

# Featherstone Wood Primary School

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9<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we held our whole school assembly and two minutes silence, to commemorate the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War.

We welcomed to our school three veterans who gave very interesting talks:-

Mr. Roy Newbury served in the RAF as a Flight Mechanic Engineer. He served in the Middle East, Palestine and Cyprus. He left in 1948.

Mr. John Airey was an Air Radar Mechanic stationed at Chivenor, North Devon.

Mr. Ken Needham was an RAF Police Dog Handler.

It was lovely to see so many parents and other family members at our assembly.

Parents also had the opportunity to see the poppy canvasses which the children have worked hard to complete and also displays of other work the children have done to commemorate the end of the First World War.



Yesterday we also had a visit from Mr Stratford – a veteran of several conflicts, who gave the children a very interesting talk and also brought along his medals for the children to see and his tunic and bearskin from his time guarding the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Thank you to Mrs Franklin for modelling the Guard's uniform!





### **School Photographs**

On Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, the photographer is coming into school to take individual and sibling photographs.

If you have a child who is **NOT** at Featherstone Wood and would like a family photograph taken, please come to the School Office for 8.30 a.m. on Monday.

All siblings in school are automatically photographed.

### **Topic Assembly**

Years 5 and 6 will be holding their topic assembly on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

### **Family Toolkit Nurturing Programme**

A flyer is coming home today concerning a 4 week Family Toolkit Nurturing Programme for parents/carers beginning on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The course is being held here at Featherstone Wood between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m.

For further information or to book onto this free course please contact [j.tyrrell@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:j.tyrrell@barnwell.herts.sch.uk) or [l.lowe@barnwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:l.lowe@barnwell.herts.sch.uk)

### **Parents of Featherstone Wood (PofFW)**

The PofFW are always looking for new members to join them or helpers for events. Messages can be left on their Facebook page – Parents of Featherstone Wood – or you may leave a message at the School Office.

Below are the dates of upcoming events:-  
PTA Meetings

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November - 2.00 p.m.

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December - 2.00 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December - PofFW Christmas Disco

**There will be no after school clubs on 5<sup>th</sup> December due to the disco.**

The PofFW are also asking for any Christmas decorations that you would be able to donate for them to use. Please bring any decorations to the School Office. Thank you for your continued support.

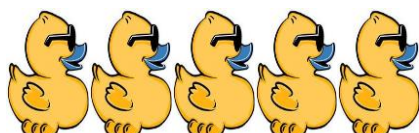
### **Children in Need**

Next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, we are holding a Pudsey Duck Race Sweepstake.

The children can bring in £2.00 and choose a duck to race in the duck race.

The duck race will be screened live in school in the afternoon and prizes will be given.

Children should take their money into class in a named envelope.



### **Shephall Residents Group**

The next meeting of the Shephall Residents Group is on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00 for a 6.30 start. All welcome.

### **Dates for your Diary**

12<sup>th</sup> November - Individual photographs

23<sup>rd</sup> November - Poppy canvas sale

3<sup>rd</sup> December - Year 2 SAT's week

6<sup>th</sup> December – 9am Year 5 and 6 topic assembly

10<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 nativity to school

12<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime

11<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 nativity – matinee 2.00 p.m.

12<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 nativity – evening performance 6.00 p.m.

13<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS nativity to school

14<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS nativity – 9.30 a.m.

14<sup>th</sup> December - Carols around the tree

17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas parties

19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch

20<sup>th</sup> December - final achievement assembly – 9.00 a.m.

**20<sup>th</sup> December - end of term – normal time**

**21<sup>st</sup> December - Inset Day**

**2019**

**7<sup>th</sup> January - return to school**

4<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 SAT's practice

5<sup>th</sup> February - Parents evening

11<sup>th</sup> February - SAT's practice

13<sup>th</sup> February - Valentines Disco

**18<sup>th</sup> February - Half term**

**22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**25<sup>th</sup> February - School back**

19<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day Sale

28<sup>th</sup> March - Spelling Bee Final

3<sup>rd</sup> April - Exhibition Day

**3<sup>rd</sup> April - End of term**

**4<sup>th</sup> April - Inset Day**

**5<sup>th</sup> April - Inset Day**

**8<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April - School back**

23<sup>rd</sup> April – SAT's practice

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SAT's

20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Y2 SAT's

**24<sup>th</sup> May - End of term**

**27<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term**

**31<sup>st</sup> May**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June - return to school**

14<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day sale

5<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day

11<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Day

12<sup>th</sup> July - Reports out

19<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fair – 2.00 p.m.

22<sup>nd</sup> July - Y6 Leavers party

23<sup>rd</sup> July - Leavers assembly

**23<sup>rd</sup> July - school finishes – 2.00 p.m.**

**24<sup>th</sup> July - Inset Day**

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