

Featherstone Wood Newsletter

Friday, 03 September 2021



Hello Parents and Carers

Firstly we would like to welcome everyone back and what a fantastic day it was yesterday seeing our old and some new pupils.

Miss Shuttleworth and all the staff would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts and kind words at the end of last term. They were all very much appreciated. We are very much looking forward to another busy and successful year.



School dinners are remaining as the old menu and next week will be week 2.

Changes to the menu are Monday veggie pizza wrap, Thursday hot meat option is now Lasagne and the chilled option is chicken mayo wrap.

May we also take this time to remind you that due to severe allergies that we are a nut free school.



Please keep using the apps that we use throughout the School.

Teachers use Marvellous Me throughout the day to message parents so make sure you are signed up. We also use Study bugs for informing the School if your child is ill and we use Schoolgateway, again for the sending out of letters, text messages, emails, newsletter. Dinner money is also paid via Gateway along with the booking and paying of Breakfast Club.

After school clubs are restarting next week. Please find information and booking on the Gateway app

Monday—Years 3 and 4 Gymnastics

Tuesday—Years 5 and 6 Football

Wednesday—Years 3 and 4 Rugby

Thursday—years 5 and 6 Badminton

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Congratulations to our Star Learners



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Conner is our star Learner for having a super “can do” attitude !



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Harley is Star Learner for being a nice partner to his friend and helping him settle back into the new term.



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Ethan is Star Learner for his excellent behaviour and his mature attitude towards school. Keep it up, Ethan!

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Emily is Star Learner for having a fantastic Year 3 attitude and applying it to everything she’s already done this week.



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Theo is Star Learner for demonstrating great attitude towards the new routine and rules introduced on his 1st day in Year 1

Wow a great start for Samiha in Reception—for settling in well and amazing tidying up skills. Very proud keep it up.

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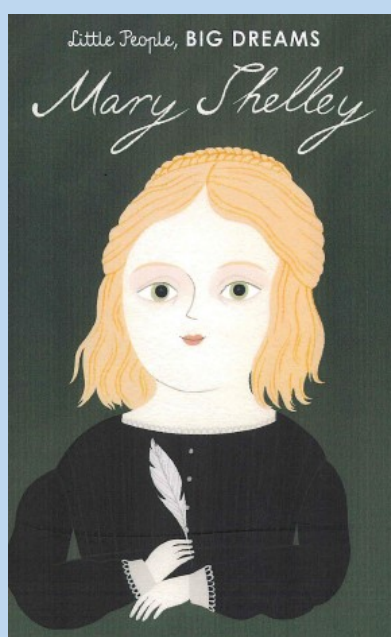


OUTSTANDING PERSON OF THE WEEK

Every Monday in the School Assembly we will be focusing on a different role model each week using our beautiful new 'Little People, Big Dreams' books in the library. So our OUTSTANDING PERSON OF THE WEEK for 6th September is: Mary Shelley.

So do you know who Mary Shelley is ?

Well Mary was an author who loved to read as a child. After being given a challenge to write a horror story she came up with an idea to write about a scientist who created a monster—Frankenstein

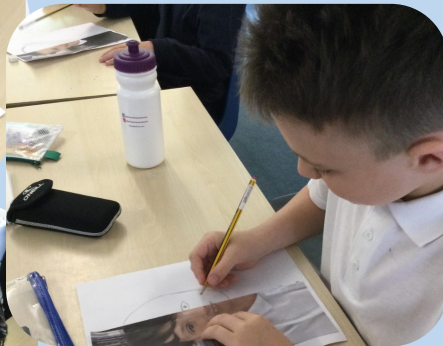


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It's been a great start to the new term but a bit exhausting for some !!



Year 5 have been drawing their portraits



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Please read this information from Jim McManus

Getting Ready for School this Autumn

A message from Jim McManus, Hertfordshire's
Director of Public Health



As part of getting your child ready to start or go back to school this autumn please also take the time to check that all their vaccinations are up to date.

If you are unsure your child has had all their routine vaccinations, you can check their personal health record (Red Book) or by asking your GP. You can also check the childhood immunisation [schedule](#) online.

Getting vaccinations up to date and taking them when offered helps prevent serious illnesses. It is particularly important your child has both doses of the MMR vaccination. This protects against measles, mumps and rubella (German measles) which can cause the following problems:

Measles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nearly everyone will have a high fever, a rash and generally be unwell.Children often must spend about five days in bed and could be off school for ten days - adults are likely to be ill for longer.The complications of measles affect one in every 15 children and include chest infections, fits, encephalitis (infection of the brain), and brain damage. And measles can kill.
Mumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can lead to fever, headache, and painful, swollen glands in the face, neck and jaw and can result in permanent deafness, viral meningitis (infection of the lining of the brain) and encephalitis.It can also cause painful swelling of the testicles in males and the ovaries in females.Mumps lasts about seven to ten days.Before the MMR vaccine was introduced, mumps was the most common cause of viral meningitis in children under 15
Rubella (German measles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In children it is usually mild and can go unnoticed and causes a short-lived rash, swollen glands and a sore throat.It is very serious for unborn babies and can seriously damage sight, hearing, heart and brain – a condition called congenital rubella syndrome (CRS).A rubella infection in the first 3 months of pregnancy causes problems in up to nine out of ten cases and often pregnant women catch rubella from their own or their friends' children.

Vaccinations are the best way to protect against these diseases so please do check your child is up to date with them and do accept vaccinations when they are offered.

For more information about vaccinations and their benefits please visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations or talk to your school nurse about them.

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Information for our current Year 6 pupils

Moving On 2022

School open events and key dates for secondary / upper transfer

Information for parents with children in year 5 at primary/junior schools and year 7 at middle schools.

Further information about moving to secondary or upper school in September 2022 will be available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions after 1st September 2021.

Important Dates

The timetable below gives you an idea of what will happen over the next few months.

First week of September 2021	Admissions information is available online for parents to read or download
Wednesday 1 September 2021	Online application system opens and the "Moving On" leaflet is distributed via children's current school
September and October 2021	Schools hold their open events
Sunday 31 October 2021	Closing date for applications (online and paper)

Open Events at secondary and upper schools

The following pages give details of open events at secondary and upper schools. Schools are listed in alphabetical order.

This is the information available at the current time. However, schools will need to follow the Government guidance regarding Covid-19 that is in place in the autumn term and therefore some open events may change. Please check the school's own website and www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schooldirectory for updates.

Aptitude / academic testing

Some details have been provided under individual school entries, but please see the school's own website for full details of their aptitude and academic testing arrangements.

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Apply for school on time

Applying for a school place for September 2022

Secondary/Upper/Studio/University Technical College
Application deadline: Sunday 31 October 2021

Primary (Reception)/Junior/Middle
Application deadline: Saturday 15 January 2022

Apply online at
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions



Featherstone Wood Calendar

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September 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15 Swimming Years 4&6	16	17
20	21	22 Swimming Years 4&6	23	24
27	28	29 Swimming Years 4&6	30	1

October 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	5	6 Swimming Years 4&6	7	8
11	12 Parents Evening	13 Swimming Years 4&6	14	15
18	19	20 Swimming Years 4&6	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

HALF TERM

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