

Featherstone Wood Primary School Newsletter



6th November, 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Smith is expecting her second baby in February and she will be starting her maternity leave after the first week back in January. We wish her all the best. Mrs Handysides, an experienced SENCo and senior leader, is joining Featherstone Wood for the year to cover the maternity leave. She has worked for several years in a school in Tower Hamlets that was graded as 'Outstanding' in July, so we are very pleased to be gaining her expertise. Mrs Smith is organising a handover programme to ensure smooth continuity with all the SEN work.

People who help us

The children in our EYFS are learning about 'people who help us' so if there is anyone that would be able to come in and talk to them about their job - doctor, dentist, nurse, fireman, lollipop person, etc., it would be lovely to see you.

PofFW Christmas Fair

Year 6 are holding a Jar Tombola at this year's Christmas Fair on 20th November. They have asked for any donations of filled or unfilled jars for their stall. Any size, any shape, any filling (or empty for them to fill) - all gratefully received. There will be a collection box outside the School Office from Monday 9th November.



Star Learners

This week's Star Learners are:-

Reception - Erin Kelly
Year 1 - Melissa Brunsden
Year 2 - Tori Lawal
Year 3 - Lauren Milton
Year 4 - Adem Murtezi
Year 5 - Daniel Willis
Year 6 - Evan Howes

Well done everyone - we are very proud of you.

Attendance

Reception class are the winners of this week's Attendance Trophy with 99.0%. This is fantastic - well done everyone.



Picture of the Month

We are starting a new creative writing monthly competition. A picture will be provided as a stimulus and the children will be asked to produce a creative story relation to the picture. KS1 word limit is 200 and KS2 word limit is 400. Early Years will be producing a group piece in group times.

Once completed the named stories are to be placed in the box near the kitchen where the 'word of the week' work used to go. Winning entries each month will go on the website and Facebook. Entries need to be in the box by the last school day of the month.

We look forward to reading the fabulous stories.

This month's picture is shown below.



'Walk for Wards'

On 13th December 2015 East & North Herts Hospitals Charity will be holding a sponsored 'Walk for Wards' in Hitchin. You are all invited to join them on this Christmas-themed walk and will include hot chocolate, mince pies and carols.

If you would like to participate in this event they are asking that you register in advance at www.walkforwards.co.uk.

Top Hat Stage School

Top Hat Stage School are holding auditions for 6 - 17 year olds on Sunday, 29th November, at Stanborough School, Welwyn Garden City. They are offering pupils the chance to win a scholarship to attend one of their 6 weekend stage schools. Auditions are free and the children will take part in fun workshops covering dance, drama and singing. If you are interested please register on line at www.tophatstageschool.co.uk.

Armistice Day Assembly



All parents and carers are invited to join us for our Armistice Day assembly on Thursday, 11th November at 11.00 a.m. Poppies are being sold in school and can be

purchased from the school office. There are also other items for sale - bracelets, rulers, pencils, rubbers, etc.

Last year we raised £210.04 for the Poppy Appeal - thank you to everyone who supported this very worthy cause.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The Christmas Lights Switch On is taking place in the town centre on Thursday, 26th November between 4.00 and 6.30 p.m., with the lights being switched on at 6.30 p.m.



Dates for your Diary

20th November - Christmas Fair

23rd November - SAT's practice week

7th December - KS1 play to school

8th December - Snow Queen Pantomime

9th December - KS1 play - 1.30 p.m.

10th December - KS1 play - 6.00 p.m.

11th December - Carols round the tree - 2.00

14th December - EYFS play to school

15th December EYFS play - 9.30 a.m.

16th December - Christmas Dinner

17th December - Christmas Parties

18th December - Term ends 2.00 p.m.

21st December - 31st December - Christmas break

1st January - Bank holiday

4th January - Inset Day

5th January - School resumes

2nd February - Parents Evening 3.30-8.00

8th February - SAT's practice week

11th February - Valentine's Disco

15th to 19th February - Half Term

21st March - SAT's practice week

25th March - Good Friday

28th March - Easter Monday

30th March - Exhibition Day

1st April - End of term (normal time)

4th to 15th April - Easter Break

18th April - Inset Day

19th April - School resumes

20th April - SAT's practice week

2nd May - Bank Holiday

9th May - SAT's week

30th May - Bank Holiday

31st May to 3rd June - Half Term

6th June - Inset Day

13th June - Phonics Check Week

20th June - New to Reception Meeting

22nd - 24th June - Year 5& 6 PGL

27th June - New to Nursery Meeting

28th June - Reception Taster Lunch

2nd July - Summer Fair

5th July - KS2 play to school

6th July - KS2 play - 1.30 and 6.00 p.m.

8th July - Sports Day & Proms

14th July - Transition Day/Meet New Teacher

22nd July - Summer Term finishes 2.00 pm

25th July - Occasional Day

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