

## Featherstone Wood Primary School

### Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen our clubs resume and the Choir is proving very popular. There are letters to sign in the office if your child would like to join the singing.

Mrs Smith is holding her monthly SENCo surgeries again this term. Please see the Dates for Your Diary section below for them and you can book to attend them via the office.

As part of our work on positive behaviours the children have been completing questionnaires this week and we will be sharing the results with you very soon. Initial results are showing that the majority of children understand the correct definition of bullying which is very positive. There will be follow up work completed with each class. This will link well with the session for parents that Karin Hutchinson is running on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. If you have not already booked your place please do so via the office. It will be a very informative session.

Our Gourmet Burger Day was very successful. They went down a treat and we look forward to our next special lunch day.

#### Skills Squares

At Featherstone Wood we have high expectations but we may have set

them a little too high in September when we introduced the new skills squares! So we have reviewed the number of stickers required to get the bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards. Please see the new figures below. We will review it to see if this is more manageable but still challenging. The good news is that several children have already achieved their bronze award for this term and we have not even been back two weeks!

Bronze - 3 stickers

Silver - 15 stickers

Gold - 24 stickers

Platinum - silver from autumn term and Gold for spring and summer terms.

#### Star Learners

Well done to all our Star Learners who, this week, are:-

Reception - Abdullah Abdulrahman  
Year 1 - Mercedes Partridge  
Year 2 - Warren Rogers  
Year 3 - Christine Omokan  
Year 4 - Chanoi Sibanda  
Year 5 - Evan Howes  
Year 6 - Ashleigh Dunn

#### Attendance

The winners of the Attendance Trophy are Year 4 with 98.18%. This is two weeks in a row well done Year 4! can you make it three?



### Word of the week

This week's word is 'courageous' we look forward to seeing what work the children produce for it.

Thank you to Charlotte, Jessica, Waasil, Chanoi, Jamila and Abigail for their work on 'commendable'.

### Parents of Featherstone Wood

Following on from the successful events the PTA organised last year they would like to ask for donation of any unwanted Christmas presents. These can be used as raffle/tombola prizes. They are also asking for any old and unwanted sheets or curtains that they can use to decorate Santa's grotto!

### World Book Day

World book day is the 5<sup>th</sup> March. The PTA will be holding a second hand book stall. If you have any unwanted books then we would be pleased to take them off your hands. Either see a member of the PTA or hand them in to the office.

### Stevenage Educational Trust

Stevenage Educational Trust is running a free 9 week course for mums, dads and carers of children aged 6 - 12 years. The course subject is 'Families Feeling Safe' and will deal with issues such as confidence and self-esteem, bullying, staying safe and improving communication. The course runs from 21<sup>st</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> March, between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m., at Starfish House, 3 North Road, Stevenage.

To book your FREE place contact [sue@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk](mailto:sue@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk), or leave a message on 01438 728653.

### New School Website

Just to remind you that our new school website is up and running. Take a look at

[www.featherstonewood.herts.sch.uk](http://www.featherstonewood.herts.sch.uk)

Also do 'like' our Facebook page - Official Featherstone Wood Primary School. We regularly put little updates on there and it is a good way of keeping in touch with us.

Louise Shuttleworth  
Headteacher

## **Dates for your Diary**

28<sup>th</sup> January - SENCO surgery from 1.30

10<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening

12<sup>th</sup> February - Valentine Disco KS1 16.00 -  
17.00, KS2 17.15-18.30

16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

25<sup>th</sup> February, 9-10.30- 'Supporting your  
child's relationships in school' run by  
Karin Hutchinson

25<sup>th</sup> February - SENCO surgery from 1.30

5<sup>th</sup> March - World book day

25<sup>th</sup> March - SENCO surgery from 1.30

1<sup>st</sup> April - Exhibition Day

2<sup>nd</sup> April - Term ends normal time

20<sup>th</sup> April - Inset Day

21<sup>st</sup> April - Children back

10<sup>th</sup> May - SAT's Week

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

14<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics check week for KS1

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Sports Day & Proms

9<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Day/Meet the  
Teacher

11<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fair

14<sup>th</sup> July - Cinema Trip

21<sup>st</sup> July - Term ends 2.00 p.m.

22<sup>nd</sup> July - Occasional Day