

Featherstone Wood Primary School

Newsletter

22nd January, 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an eventful week in the kitchen but I would like to assure you that everything is up and working now and that a new boiler is hopefully going to be fitted over the weekend.

Thank you to Mrs Reynolds and her staff for dealing with the situation at short notice.

We are very pleased to have arranged workshops at St Albans Abbey in May (please see the dates below) for our Reception to year 6 pupils. These are linked to our whole school topic on the Magna Carta which celebrates 800 years this year and was drafted at the Abbey in St Albans. The cost per child will be £10.30 and more information will be coming out soon.

Please remember that your children should be reading a minimum of four times a week at home. Their diary needs to be signed in order for them to work towards their next reading certificate.

When your child has something outside school to celebrate – dance, music, sporting, etc we would like to know about it. Please send certificates and badges to Mr Hodson who shares them in his assembly.

Positive Behaviour

I would like to share with you the results of the questionnaire on positive

behaviour which the children have recently completed.

* 170 children completed the form.

* Almost all pupils in KS2 were able to articulate clearly what bullying is. The majority of KS1 could explain it. Some work is required with KS1 and EY to understand the full meaning and that it is not just someone not wanting to play with you.

Bullying is 'behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally. Bullying can take many forms (for instance, cyber-bullying via text messages or the internet'

* 58 (34%) children said they had been bullied.

* Of those who said they had been bullied 30 (18%) had been bullied in school. Some were historic events that they noted.

* 28 (16%) of children said they had been bullied by someone outside of the school – old school, play centre, donkey park or by family members. These have been followed up with the relevant families.

* 11 children said they had bullied someone.

* Further work will be undertaken in class to support those children who have been involved both as bully and victim.

* All children were clear on who they could go to for help.

* Break times and lunchtimes came up as a slight issue and this is being addressed with staff training and extra activities.

** Children wanted more things to do at break times - equipment and clubs, more MSA's. They also asked for a quiet space and we have been working with Waitrose on this, a bully/worry box - this has been set up and is in the entrance.*

At the end the children were asked if there was anything else they wanted to tell us, most replied no but here are a couple of the responses -

"Nothing, it is lovely the way it is".

"I like the school as it is".

"The school is fine".

"Nothing thank you the school is perfect just the way it is".

What lovely comments to finish on!

Mediation Hertfordshire

Just a little reminder for Year 6 parents about the meeting on Thursday, 29th January at 9.00 a.m. If you have not yet returned your slip we would still look forward to seeing you and you can turn up on the day.

Star Learners

Our Star Learners this week are:-

*Reception - Kelsie Kirton
Year 1 - Summer Newman
Year 2 - Riley Ingle
Year 3 - Ehsan Ali
Year 4 - Riley Archer-Henderson
Year 5 - Jessica Wood
Year 6 - Dylan Mangoro*

Well done everyone we are very proud of you

Attendance

The winners of this week's Attendance Trophy are Year 4 with 98.8%. That is

three weeks in a row! Who is going to end their winning streak?



Word of the Week

*This week's word is **Phenomenal**. All entries can be placed in the white box in the interactive area.*

*Well done to Waasil and Eloise for their work on **Courageous**.*

Parents of Featherstone Wood

Just a little reminder that the PofFW would be grateful for any donations of unwanted Christmas presents so they can be used as raffle/tombola prizes. They are also asking for any old sheets or curtains to be used to decorate Santa's grotto.

They will be holding a second hand book sale on 5th March, which is also World Book Day. Any donations of unwanted books can be handed in at the office.

Louise Shuttleworth

Dates for Your Diary

28th January – SENCO surgery from 1.30

10th February - Parents Evening

12th February - Valentine Disco KS1
16.00 – 17.00, KS2 17.15-18.30

16th to 20th February - Half Term

25th February, 9-10.30- ‘Supporting your child’s relationships in school’
run by Karin Hutchinson

25th February – SENCO surgery from 1.30

5th March – World book day

25th March – SENCO surgery from 1.30

1st April - Exhibition Day

2nd April - Term ends normal time

20th April - Inset Day

21st April - Children back

10th May - SAT’s Week

*18th May – Year 4, 5 & 6 visit to St Albans Abbey for Magna Carta workshops

*19th May – Year 1 & 2 and Rec visit to St Albans Abbey for Magna Carta workshops

*20th May – Year 3 visit to St Albans Abbey for Magna Carta workshops

1st June - Inset Day

14th June - Phonics check week for KS1

3rd July - Sports Day & Proms

9th July - Transition Day/Meet the Teacher

11th July - Summer Fair

14th July - Cinema Trip

21st July - Term ends 2.00 p.m.

22nd July - Occasional Day

*New Dates