

Felton C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome Back

A big welcome back to school and to our 50th year! I hope that you have all had a restful holiday and are now raring to start the new academic year. The building work in the main school is now complete and I'm sure you'll agree that the much needed 'face-lift' was well worth the inconvenience caused in the summer term. The new Early Years building is well on the way to being finished and we are looking forward to a grand opening very soon. I would like to thank you all, especially the staff, for all your patience and support during all the upheaval.

We would like to welcome Mrs Rachel Robertson to the staff team as Pioneers class teacher Wednesday to Friday. She already feels very much part of the Felton family and we look forward to making the most of her fresh ideas and amazing crafting skills.

We had a great start yesterday 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. The OFSTED report will be published soon and we can then share the much awaited outcome.

Best wishes

Mrs Emma Lucas

Headteacher

For your Information

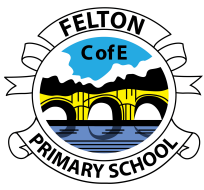
Learning Journeys

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

This year the weekly run will be on a Thursday morning and will start next week on 14th September. Children will register at 8:45am and we will aim to start running by 8:50. The weekly Felton run is very important to us but we cannot run off site without parental support as either runners or marshals. If you are able to help in any capacity please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

Children can come to school in running kit but will need to change into their uniform after the run.



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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.

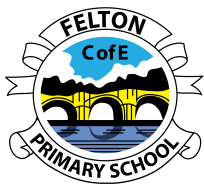
Please note that football shirts are not permitted for PE

Forest Kit:

If it is your child's term to participate in Forest based learning (see rota below) please provide a warm base layer (in a named bag) to wear under the waterproofs that school will provide. This should be left in school for the half term.

- **Plain** black jogging bottoms.
- **Plain** long sleeved jumper.
- Warm long socks
- Wellington Boots

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



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Forest & Swimming

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

Autumn Term: Swimming - Voyagers Forest - Adventurers

Spring Term Swimming - Adventurers Forest - Pioneers

Summer Term Swimming - Pioneers Forest - Voyagers

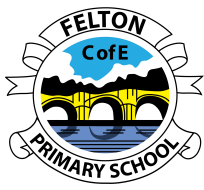
We would be extremely grateful to anyone who is able to help with taking the children swimming. Please let the class teacher know and if there are enough people we can create a rota.

Calendar

In response to feedback from the parent questionnaire we have 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 2023

- 19th September** Adventurers Parent workshop @ 5pm
- 20th September** Voyagers Parent Information Evening @ 5pm
- 21st September** Pioneers Parent Information Evening @ 5pm
- 26th September** Explorers Parent Information Evening @ 5pm
- 29th September** FSFA MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 9th October** Harvest Festival @ St Michael and All Angel Church
- 19th October** Parents' Consultation Evening
- 23rd October** Individual School Photos
- 24th October** Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 6)
- 24th October** Parents' Consultation Evening
- 27th October** FSFA Halloween Disco @ Felton Village Hall
- 28th October - 5th November** *Half Term Holiday*
- 17th November** Children in Need
- 12th December @ 1.45pm** - Explorers' Christmas performance
- 13th December @ 3.30pm** - Adventurers' Christmas performance
- 14th December @ 1:45pm & 5pm** Voyagers and Pioneers performance
- 18th December @ 9:30am** Christingle @ St Michael and All Angels
- 22nd December** Break up for Christmas Holidays



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Spring Term 2024

8th January	Back to school
17th - 25th February	Half Term
7th March	World Book Day
14th March	Parent Evening
19th March	Parent Evening
27th March	Easter Service @ St Michael and All Angels
28th March	Break up for Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2024

14th April	Back to school
13th - 16th May	KS2 SATs week
25th May - 2nd June	Half Term
3rd June	Teacher Training Day
12-14th June	Year 6 London Trip
25th June	Sports Day (Weather dependent)
11th July	Reception Graduation
18th July @ 9:30am	Leavers' Celebration @ St Michael and All Angels
19th 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.