

Featherstone Wood Newsletter

Friday 21st June 2019



Dear Parent and Carers,

Forthcoming events:

27th June—Women's World Cup Football themed lunch

28th June—Bring and Buy Sale, donations appreciated

1st July—New to Reception taster lunch

4th July—American themed lunch, please wear red, white and blue and have PE shoes (no football shirts)

5th July— KS1 and KS2 Sports Day

9th July—KS2 play 1.30pm and 6.00pm (changed from the 10th)

11th July—Transition Day. Parents meet the teacher at 2.45pm

12th July—EYFS Sports Day 9.30am

16th July— Friends of Featherstone Wood AGM 3.00pm

17th July- Year 4 Ceilidh/Violin show to year 4 parents

17th July—Year 6 to Fairlands Valley

23rd July—Last day of School

Good luck to years 4, 5 and 6 at the Barnwell Fun run today.

Year 2 Pupils—Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

As your child will be going into Yr 3 from September, they will no longer qualify for the universal infant free school meals. Please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals for more information on criteria.

Studybugs

Please sign up for the Studybugs app/website to report your child's absence—please see poster for more details

The class with the **highest** attendance at the end of the School year is going to receive a treat. We have currently have two classes neck and neck—who is going to win !!

Please can children refrain from riding their bikes and scooters on the school site. Thank you

After School clubs

If your child is booked onto a club they will continue on it until the last full week of July. Please book via the School Gateway app. Clubs finish at 4.15pm.

Monday KS2 Gymnastics,

Tuesday KS1 Football

Wednesday KS2 Football

Thursday KS1 Bench/Dodge ball

Please sign up to the Gateway app. Messages to and from the School and payments are now done through this app. You can also use the Gateway website. Also visit our Facebook page for daily updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/Official-Featherstone-Wood-Primary-School->

Star Learners for 21st June 2019

Reception	Michelle Omokan
Year 1	Keira Auty
Year 2	Logan Stannard
Year 3	
Year 4	Max Reis
Year 5	Evie Cucos
Year 6	Zarah Rahman

Attendance

They've bounced back and Year 3 are again attendance winners with 98.48% followed by Years 5 with 97.50% and 4 with 97.32%

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is £2.00 a session and must be booked and paid for **in advance** via the Gateway app.

Lunch

W/c 24th June will be week 3

School Uniform/PE kit

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit in school every day.

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A big thank you to Mr Moss who came into Reception as part of their 'People who help Us' project.

Featherstone Wood Primary
School Council

Bring and Buy Sale

On Friday 28th June
throughout the school day



Donations of very good condition toys, games and books would be kindly appreciated.

Please bring to the office

Children will be taken to the sale throughout the day.

Please can they have their spending money in a named envelope and handed into class

All items will be 20p - £1

Friends of Featherstone Wood

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.
Stay informed and get involved.

Tuesday 16th July
3pm
In the Community Room



Parentkind
Member Association

KS1 AND KS2

SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 5TH JULY



EYFS SPORTS DAY

9.30AM

FRIDAY 12TH JULY

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Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health
See what illnesses are going around
Secure system, all communications encrypted



Studybugs

Featherstone Wood Primary School are excited to be taking part in a new Global Learning Project in partnership with schools in Nepal

Schools forge links with Nepal pupils over skills

Thirteen schools in Stevenage and the surrounding area have forged a new partnership with schools in Nepal as part of a global education programme.

LOUISE MCEVOY
Headteacher at Featherstone Wood

Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning is run in more than 30 countries by the British Council to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make a positive contribution to the world. Stevenage pupils will be working with students in Nepal on a project about gender equality. Co-ordinator Andrew Christie, Assistant Headteacher at The Leys Primary School, said: "There is a great deal of excitement amongst the participating schools as to the positive impact Connecting Classrooms could have. "It is a great platform for pupils to develop an international mindset, alongside awareness of their own local identity."

