



Felton C of E Primary School - Monthly Newsletter

April 2023

'Loving, Learning, Living as we journey together to enable everyone to flourish'

I can't believe that another full term has passed and we are heading into our final term of the academic year! This Spring term has been extremely busy with residentials, topic days and weeks and I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and all the children for their continued enthusiasm for learning. We have many exciting activities and learning opportunities planned for the Summer term, some of which we hope you'll join us for; the dates for your diaries are detailed below. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Reverend Richard Townend to the parish and our school community and we look forward to working closely with him.

I hope you all have a restful, egg-joyable and cracking good Easter break and I look forward to seeing you on the 17th April, ready for our final term.

Happy Easter

Mrs Emma Lucas
Headteacher

Highlight from our Spring Term

Pioneers - You may have seen Pioneers walking around Felton this half term! They have been surveying the land use as part of their Felton through Time topic - it has been fascinating spotting clues on how the use of different buildings have changed. I have been most impressed with their Felton artwork in the style of Hundertwasser.

Voyagers - Prehistory has been the focus in Voyagers and their cave paintings have been extremely impressive. This week, they had a great time designing, preparing, cooking and tasting their own soup which they have named 'A Voyage into Vegetables.'

Adventurers - Castles have been the focus in Adventurers. I was most impressed with their Paddington stories and printing skills but my favourite activity was the amazing seesaws they made using the information they learnt about levers - some budding engineers in the making!

Explorers - I loved the daffodil pictures that Explorers made and was extremely impressed that they could name and label all the parts! Their singing at our Easter service in the church blew me away, they have come such a long way since September. They have very much enjoyed getting muddy during Forest on a Friday and created some great troll mud paintings.

Coronation Celebrations @ Felton

On Friday 5th May, we will be spending the day celebrating King Charle's Coronation through a variety of activities including singing, dancing, scarecrow and bunting making. From 2pm, we would like to welcome all our families to join us for a big picnic to celebrate the diversity in Britain and the commonwealth. Bring a picnic blanket and picnic and maybe a dish that represents and celebrates your heritage to share with you family and friends - and yes there will be welsh cakes and Bara Brith!

Important News***Extending the school day*****Important News**

Thank you to all of you who voted on our parent poll - the results are in.....

After the parents polls and staff consultation, it has been decided and approved by the Governing body, that from September our school day will be starting at 8:45 (gates will open at 8:40) and finishing at 3:15pm.



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Summer Term Forest and PE

Thursday Forest

After the success of this term's Forest based learning, we will continue to teach the children in their classes, to allow more age appropriate skills to be taught and to accommodate more curriculum time. Each class in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will have a 2hr Forest session on a Thursday afternoon, once every 3 weeks. Explorers will continue to have their Forest session every Friday. On their allocated Thursday (see below) children need to come to school suitably dressed with warm layers to wear under school waterproofs and they should bring Wellington boots.

On a Friday afternoon, we will continue to have Golden time as a whole school, where Pioneers will lead the younger children in traditional playground games and spend time in their Houses and with their buddies.

PE & Swimming

All children will need their PE kit on a Thursday as they will be having a cricket or football session (in addition to Forest learning) from external coaches. It will be Pioneers who will be swimming on Wednesdays during the Summer term.

Week beginning	Class having Forest on a Thursday
17/4	Voyagers
24/4	Pioneers
1/5	Adventurers
8/5	Voyagers
15/5	Pioneers
22/5	Adventurers

Summer Term - Dates for your diary

17th April - Summer Term begins

1st May - Bank Holiday

5th May - Coronation Celebrations @ Felton 2pm Big Picnic

8th May - Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

27 May - 4th June - Half term

5th June - Teacher Training Day - School closed

14-16th June - Year 6 to London

27th June (morning) - Explorers and Adventurers Sport's Day (Weather permitting)

27th June (afternoon) - Voyagers & Pioneers Sport's Day (Weather permitting)

21st July - Leavers' Service @ Felton Church (Y6 Parents invited to attend)