

Featherstone Wood Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2020



Hello Parents and Carers

Busy newsletter this week. Thank you for all the donations we've had over the last couple of weeks with the children enjoying the cookies and doughnuts. We'd also like to thank Mrs Simpson (Ellie Year 1) and Asda for their kind donation of the doughnuts for this week



★ We have had a wonderful donation from Caroline Owen who manages our cleaners for DAB Cleaning. She has worked with the school for many years and was so impressed with our new gazebo, (which was funded earlier this year via a Big Lottery Grant) that she has paid for the new stars and moon path that now leads up to it. We thank her greatly for all the time, effort, and money that she has put into that project. She sourced all the materials, worked very closely with her chosen contractor, and ensured that it sparkles! It looks beautiful and the children love it. As you will be aware, we are undertaking some major fundraising this year in order to be able to complete the space around and have some fabulous ideas. It is so lovely to transform this space which for many years was fenced off and not accessible to the children. Caroline has not stopped there; she has been going round local companies to get us more money. So far, she has single handedly got us £200 in less than two weeks. It means a lot to all of us at Featherstone Wood to have Caroline as a champion for the school and we thank her for her efforts. If you have any links to companies that would willing to support us, then please let us know, we have a long way to go to reach our total!



This year all children from Reception to year 6 are being offered the flu vaccine at School—this is given as a simple squirt up the nose and is painless and quick.

Thank you to everyone that has already handed in their flu vaccine forms. Please do not fill in the form online. The form needs to be handed back into class by **Friday 9th October**.

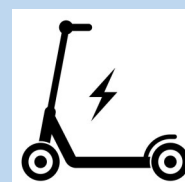
Year 6

We know it seems like the children have only just joined Year 6 but it is time to start looking at their next school. Closing date for applications to secondary school is Saturday 31 October 2020. Further information is available at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Mrs Gilbert has kindly offered to help with the Year 6 fund raising for their end of year party and will be contacting you in the near future

A member of the public has been in touch with the school regarding scooters. If your child is on a scooter please can they be considerate of those using the pavement. Electric scooters are legal in the UK but it is illegal to use them on public roads, on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian only areas.



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As you will be aware, we recently sent out a parent survey. Out of the 174 we sent out we had 34 responses. We were very pleased with the majority of the comments and will be sharing these with you soon. I would just like to take the opportunity to respond three themes - forms of communication, update on children's learning and parent behaviour.

- ◆ Different forms of communication, not just the newsletter - we do have several forms of communication our main one is Facebooks (Official Featherstone Wood Primary School), we also use our website page, especially the office sections (<https://featherstonewood.herts.sch.uk/>). Since Covid we have used Marvellous Me a lot to keep in touch with families so please make sure you have downloaded the app. This is vital as a lot of information and work will come through Marvellous Me if there is another lockdown, a code can be issued from the office. We also send emails and text to families. It is important that you ensure your details are up to date with the office so that you do not miss out. There are also noticeboards and the old fashioned notices on the windows, (although we recognise that during the new 1-way system you don't have access to them) and letters home so remember to check the book bags!
- ◆ Update on children's learning - schools formally feedback to parents three times a year. In the Autumn and Spring term these are normally face to face sessions and a great opportunity to talk about learning and progress (these are running differently this year and information went out on the 30th September regarding the changes). In the summer term the formal reports are sent home, and these contain any national assessments that are applicable. Families of SEN pupils receive other reviews and updates as appropriate. Topic newsletters are available on our website to inform parents on the learning that is taking place in school for that term. If you have any concerns about your child's learning please raise it with the class teacher either via the Home School diaries or the office.
- ◆ Parent behaviour - this was specifically around parents congregating on the pavement just outside the school, which we know is very narrow and making it difficult for people to pass, sometime people are being forced to walk in the road. There was also a comment about parents smoking near the school which meant families and children had to walk through it. Please remember to be



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Congratulations to our Star Learners



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Congratulations to Summer for her super piece of art work

Keira is star learner for always trying her best, being really helpful to adults and her class friends



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Jenna is yr 2 star learner for her excellent writing. She wrote a story using capital letters and full stops confidently



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Margaret is this weeks star learner for her excellent attitude towards her school work. She never gives up and has overcome many difficulties.



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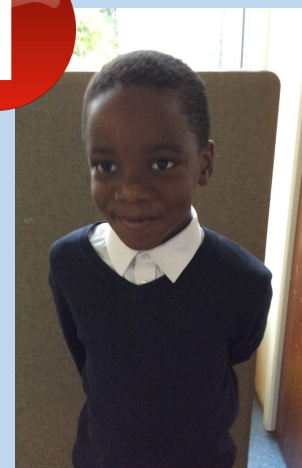
Ellie is star learner for her excellent attitude towards her Maths learning. Not only she worked independently, but she supported a friend to achieve their learning objective.



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Jason - excellent achievement in all his learning this week , he did his best , he was focused , listened very well , even

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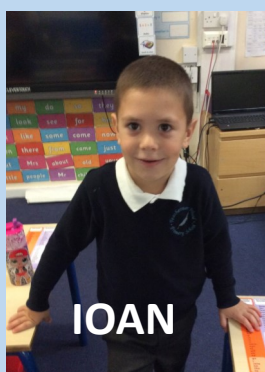
Congratulations to all our Sports Star Learners



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Haircut for charity



Hannah, one of our year 5 pupils, is planning to have her long hair cut off to raise money for The Living Room. This charity helps support children and their families so that children can have fun and have a better life. If you'd like to support Hannah or find out further information then please click on the link below:

<https://www.livingroomherts.org/fundraisers/hannahs-big-chop>

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And finally:

#HelloYellow

LET'S
BRIGHTEN
UP A SCHOOL DAY

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH

We're saying **#HelloYellow** to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

Wear yellow on **9 October** and donate **£1** to YoungMinds.

YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK/HELLOYELLOW **YOUNGMINDS**

Featherstone Wood are taking part in
Hello Yellow next Friday.

Children can come into school in something yellow for a non uniform day for a donation of £1 which will be sent to Young Minds. Please no football kits.