



Felton C of E Primary School - Monthly Newsletter

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

July 2023

...and just like that we are in the final week of this school year and what a wonderful year it has been. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication to the school, they are the best team any headteacher could ask for. I would like to thank all the children, families and the wider school community for making me feel so welcome, coming to work everyday has been a joy. We are all looking forward to the next year so that we can embed all the developments that have been made and return to being a true part of the community as it was pre-covid times.

The new roof and windows are nearing completion and have given the school a much needed face lift ready for celebrating its 50th Anniversary. In September, we will 'hopefully' be returning to a new Early Years building and our 'Big Project' will be developing the Early Years Outside area - any advice or support would be gratefully received and I know the FSFA have many plans afoot!

And finally, I would like to wish our Year 6 leavers and the best of luck, they will be a big miss as will their families. Reach for the stars, we are honoured to have been part of your journey.

School returns at 8:45am on Wednesday 6th September.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer

Best wishes

Mrs Emma Lucas
Headteacher

Summer Reading Challenge

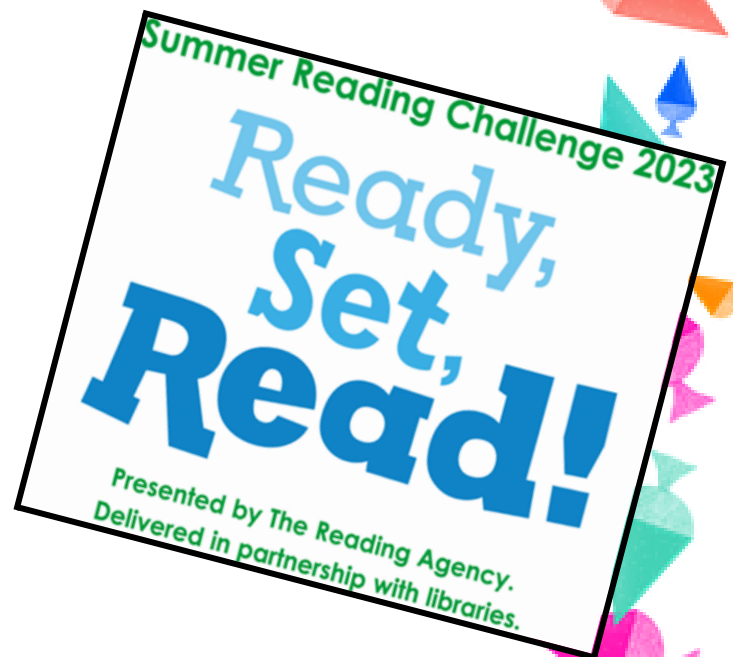
Northumberland Libraries are very excited to announce the theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge... 'Ready, Set, Read!'

This year's Challenge is focused on reading, sport and play and aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break, empowering young people to forge new connections with others and unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading.

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual event aimed at 4 – 11-year-olds. Children are encouraged to read six (or more) books of their choice during the summer holidays with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a medal and certificate for every child who completes the Challenge.

Northumberland Libraries will have lots of brilliant events, competitions and prizes to be won. Full details will appear on our library website www.mylibrary.co.uk and social media pages.

'Ready, Set, Read!' launched on Saturday 8th July and runs for the whole of the summer holidays. It is totally free, and children can join in the fun at any of our Northumberland libraries.



Parent Survey

Thank you to all of you who filled in the parent survey for both school and OFSTED. Your feedback is extremely valuable for us and helps us develop as a school to be the very best we can be. Your comments on communication and the complexity of the PE/Forest sessions have been duly noted and we will have a much clearer picture in September. My door is always open and for those of you who wish to discuss your concerns further please come and see me.

In September....

School Day

The school day will be extended by half an hour to meet the DFE recommendations. We will start at 8:45am (Gate will open at 8:35) and finish at 3:15pm. When the children arrive in the morning they will line up on their spot on the yard and the teachers will come and collect them from their line at 8:45am.

Felton Run

The Felton Run will move to a Thursday morning from September to accommodate our new staffing structure. We hope that as many of you as possible can still join us and even if you're not a runner we all need marshalls to make the route as safe as possible. Please let us know in September if you can support the run in any way.

Forest and PE

To try and make the timetable clearer for you as it did get rather complicated towards the end of the year. Next academic year, each class will get a whole term of forest based learning while another class does swimming for the whole term. We will send timetables during the first full week which will stay the same until Christmas. We hope this will help with any confusion.

Calendar

Over the summer we will put together a provisional calendar for the year which we will attach to the September newsletter. Hopefully this will give you more notice of key dates so you can make suitable arrangements.

