



Felton C of E Primary School

Monthly Newsletter -

January 2023

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Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you've all had a relaxing Christmas break and are ready for the exciting term ahead. This week we have reminded all the children of the Behaviour policy and our school rules and they are all enthusiastic to gain team points for their house so that they can be this term's winners. Congratulations to Cheviots (Red) who enjoyed wearing their own clothes on the final day, some even came in their pyjamas! In addition to our weekly Stars certificates, this term we are also hoping to give out certificates to those individuals who have managed to gain 100 house points. Key Stage 2 are going on residential before half term, Voyagers are heading to Robinwood and Pioneers are venturing to Lockerbie Manor - they are all looking forward to sharing their experience with the rest of the school when they return.

We are pleased to announce that we will be returning to face-to-face Parents consultations in March and an email will follow with details and information on how to book slots, there will also be an opportunity for you to look at your children's work. Please also be aware that Monday 27th February will be a Teacher Training Day and therefore closed to all pupils.

As the cold weather continues, so do all the bugs and illnesses. I have included the NHS guidelines at the end of this newsletter and a link to the Public Health document on how long a child should stay off school depending on the illness they have. We will be strictly adhering to these guidelines in an attempt to reduce the spread of infections and would be grateful for your support.

Best wishes

Mrs Emma Lucas

Headteacher

Learning Journeys

This half term:

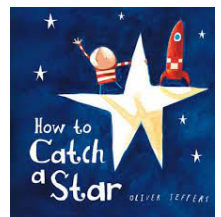
Explorers are going on a Space Quest to explore life beyond Earth. They will be creating their own space pictures, inspired by Van Gough's Starry night.

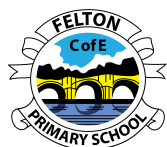
In **Adventurers** it will all be about Location, Location, Location! They will be looking at different places in the UK, discovering where Paddinton has visited.

Voyagers are going to journey all the way back to Prehistoric times to look at the key changes from the Stone Age to the Bronze age. They will be looking at how cave art can tell us about life before history was written down.

Pioneers will also be journeying into Space and developing their understanding of our Solar system and Beyond. They will be comparing historical models of the solar system and past beliefs to what we know today.

The Learning Journey plans will be on the website by the start of next week as well as the 'Journeying further into...' homework activities.





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Spring Term PE

- Explorers are required to bring in PE kit Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Adventurers will be swimming this term and will need to bring in a swimming kit on a Wednesday (Please contact the school office if you are able to help and we can create a parent rota). They will need to also bring in a PE kit on Mondays.
- Voyagers will need to be in PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Pioneers will need to be in PE kit on Wednesdays.

Forest Fridays - Forest will continue this term and therefore children need to come in suitably dressed with warm layers to wear under school waterproofs. All children should bring and wear Wellington boots.

Wednesday Run - We aim to restart our village run after February half-term but it is very weather dependent. We will give you plenty of notice before we restart.

Important Reminders

- Water Bottles - We encourage children to bring water bottles to drink through the school day but please only put water in bottles.
- Break time snacks - Adventures and Explorers are provided with fruit at break times as part of a Government initiative. If Key Stage 2 wishes to bring a break time snack we are more than happy for them to do so; however, please can this also be fruit.
- Packed Lunches - there should be no chocolate or fizzy drinks in packed lunches. Please see the guidance on our school website (Parents section - Our Lunches) on what to include in a healthy packed lunch.
- Smart Watches - for those who have been lucky enough to receive smart watches for Christmas please enjoy them at home. As a safeguarding procedure we can not allow any devices that can take photos or be used to make calls, in school.
- Please can all dogs be kept off the school site.

Spring Term Dates

9th January - Start of Spring Term

27th January - Year 6 attending a Careers transition event at the Duchess Community High School

8-10th February- Voyagers Residential trip to Robinwood

15-17th February- Pioneers Residential trip to Lockerbie Manor

17th February - Half Term

27th February - Teacher Training Day (School closed to pupils)

28th February - School Restarts

2nd March - World Book Day

13-17th March - Science week

14th & 16th March - Face to Face Parents Evenings (email to follow)

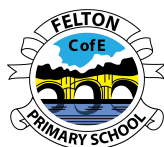
31st March - Easter Holidays

17th April- Start of Summer term

*Please be aware that **8th May** will be a Bank Holiday to celebrate the King's Coronation*

Twitter and our School Website

Remember that you can follow us on Twitter [@felton_primary](https://twitter.com/felton_primary) to see what's going on in our classrooms. These newsletters are also available each month on the school [homepage](#)



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An Unwell Child

This information was sourced from the NHS Website. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school. A few simple guidelines can help. Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform the school on the first day of their absence. Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions.

Is your child well enough to do the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home.

Does your child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home. Would you take a day off work if you had this condition? If so, keep your child at home.

Common conditions

If your child is ill, it's likely to be due to one of a few minor health conditions. Whether you send your child to school will depend on how severe you think the illness is. This guidance can help you make that judgement. Remember: if you're concerned about your child's health, consult a health professional.

Cough and cold. - A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP. They can give guidance on whether the child should stay off school.

Raised temperature. - If your child has a raised temperature, they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after they start to feel better.

Rash. - Rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.

Headache. - A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.

Vomiting and diarrhoea. - Children with these conditions should be kept off school. They can return 48 hours after their symptoms disappear. Most cases of vomiting or diarrhoea get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.

Sore throat. - A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. If it's accompanied by a raised temperature, the child should stay at home.

Conjunctivitis. - Children with conjunctivitis need to be kept off school until antibiotic eye ointment has been applied for 24 hours.

Impetigo. - Children with impetigo need to be kept off school until there is no more blistering or crusting, or until 48 hours after antibiotic treatment has been started.

Tell the school: - It's important to inform the school if your child is going to be absent. On the first day of your child's illness, telephone the school to tell them that your child will be staying at home. The school may ask about the nature of the illness and how long you expect the absence to last.

If it becomes clear that your child will be away for longer than expected, phone the school as soon as possible to explain this.

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf