Day and the children will return to school on 5th January.

Attendance

Year 6 is the winner of this week's Attendance Trophy with 98.2%. This is the second week running that they have won the trophy - well done everyone.



Star Learners

*Reception - Holly Wyles
Year 1 - Sophie Rapp
Year 3 - Heather Saunderson
Year 5 - Sophie Lewis
Year 6 - Eleanor Harris*

Word of the Week

This week's Word of the Week is 'Inquisitive'. All entries should be placed in the white box in the interactive area.



PofFW Lottery

Please don't forget to pop along to the office to buy your lottery ticket for this month. They are priced at £2.00 each and the winner will receive half the proceeds, with the other half going to the PofFW. The more people who participate the bigger the prize!

School Council

Just to remind you that the School Council is running a tombola at the School fair on Saturday, 11th July.

They are collecting jars which can be filled with either sweets or novelties. We have received a few into school but more filled jars would always be welcome.

School Crossing Patrol

Please be aware there will be no school crossing patrol for the whole day on Tuesday, 16th June.

Payments

Unfortunately, due to a shortfall in payments for the Early Years trip to Standalone Farm, the difficult decision to cancel it has been made.

The school cannot subsidise trips, lunches or Breakfast Club. If you have an outstanding debt please either clear it or come to speak to me so we can put a payment plan in place.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2014/15:

15th June - Phonics check week for KS1

18th June - Class photographs

3rd July - Sports Day - 9.15 - 12.00
followed by family picnic until 1.00 pm

8th July - KS2 Production - 1.30 and 5.30

9th July - Transition Day/Meet the Teacher

10th July - Year 6 Gosling Stadium Trip

11th July - Summer Fair

15th - 17th July - Y5/6 PGL Trip to Marchant Hill

21st July - Term ends 2.00 p.m.

22nd July - Occasional

Academic Year 2015/16:

2nd September - Inset Day

3rd September - Inset Day

4th September - Return to school

26th - 30th October - Half Term

18th December - School finishes

21st December - 31st December - Christmas break

1st January - Bank holiday

4th January - Inset Day

5th January - School resumes

15th to 19th February - Half Term

25th March - Good Friday

28th March - Easter Monday

4th to 15th April - Easter Break

2nd May - Bank Holiday

30th May - Bank Holiday

31st May to 3rd June - Half Term

22nd July - Summer Term finishes

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