Teachers will also take part in exchange visits with their partner schools to share experiences and successes in teaching global learning, with Stevenage teachers set to visit Nepal in September. Stevenage children will be tasked with coming up with an initiative they could undertake to help make a meaningful difference in the community. The ideas will be pitched to a winning idea implemented. Kim Taylor, special educational needs lead at Peartree Spring Primary School, said: "This will be a fantastic town-wide project. As a school, we are really looking forward to further developing our international links and building a long-term

relationship with our partner school in Nepal, which will be of a huge benefit to our pupils." Andrew added: "We hope to be able to coincide the Dragons' Den event with the reciprocal visit of our Nepalese teaching colleagues to Stevenage. "This would be a great way to celebrate and share what we have achieved together on the Connecting Classrooms project, and hopefully be a springboard for future collaboration." Sir Clarian Devaux, chief executive of the British Council, said: "I am delighted so many schools in Stevenage are taking on this excellent opportunity to develop their professional practice by collaborating with teachers from Nepal. "Their commitment to equip young people with skills and understanding for life and work in an increasingly global economy is to be commended."



Could you be one the best female players in and around Stevenage and the surrounding villages?

Girls District Trials 2019/2020 Season

During the 2019-2020 season we will be selecting an U11 Representative team that will compete in the following competitions:

- The London Girls League
- ESFA 7-a-side national competition
- ESFA 9-a-side national competition

www.pitchero.com/clubs/stevenagedistrictprimaryschools/teams

Stevenage District Primary Schools are looking for players to represent the girls district next season. This is open to all female talented footballers who are looking to develop their game, playing against some of the best U11 female footballers in the country. The trials are open for all female players, including those that are already with an Academy or Elite/Shadow Squad.



Register your child TODAY!

If you are interested in attending our trials, please register by emailing or calling the team manager Denise Wells (details above) or inform your school that you would like to attend.

FIRST TRIAL
Wednesday 5th June 2019
Round Diamond School,
Great Ashby, Stevenage
4:30pm-5:30pm

What is District football? This year sees the 2nd year of the Girls District side. We select a squad from around 25 primary schools based in and around Stevenage to represent the district and compete against other district associations from across the country. The standard is high, we are playing against girls from some of the best academies in England, we travel mainly around the South of England and generally our games are away fixtures. We train once a week (on a Wednesday from 4:30pm - 5:30pm at Round Diamond School) and we play on a Saturday morning.

What if my child attends an academy, or plays on a Saturday - should he attend? Yes! This is a one-off season representing your district, you will be playing at a level far greater than any local Saturday league and (hopefully) training with, and playing against, better players will improve you as a footballer. We work closely with Clubs and Schools to ensure you get to play games and training.

Trials begin on **Wednesday 5th June**, and will last for four weeks until the squad is narrowed down. It is open for players currently in school year 5, though we would consider extremely talented Y4 players too. The trials will be on AstroTurf, so please wear appropriate footwear, bring shin guards and drinks. **Important:** You need to attend a school in Stevenage or surrounding villages (Codicote, Aston, Knebworth, Datchworth, Oaklands etc) to be considered, we are unable to take boys from schools in Welwyn, Hitchin or Letchworth.



Do we have any budding DJs in years 4, 5 or 6??

From next week, Barnwell will be running a DJ Masterclass at their Middle School Campus from 4pm - 5pm each Tuesday up to the summer holidays. Students will only need to bring with them creativity, imagination and enthusiasm, Barnwell will supply all the technical bits.

You may get the opportunity to showcase your skills on the main stage at their summer music festival - BarnFest taking place on Thursday 18th July on their Middle School field from 4pm - 8pm, parents and friends are welcome to attend, more details to follow...

Please ask at the office if you are interested.

SUMMER FETE!!!

THE SHEPHALL FETE

WILL BE HELD ON

SHEPHALL GREEN

ON

SATURDAY 6TH JULY
(1:00 - 4:00)

A great afternoon out,
lots of sideshows and stalls
for all the family at reasonable prices.

Featherstone Wood Calendar

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June

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
24 Year 5 Reading booster 8.40am KS1 Music KS2 Gymnastics	25 KS1 Football	26 Year 2 Swimming KS2 Football	27 Year 5 Maths booster 8.00am KS1 Bench/ Dodge ball	28	29	30

July

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Year 5 Reading booster 8.40am Reception taster lunch KS1 Music KS2 Gymnastics	2 KS1 Football	3 Year 4 Sci- ence Project completion Last—Year 2 Swimming KS2 Football	4 Year 5 Maths booster 8.00am KS1 Bench/ Dodge ball	5 Sports Day KS1/KS2	6	7
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