Featherstone Wood Primary School

Newsletter

9th September, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Featherstone Wood we work very hard to support the children to make the right choices when it comes to their behaviour and how they react to others. Poor school behaviour can look very different, there are the obvious fighting, name calling and rude behaviours but there is also the 'low level disruption' - this can be constant talking in lessons, making noises, not having the correct equipment, answering back or not following instructions.

Low level disruption not only prevents the child from focusing fully on their work but also distracts the rest of the table or class and stops them from focusing properly. The school’s behaviour system sees children not following the school’s behaviour policy move down the rocket system where they lose a marble for the first incident, go to their foster class for the second and come to myself or a member of the SLT for the third.

This year we are introducing a new system of informing parents when their child has gone to foster class. As from Monday, 12th September, if your child gets sent to a foster class you will receive a standard text message. This is to ensure that you are aware of what happens in class and how your child is behaving. We have made the decision following some feedback from a couple of parents that stated they would like to know if their child was sent out of class.

**Author Visit**

On Monday, 12th September, we will have the author Tom Palmer in school to work with children in Years 1 to 6. At the end of the day there will be a book sale in the library. The books are priced at £5.99 each, cash payments only please.

**Taster Lunch**

On Thursday, 15th September, Herts Catering Ltd is holding a taster session of their lunch menu.

The session will start at 2.00 p.m. and is for the parents of children in Reception, KS1 and Year 3.

Please note that this is only a taster of small samples of food, not a full meal.

**Star Learners**

Our first Star Learners of the school year are:-

Year 1 - Annaleah Best

Year 2 - Ronnie Carter

Year 3 - Ayaat Miah

Year 4 - Caitlin-Mae Carter

Year 5 - Christine Omokan

Year 6 - Whole of Year 6

Well done everyone. This is a brilliant start. Keep it up!

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**Flu Vaccination**

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

All children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will be offered the vaccine and this is given by a quick and simple spray up the nose.

If you have not yet returned your reply slip please return it to the School Office as soon as possible.

**Attendance**

We have two classes in joint first place for our first Attendance Trophy award. Well done to Year 1 and Year 3 for both attaining 99.0%. This is brilliant for our first week back in school. I wonder which class will be the first to get 100%!

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**Safety on school grounds**

We have had an incident on the KS1 playground when a child was hit by a scooter being ridden by another child. Please could I ask that you do not allow your child to ride their bikes/scooters around the school site.

**Parents of Featherstone Wood**

The Parents of Featherstone Wood (PofFW) are holding their AGM on Monday, 12th September at 2.00 p.m., in the Community Room.

This is a great opportunity for all parents and carers of children in Featherstone Wood to get involved with the PTA. We appreciate that not everybody can always attend every meeting so why not come along to the AGM, meet the members and other parents and let us know your thoughts. We are always looking out for new and exciting fund raising ideas and any time that you could give will be gratefully received.

**Shephall Residents Group**

The next meeting of the above group will take place on Wednesday, 14th September at the Broadhall Centre. The meeting is at 6.00 p.m. for a 6.30 p.m. start.

**Bedwell Rangers**

Bedwell Rangers FC are looking for a few more girls, that are currently in school Year 3 and 4, to join them

Training is on Tuesday evenings and matches are normally on Saturdays

If interested please contact the club’s Girls Development Officer, Neil Finch, on 07985 338356 or at bedwellrangersfc@gmail.com

More information can be found on the club’s website [www.bedwellrangersfc.com](http://www.bedwellrangersfc.com/)

**Dates for your Diary 2016**

29th September - Astronomy Roadshow

11th October - Parents Evening

3.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

**24th – 29th October - Half Term**

3rd November - Years 3 & 4 topic assembly – 9.00 a.m.

10th November - Years 1 & 2 topic assembly – 9.00 a.m.

28th November - SAT’s practice week

8th December - Years 5 & 6 topic assembly – 9.00 a.m.

12th December - Pantomime

13th December - KS1 play to school

14th December - KS1 play – matinee 1.30 p.m.

15th December - EYFS play to school – 9.30 a.m.

15th December - KS1 evening performance – 6.00 p.m.

16th December - EYFS play – 9.30 a.m.

16th December - Carols round the tree – 2.00 p.m.

16th December - Christmas Dinner

19th December - Christmas parties

20th December - Term ends 2.00 p.m.

**21st December - Inset Day**

**Dates for your Diary 2017**

**5th January** **- Children back to school**

6th February - SAT’s practice week

7th February - Parents Evening

3.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

9th February - Valentines Disco

**13th to 18th February - Half Term**

30th March - Exhibition Day

**30th March - End of term**

**31st March - Inset Day**

**18th April - Children back to schoo**

18th April - SAT’s practice week

8th May - KS2 SAT’s week

15th May - KS1 SAT’s week

**29th May to 3rd June - Half Term**

**5th June - Children back to school**

11th June - Phonics check week

19th June - New to Reception meetings – 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

W/C 19th June - SEN Reviews

26th June - New to Nursery meetings - 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

27th June - Reception taster lunch

28th – 30th June - Years 5 & 6 PGL

4th July - KS2 play to school

5th July - KS2 play - matinee 1.30 p.m.

5th July - Summer Fair – 6.00 p.m.

7th July - Sports Day and picnic

7th July - Reports out

13th July - Transition Day/meet the new teacher

14th July - Last achievement assembly

20th July - Leavers Assembly

**20th July - Term ends 2.00 p.m.**

**21st July - Inset Day**

**24th July - Occasional Day**

Louise Shuttleworth

Headteacher