

Featherstone Wood Primary School Newsletter



27th May, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, 25th May, we welcomed into school Stuart Coulden who gave an informal talk to our Early Years parents on helping children get the most from school life and how parents can help. Some of the subjects included how children learn to relate to the world, how parent's experiences can influence their children, bullying and teasing and our emotional needs as parents.

The parents who attended said they found it very informative and helpful.

Houses of Parliament Visit

Last Friday I took our School Parliament representatives, Joe and Eliza, along to the Houses of Parliament. We were joined by children from several other schools and had a very enjoyable day. As well as being educational it was a great opportunity to meet and make new friends.



Scratch IT

Over the last 10 weeks several children from Year 5 have been attending Barnwell School to see how to use an animation IT programme to create moving characters.

We have received an email from Barnwell to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to get to know the children and they have been fantastic representatives for Featherstone Wood.

This is so lovely to hear and I would like to say well done to Jamila, Courtney, Reilly, Ryan, Olivia and Kurtis.

Star Learners

This week's Star Learners are:-

Reception - Lilly-Rose Green
Year 1 - Storm Newman
Year 2 - Aaron Jones
Year 4 - Jayden Champkins
Year 5 - Reilly Archer-Henderson

Year 6 - Charlotte Cullen

Well done everyone!



Attendance Trophy

The winners of the Attendance Trophy this week is Year 2 with 99.17%. Well done Year 2!



Sports Star of the Week

Our Sports Star of the Week is Chanoi Sibanda, Year 5. Chanoi has taken a real interest in every sport we have tried this half term. She has shown willingness to improve and learn more. Well done Chanoi!



Little Performers

Little Performers will be running a lunchtime club on a Monday, starting on 13th June from 12.30-1.00 p.m.

If you would like your child to participate in this club please pop into the office and collect a letter. The cost is £15.00 and this needs to be paid at time of booking.



Gardening Club

In the summer term we will be running a Gardening Club, starting on Wednesday, 8th June. The club will be run during the lunchtime by Mrs Deidre Tomlinson, one of our WI volunteers, Mrs Driver and the nurture group.

A letter is coming home today and places will be offered on a first come first served basis.



Free School Meals Renewals

If your child is entitled to free school meals these are renewed automatically. Letters will only be sent to those families who are no longer eligible. If you do not receive a letter from the Education Benefits team then you can assume that your child will continue to receive free school meals for the next academic year.

World Book Day

Through your generosity we raised £73.15 for Book Aid International. This money will help to send books and other reading materials to children across Africa.

Featherstone Wood School Governors

The school has undergone two Governor Health & Safety Inspections since November 2015, one was a planned inspection the other was unannounced. Both inspections met the criteria with evidence of good record keeping, maintenance regimes and required test certification. There were also a number of good practices in place, that were not required, but had been implemented by staff. Records show that staff are well trained and competent in many safety practices. Health & Safety will be continuously monitored and assessed as the school year continues.

The Governors also regularly review school policies to ensure that they are up to date and fit for purpose. The **Acceptable Behaviour Policy** ensures children, parents and teachers have a protected and safe environment and are all treated equally. Parents are important role models to their children and set a code of conduct that will last a lifetime so it's important to get it right and hopefully this guidance will help.

If you have any questions regarding the work of the Governors then please contact me via the school.

Jacky Nicholls - Chair of Governors

Shephall Residents Group

The next meeting of the Shephall Residents Group will take place at the Broadhall Community Centre on Wednesday, 8th June, 6.00 p.m. for a 6.30 p.m. start. All welcome.

SPLAT Holiday Club

SPLAT Holiday Club will be running at Featherstone Wood during the half term holiday. The cost is £23.00 per day, £13.00 for half day or £3.50 per hour. Book online at www.splatstevenage.co.uk.

GoLive Holiday Camp

Stevenage Sporting Futures are running a holiday club at Barnwell Community Leisure Centre. The club runs from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and the cost is £12.00 per day. Places can be booked by telephoning 747324 or chantalmalan@stevenagesportingfutures.co.uk.

Comet Community Awards

I am very pleased to share with you all the news that Emilia Wawak won the award for 'Carer of the Year' at the Comet Community Awards.

I am sure you will all join me in sending our congratulations to Miss Wawak.

Dates for your Diary

30th May - Bank Holiday
31st May to 3rd June - Half Term
6th June - Inset Day
13th June - Phonics Check Week
15th June - Year 5 visit to Marriotts School
20th June - New to Reception Meeting
22nd - 24th June - Year 5 & 6 PGL
27th June - New to Nursery Meeting
28th June - Year 5 visit to Marriotts - 5Live Day
28th June - Reception Taster Lunch
5th July - KS2 play to school
6th July - KS2 play - 1.30 and 6.00 p.m.
8th July - Sports Day & Proms
9th July - Summer Fair
14th July - Transition Day/Meet New Teacher
21st July - Summer Term finishes 2.00 pm
25th July - Occasional Day

Diary Dates 2016/2017

1st September - Inset Day
2nd September - Inset Day
5th September - School resumes
24th to 28th October - Half Term
20th December - School finishes at 2.00 pm
21st December - Inset Day
5th January - School resumes
13th to 17th February - Half Term
30th March - 17th April - Easter break
31st March - Inset Day
18th April - School resumes
29th May to 2nd June - Half Term
20th July - School finishes 2.00 pm
21st July - Inset Day
24th July - Occasional Day

Louise Shuttleworth
Headteacher