

Felton C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome Back 2024

A big welcome back to school, I hope that you have all had a restful holiday and are now raring to start the new academic year.

We had a great start last week and it was lovely to see all the children enthusiastic about returning to school and looking so smart in their uniform.

We are very much looking forward to spending this year embedding the changes made last year and our key focuses will be on making the most of the outdoors (sustainability), developing our understanding of spirituality and the power of kindness, and enquiry based learning. We hope you can join us for the upcoming parent workshops so you can find out more about our plans for the year.

School Attendance has been very much in the press recently as the expectations set out in the document [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK](#) is now statutory and a key focus for every Local Authority. At Felton we would like to celebrate our school attendance as we are well above the National average (92.9%) with a whole school percentage of 96% and this year we hope to be even higher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your efforts getting your children to school and supporting us in all our endeavours.

Best wishes

Mrs Emma Lucas

Headteacher

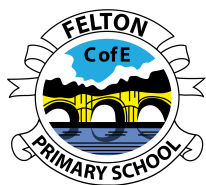
For your Information

Learning Journeys

During the first few weeks, each class will be spending time settling in, establishing routines and expectations and getting to know each other and their teacher through a variety of activities. You will shortly be receiving information on each class' Learning Journey and a welcome letter from the class teachers. Further information, planning and some photographs will be available on the curriculum pages of our website in due course.

Weekly Run

The long awaited Felton Run will be returning this Thursday morning. We will be encouraging the children to wear their PE kits, and as these will be kept in school we will give the children time to get changed before the run. If, however, they wish to wear a dedicated 'running kit' they are more than welcome to wear that as long as they remember to bring their school uniform and shoes to change afterwards. Any adult volunteers are welcome to join us, we are always looking for those to run with the classes or marshal at the end of the new road and halfway along Mouldshaugh road.



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Healthy Snacks & Packed Lunches

Explorers and Adventurers are provided with a daily fresh fruit snack as part of a government funded 'Healthy school' initiative. We are happy for Key stage 2 children to also bring a break time snack but this must be a piece of fruit, preferably without packaging.

If you are providing your child/children with a packed lunch please ensure that there are no nuts, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks. For ideas on balanced and healthy packed lunches please follow this link: [Healthy Packed Lunch Ideas](#)

Uniform

General:

- Purple sweatshirt, cardigan (knitted or sweat), V-neck knitted jumper
- White polo shirt or blouse
- Black and white thin stripe tie (year 5/6) (optional)
- Black or grey pinafore dress, skirt, culottes, shorts or trousers
- White/black/grey socks
- Black/grey/purple tights
- Comfortable shoes – preferably black
- **Earrings - Plain single studs that can be removed for PE and swimming**

PE Kit:

Although your child will have designated P.E days, we encourage P.E kits to be kept in school to allow flexibility.

- **Plain** black shorts and PE T-shirts (red, blue or green T-shirt - depending upon school team)
- **Plain** black jogging bottoms or **plain** black leggings (**for outdoors during colder weather**)
- We prefer children to go barefoot for indoor activities: sandshoes or trainers are essential for outdoor purposes.
- A named drawstring bag is ideal for keeping P.E. equipment in and we discourage large sports bags because of limited space in the cloakrooms.

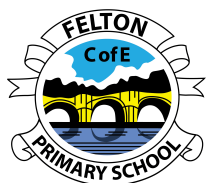
Please note that football shirts are not permitted for PE

Outdoor learning/Forest Kit:

We are going to have a big focus this year on outdoor learning and making the most of our wonderful school grounds. Therefore **ALL Children** need a warm base layer (in a named bag) to wear under the waterproofs that school will provide. If you do have surplus waterproofs or a set that can be kept in school for your child then we are grateful for any donations. Their outdoor kit should be left in school for the half term.

- **Plain** black jogging bottoms.
- **Plain** long sleeved jumper.
- Warm long socks
- Wellington Boots (we have spares in all sizes if you don't have any)

To avoid misunderstanding, ALL property, especially clothing, should be clearly marked with the name of your child.



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Swimming

Swimming will be on a termly rotation for Adventurers, Voyagers and Pioneers every Wednesday.

Autumn Term: Swimming - Voyagers

Spring Term Swimming - Adventurers

Summer Term Swimming - Pioneers

We would be extremely grateful to anyone who is able to help with taking the children swimming. Please let the class teacher know and if there are enough people we can create a rota.

Calendar

In response to positive feedback from parents last year, we have again put together some key dates for the year to give you as much notice as possible. Additional events such as class educational visits will be added throughout the year.

Autumn Term 2024

12th September Pioneers Parent Information Evening @ 5pm

16th September Adventurers Parent workshop @ 5pm

17th September Voyagers Parent Information Evening @ 5pm

24th September Explorers Parent Information Evening @ 5pm

26th September Individual School Photos

27th September FSFA MacMillan Coffee Morning

8th October @ 9:15am Harvest Festival @ St Michael and All Angel Church

17th October Parents' Consultation Evening

22nd October Parents' Consultation Evening

25th October FSFA Halloween Disco @ Felton Village Hall

26th October – 3rd November *Half Term Holiday*

4th November Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 6)

15th November Children in Need

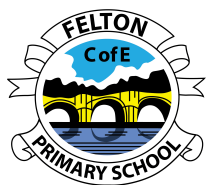
10th December @ 1.45pm - Explorers' Christmas performance

11th December @ 3.30pm - Adventurers' Christmas performance

12th December @ 1:45pm & 5pm Voyagers and Pioneers performance

17th December @ 2:00pm Carol service @ St Michael and All Angels

20th December Break up for Christmas Holidays



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Spring Term 2025

6 th January	Teacher Training Day
7 th January	Back to school
12 th – 14 th February	Year 4 & 5 to Robinwood
22 nd – 2 nd March	Half Term
6 th March	World Book Day
20 th March	Parent Evening
25 th March	Parent Evening
9 th April	Easter Service @ St Michael and All Angels
11 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2024

28 th April	Back to school
12 th - 15 th May	KS2 SATs week
24 th May – 1 st June	Half Term
2 nd June	Teacher Training Day
18 th June	Sports Day (Weather dependent)
25-27 th June	Year 6 London Trip
10 th July	Reception Graduation
17 th July @ 9:30am	Leavers' Celebration @ St Michael and All Angels
18 th July	Break up for Summer holiday

Twitter

Remember that you can follow our school twitter account [@felton_primary](https://twitter.com/felton_primary) where we will post regular updates of what is going on in school.