

Featherstone Wood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of another school year. I hope you and your families had an enjoyable summer holiday.

We have another very busy school year ahead of us. All dates are detailed at the end of the newsletter but keep an eye out for additional dates that are added from time to time.

Star Learners

Reception - Hayden Rands
Year 1 - Jayden Poynter
Year 2 - Lola Sullivan
Year 3 - Summer Skutela
Year 5 - Irfan Ahmed
Year 6 - Femi Omokan



Attendance Award

Our first week of attendance has been excellent and the winner of the Attendance Trophy this week is Year 1. Well done Year 1 – this is a brilliant start to the new school year.

Bicycles/Scooters

Please could you ensure that your child does not ride their bicycle/scooter on the school site. They should be left in the cycle rack round by KS2 entrance.

School Trips

To mark the centenary of the end of WW1 our whole school topic is WW1. We have arranged for KS1 and KS2 to visit the RAF Museum at Hendon. The cost of the trip is £11.00 per child. If your child is entitled to benefit related school meals, please speak to the office regarding potential funding towards the cost.

Key Stage 1 will be going on Wednesday, 26th September. All payment must be made by **Wednesday, 19th September.**

Key Stage 2 will visit the museum on Tuesday, 2nd October. All payments must be made by **Tuesday, 25th September.**

Measuring the height and weight of children in Year 6

Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The measurements will be carried out by trained healthcare professionals from School Nursing.

All Year 6 children have been given a letter concerning this. If you are happy



for your child to be weighed and measured, you do not need to do anything. However, if you do not wish your child to take part, you will find an opt-out slip attached to the letter which you should complete, sign and return to the school office within two weeks.

Online Health Assessment

The Hertfordshire Public Health Nursing Service has implemented a new and exciting way to assess the health needs of children. This assessment tool is being used for children to complete in Year 6 and parents will complete this for their child in Reception.

Once again all children in Year 6 have received a letter. To opt out parents need to complete the form on the back of the letter and return to the School Office by Friday, 21st September, 2018.

Dinner Money/Breakfast Club

Just a little reminder that dinner money and breakfast club monies can be paid on the School Gateway app. The minimum payment for dinner money is £5.00 and breakfast club £10.00.

Fundraising event for Forces Charities

On Saturday, 15th September, a fundraising event is being held to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. The event is being held between 12.0 and 5.00 p.m. outside the Poplars Community Centre, near Sainsbury's.

Shephall Residents Group

The next meeting of the above group will take place at the Shephall Centre on Wednesday, 12th September at 6.30 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. start. All welcome.

Diary Dates

26th September - KS1 visit – RAF Hendon

2nd October - KS2 visit - RAF Hendon

4th October - Harvest Festival

16th October - Parents Evening

21st October - SAT's practice

24th October - Halloween Disco

**25th October –
5th November - Half Term**

26th November - Occasional Day

31st October - Individual photographs

5th November - School back

9th November - Whole school WW1 event and 1 minutes silence

23rd November - School Fair/Poppy canvas sale

3rd December - Year 2 SAT's week

10th December - KS1 nativity to school

12th December - Pantomime

11th December - KS1 nativity – matinee 2.00 p.m.

12th December - KS1 nativity – evening performance 6.00 p.m.

13th December - EYFS nativity to school

14th December - EYFS nativity – 9.30 a.m.

14th December - Carols around the tree

17th December - Christmas parties

19th December - Christmas lunch

20th December - final achievement assembly – 9.00 a.m.

20th December - end of term – normal time

21st December - Inset Day

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7th January - return to school

4th February - Year 2 SAT's practice

5th February - Parents evening

11th February - SAT's practice

13th February - Valentines Disco

18th February - Half term

22nd February

25th February - School back

19th March - Mother's Day Sale

28th March - Spelling Bee Final

3rd April - Exhibition Day

3rd April - End of term

4th April - Inset Day

5th April - Inset Day

8th April - Easter Holidays

22nd April

23rd April - School back

23rd April - SAT's practice

13th to 17th May - Y6 SAT's

20th to 23rd May - Y2 SAT's

24th May - End of term

27th May - Half Term

31st May

3rd June - return to school

14th June - Father's Day sale

5th July - Sports Day

11th July - Transition Day

12th July - Reports out

19th July - Summer Fair - 2.00 p.m.

22nd July - Y6 Leavers party

23rd July - Leavers assembly

23rd July - school finishes - 2.00 p.m.

24th July - Inset Day

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