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Dear Parents and Carers,

Stay Safe Talk for Year 6

On Monday, 26th February we have arranged for a fabulous speaker, Mrs Marilyn Hawes, to deliver a parent and child workshop about recognising grooming behaviours and how to keep your children safe. This is in response to stories in local and national press about children still suffering from different forms of abuse. Mrs Hawes has been on Good Morning Britain, BBC news and Sky news and is the CEO of Enough Abuse UK.

It is expected that **ALL** Year 6 parents attend this workshop. Schools and parents need to work together to safeguard children. The information is hard hitting and so it is vital that you attend in order to hear and discuss the information with your child.

The Enough Abuse workshop is taking place during school time starting at 1.45 p.m. Please note that the workshop is **NOT SUITABLE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**, therefore we are giving you plenty of notice to allow you to make childcare arrangements.

If you would like any further information you can visit www.enoughabuseuk.com or www.childline.org.uk.

SEN Parents Forum

The next SEN Parents Forum will be held on Tuesday, 20th February at 9.00 a.m. in the Community Room. Mrs Smith is hoping to gather views to inform the review of our SEN policy and there will also be an opportunity to have a tea/coffee and a biscuit, and share

together any strategies that are working well for parents, or troubleshoot any concerns.

Mrs Smith looks forward to seeing you there.

SEN/Pastoral Parent Surgeries

Please see below the dates of the next parent surgeries for this term:-

SEN (with Mrs R. Smith):

Tuesday, 20th February – 2.00 to 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st March – 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.

Pastoral (with Mrs A. Handysides):

Thursday, 22nd February – 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd March – 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.

If you would like to book an appointment to see either of the above, please call in at the School Office to book.

Governing Body

Since September 2017 the Governing body have been busy coming in to school to meet with teachers to discuss progress around the Early Years, use of IT, SEN and pastoral work. We have had training on being Ofsted ready and found out about some alternatives around the Academies agenda. We have monitored pupil books, looked at displays and met with children as part of Pupil Voice to find out their thoughts about the school - good and bad! It is always a joy to hear the children talk so clearly about the school and their teachers.



After School Club

We are considering providing an afterschool club here at Featherstone Wood. Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday a survey will be carried out, both morning and afternoon, to seek parents' opinions as to whether an afterschool club would be viable.

Star Learners

This week's Star Learners are:-

Reception - Kaci Cullen
Year 1 - Deqwan Selby-Straker
Year 2 - Livia Krol
Year 3 - Jenelly Sesay
Year 4 - Irfan Ahmed
Year 5 - Riley Scott
Year 6 - Melissa Browne

Well done everyone – keep up the excellent work.



PE Star Learners

Our PE Star Learners this week are Thandie Kupe, Year 1 and Jessica Poulter, Year 6.

Thandie always listens well in PE and always tries her best.



Jessica works well in a team and tries her best in all PE lessons.



Attendance Award

Year 4 won the Attendance Trophy this week, with 97.08%. Well done Year 4.

Childrens Golf

Knebworth Golf Club are holding two weeks free golf coaching on Saturday, 17th and 24th February between 1.00 and 2.00 p.m., or Sunday 18th and 25th February between 10.00 and 11.00 a.m., or 11.30 to 12.30 p.m.

For further information please call Ian Parker on 07940570107 or email ianparker@thetigerclub.com.

PE Kits

Please can you ensure that your child has the appropriate warm clothing for outdoor PE (jogging bottoms and a warm top are necessary as lessons are held outside).

School Council

The School Council are holding a Second Hand Uniform Sale on Friday, 9th February, 3.00 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. If the weather is kind to us it will be held outside the School Office. All items 50p.

Valentine Disco

The PofFW are holding their annual Valentine Disco on Wednesday, 7th February. EYFS and KS1 will begin at 3.45 until 4.45 p.m., and KS2 from 5.00 to 6.15 p.m. Entry is £2.00 per child. There will be free drinks and a tuck shop.



Iron-On School Clothes Labels

In an effort to help cut down on the amount of unclaimed school uniform and other clothing in school, we have arranged for iron-on labels to be purchased through the school.

Prices start from as little as £2.50 for 15 labels. If you would like to place an order please call at the School Office to complete an order form. All orders need to be received at the office no later than Friday, 23rd February, 2018.

Shephall Residents' Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Shephall Residents' Group will take place on Wednesday, 14th February, 6.30 for a 7.00 p.m. start. The meetings are held at the Shephall Centre. All welcome.

Dates for your Diary

6th February – Parents Evening

7th February – Valentines Disco

9th February – Term ends

12th – 16th February – Half term

19th February – Children back to school

9th March – Mother's Day Sale

19th March – Spelling Bee Heats in class

28th March – Spelling Bee Final – 9.00 a.m.

28th March – Exhibition Day

28th March – Term ends

29th March – Inset Day

Summer Term:

16th April – Term starts

14th to 18th May – SAT's Week Year 6

21st to 24th May – SAT's week Year 2

24th May – End of term

25th May – Inset Day

28th May – 1st June – Half term

4th June – Children back to school

6th to 8th June – PGL Trip

11th to 15th June – Year 1 phonics check

15th June – Father's Day Sale

23rd June – Summer Fair

6th July – Sports Day

16th July – Y6 Leavers Party

20th July – Leavers Assembly

20th July – Term ends 2.00 p.m.

23rd July – Inset Day

24th July – Occasional Day

25th July – Occasional Day

26th July – Occasional Day

27th July – Occasional Day

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