

# Featherstone Wood Newsletter

## Friday 17th January 2020

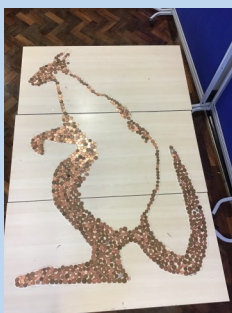


Dear Parent and Carers,

As we mentioned last week we are holding some fundraising events in order to raise money following the horrific wild fires in Australia.



As you can see from the photos we are doing very well with the penny collecting and have already filled the map of Australia and have started on filling up a kangaroo. We have also raised just over £170 from the non-uniform day.



On Monday we are having our Australian themed lunch: Outback Burger or Sticky BBQ Vegetarian Sausages with Potato Wedges

Don't forget that we have a film night on 31st January with hot dogs at a cost of £5. Film is Toy Story 4.

Well done to the large number of parents who have signed up to MarvellousMe, the app that tells you about the wonderful things your child is doing so that you can celebrate their achievements. It's free and you can share it with partners, carers and grandparents.



Please remember to check you have the latest MarvellousMe parent app installed and are logged in. You don't want to miss out !

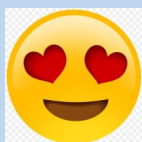
There's lots more information at [www.marvellousme.com](http://www.marvellousme.com) or please ask the office to help.

There are several other ways the School communicates with parents; Facebook (Official Featherstone Wood), Website and Schoolgateway. You can contact the School via message for child sickness via Studybugs or Schoolgateway.

**Please be reminded that there is no parking on the school site.**

Other upcoming events in February:

4th— Parents Evening  
13th— POFW Emoji Disco



### Star Learners for 17th January 2020

Reception	Leah
Year 1	Skylar
Year 2	Lacey-Ann
Year 3	Lola
Year 4	Kyla
Year 5	Melissa T
Year 6	Sophie P

### Attendance

Congratulations again to **Year 3** for winning the Attendance Award for the second running week with 98.33%

**Nursery applications for 2020 are now open. Our Nursery is open every morning and we also provide 30 hours+ provision. Children can start Nursery for the term after they turn 3 years old. Forms available from the office.**

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is £3.00 a session and must be booked and paid for **in advance** via the Gateway app.

### Lunch

W/C 20th January will be week 3

**Gentle reminder that dinners must be paid for in advance. This can be done via School Gateway or the office**

**Change of menu for Monday**

**AUSTRALIAN MENU**  
**MONDAY 20TH JANUARY**

**OUTBACK BURGER**  
**STICKY BBQ VEGETARIAN**  
**SAUSAGES**  
***POTATO WEDGES***  
**FLAPJACK**



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### UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD ON THE AUTISTIC SPECTRUM



**Wednesdays**  
**26th February, 4th, 11th, 18th,**  
**25th March and 1st April 2020**  
**9.30 - 11.30am**

A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict without giving in.
- Manage emotional reactions.
- Learn how to encourage and support your child.
- Manage the different needs within your family.
- Explore sensory issues.

*'I have been on a few courses to help me with my son, this was by far the most helpful.'*

**BROADWATER FAMILY CENTRE**

**Longmeadow School**  
**Oaks Cross**

**STEVENAGE SG2 8LT**

*'I tried the techniques and was amazed at the outcome.'*

**Pre-booking essential**

Contact Supporting Links

**QUOTING REFERENCE SL352 on:**

**07512 709556**

**bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk**

**www.supportinglinks.co.uk**

If you require childcare to attend this course please speak with us

This course is provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council



### Families Feeling Safe Protective Behaviours

**Buntingford**

**for Dads and Male  
Carers of children  
0 - Teens**



For eligibility and to book your FREE place please contact  
**Sue**  
Email: [sue@familiesfeeling-safe.co.uk](mailto:sue@familiesfeeling-safe.co.uk)  
Tel: 07531 247657



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Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life?

- Build self-esteem and confidence
- Recognise Early Warning Signs
- Understand the link between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- Manage a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries and make safe choices
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Improve communication with your child and others
- Improve emotional well-being
- Develop strategies for feeling safe and problem-solving skills to use in a range of situations

*'I've got a whole set of approaches and practical ways to understand family life and Me!'*

*'I wish I had done the course sooner'*

Thursday evenings 7.00 - 9.00pm

16th January - 19th March 2020

(excluding half term 20th Feb)

Edwin Street Middle School,

Norfolk Road, Buntingford

SG9 9AW



### Attention Parents/Carers of Children in Reception Class

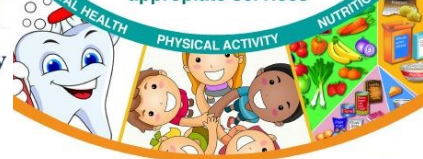
Please complete an on-line  
health questionnaire for your child between:  
**6th January - 24th February 2020**



This will help the School Nursing Team  
identify any health needs for your child

**The team can offer:**

advice, support and sign post to  
appropriate services



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DSPL

Improving Special  
Educational Outcomes



**family  
lives**

6-week group for parents / carers

Wednesday 12.45pm - 14.45pm

29 January & 5, 12, 26 February & 4, 11 March 2020

**Bringing Up Confident Children for  
Parents / Carers of Children with ASD & ADHD**

The Oak Suite  
Peartree Spring Primary School,  
Hydean Way, Stevenage, SG2 9GG

Contact Louise on  
01707 247 032 / 01163 666087 to book a place

Parents/ Carers can book direct on this number

Professionals - please send completed referral  
forms via HertsFX to [louisev@familylives.org.uk](mailto:louisev@familylives.org.uk)

Please note this group is available to Parents/ Carers of children within Hertfordshire including the DSPL2. Stevenage, Aston, Benington, Datchworth, Gravely, Knebworth, Walkern

Family Lives will not discuss anything that is confidential unless there is a life threatening situation, or a child or adult is felt to be at risk of significant harm or we have your permission to do so. Family Lives is a national charity. Reg Charity No 107722. Registered in England and Wales

### TALKING TEENS



**TUESDAYS**

**25th February, 3rd, 10th,**  
**17th, 24th and 31st March 2020**  
**7.00 - 9.00pm**



Our **FREE 6 week course** for  
parents and carers of children  
aged 12-19 will cover:

- The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate during a conflict situation.

**'Very well delivered and engaging sessions'**

**BEDWELL FAMILY CENTRE**

**2 Bedwell Park**  
**3 Exchange Road**  
**STEVENAGE SG1 1NB**

*'I have already changed my attitude towards my 12 year old daughter by understanding her behaviour rather than being annoyed by it. The results have been quite remarkable.'*

**Pre-booking essential**

To check eligibility and book a place,

please contact Supporting Links on:

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**www.supportinglinks.co.uk**

**QUOTING REFERENCE SL359**




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# Featherstone Wood Calendar

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January				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
20 <i>Australian Menu</i>  Music club KS2Gymnastics	21   KS2Dodgeball	22   KS1Multisports	23   KS2Multisports	24   
27   Music club KS2Gymnastics	28   KS2Dodgeball	29   KS1Multisports	30 <i>Chinese Menu for Chinese New Year</i> KS2Multisports	31   <i>Film night—Toy Story 4</i>
February				
3   Music club KS2Gymnastics	4 <i>Parents Evening</i> KS2Dodgeball	5   KS1Multisports	6   KS2Multisports	7   
10   Music club KS2Gymnastics	11   KS2Dodgeball	12   KS1Multisports	13 Emoji Disco  KS2Multisports	14   

# Featherstone Wood Primary School

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