



Felton C of E Primary School - Monthly Newsletter June 2023

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

Summer has arrived! I hope you all had a relaxing half term enjoying the sunshine and are well rested ready for the VERY busy final half term.

The building work is now in full flow and I do appreciate your cooperation regarding all the changes we have had to make and I am very thankful to all the staff and children who have been so flexible and accommodating when we have had to suddenly make changes to the school day. The construction team is making good progress and when we return in September we will have a wonderful warm and much more energy efficient building.

This term is full of educational visits, transition activities, sporting fixtures and events as well as all the fabulous learning opportunities the staff have planned, so please keep an eye on your emails from Mr Long with updates and arrangements. Please make sure that children wear suntan lotion on hot days and have a cap on hand but it would also be wise to have a light weight coat in school just in case!!

I can't believe that I have been here for nearly a year and would like to thank you all for your support. During next week you will be sent a link to a short Parent Questionnaire as I am keen to hear your thoughts on the changes we have made and how we can make our school even better. Paper copies will also be available from school for those of you who prefer that method.

At the end of this term Ms Weir will be leaving us and we would like to thank her for all her work in embedding our vision and developing the school's christian ethos. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavours. In September we will be welcoming Mrs Robertson to the team to share the Pioneers class with Mrs Gamston to give her more time to pursue her SENDCo and Deputy Head role and we look forward to having her work as part of our team.

Best wishes

Mrs Emma Lucas
Headteacher



Global Neighbours - Bronze Award

Congratulations to Ms Weir for facilitating Felton School achieving **Bronze Award** status in Christian Aid's Global Neighbours scheme, in recognition of its initiatives to encourage children to think of others throughout the world.

The accreditation programme celebrates schools which are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving them the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world. From reducing single use plastic in school and learning to grow their own food to reducing food miles pupils and staff at school have been working hard to take their place as global citizens.

We are thrilled to be recognised for the work we have done as a whole school community to raise awareness of the extreme inequalities across our globe and perhaps more importantly, the steps we can take to address these. The pupils learn about global issues regularly and gain an understanding of injustice in our world. Our Upper Key Stage pupils were outraged to learn how little plastic Northumberland County Council recycle. As a result they have written to the council to share their concern whilst also challenging us at school to source refillable glue-sticks and handwriting pens.

Pupils have been learning about examples of people who faced adversity and overcame this to be courageous advocates for change. These stories have challenged the whole school community to think about how each of us can make a difference in our local community and globally.

Our world is increasingly connected and our hope is for our children to grow as responsible global citizens who care about issues such as the environment and access to healthcare. The children have especially enjoyed making use of their newly acquired gardening skills to create a compost heap and to grow and sell their own produce to help reduce food miles.



Summer Term Forest and PE

Thursday Forest

Just a reminder, we will continue to teach the children in their classes and here is the rota for this final half term. 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 as the field and forest continues to be boggy even in the summer.

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

Pioneers will continue to swim on Wednesdays. We intend to be outside as much as possible this half term and would therefore appreciate everyone bringing their PE kit in on a Monday and we will send them home at the end of the week. Please ensure that the PE bag and Kit is named and that the bag isn't too big so it fits on their peg.

Week beginning	Class having Forest on a Thursday	Classes having Football on a Thursday
5/6	Voyagers	Explorers & Adventurers
12/6	Pioneers	Explorers & Voyagers
22/6	Adventurers	Explorers
29/6	Voyagers	Explorers & Adventurers
6/7	Pioneers	Explorers & Voyagers
13/7	Adventurers	Explorers & Pioneers

Planned events & Visits

- 8th June** Y6 Leavers Celebration @ Newcastle Cathedral
- 13 - 16th June** Great Big Green Week
- 14-16th June** Y6 to London
- 20th June** Vex Go Competition
- 22nd June** KS2 RE visit to Newcastle Synagogue & Mosque
- 27th June (morning)** Explorers and Adventurers Sport's Day (Weather permitting) 9:30am -11am
- 27th June (afternoon)** Voyagers & Pioneers Sport's Day (Weather permitting) 1:30pm - 3pm
- 30th June** Voyagers to Brinkburn Priory for Lifepath
- 5th July** Y6 Transition Day & Transition morning for the school
- 12th July** Y6 Leavers event with Alnwick Partnership school @ The Plough 6:30pm
- 13th July** Y6 Transition Day and Author event at Duchess
- 21st July** Leavers' Service @ Felton Church (Y6 Parents invited to attend)