

Felton C of E Primary School - Monthly Newsletter

April 2024

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

I can't believe that the Summer term is here - although the weather doesn't seem to realise it yet! I can't believe that another full term has passed and we are heading into our final term of the academic year! This Spring term was extremely busy with World book day and Science week and I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and all the children for their continued enthusiasm for learning. We have many exciting activities and learning opportunities planned for the Summer term, some of which we hope you'll join us for; the dates for your diaries are detailed below.

Fingers crossed the weather improves soon but don't forget to always send a coat with your child as you never can anticipate when the rain will start lashing down. Just a gentle reminder that registration is at 8.45am and children have a phonics/spelling session before collective worship and therefore we would appreciate everyone arriving promptly to be seated to **start** at 8.45am.

During this half term Year 6 will be completing their SATS tests. As a school, we keep these 'quizzes' very informal and try to make them as low key as possible. I am more than confident that the staff have prepared them well and it is only a small snapshot of all the wonderful learning that they do in school.

Many thanks for your continued support



Mrs Emma Lucas

Headteacher

Highlight from our Spring Term

Pioneers - The Pioneers particularly enjoyed finding all about how punishments for crimes have changed throughout history - no detail was too gory as they investigated sources and drew historical conclusions! They also created beautiful and informative 'biomes in a box' during Forest Based Learning. They hosted a biome showcase, where they demonstrated their projects to inform members of Voyagers about our local biome.

Voyagers - Ancient Egypt has been the focus in Voyagers and their drawings of Tutankhamun have been extremely impressive. They also had a great time learning about shell structures in DT; designing and assembling shell structure thrones for a pharaoh.

Adventurers - During the Spring term, Adventurers were really busy writing their own imaginative story settings taking inspiration from the Magic Faraway Tree. They learnt about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale in History and why they were both significant nurses. A real highlight though was being able to watch three chicks hatch and look after them. A lovely way to end Spring term with Cheep, Sporty and Melody!

Explorers - I loved the butterfly pictures that Explorers made and was extremely impressed that they could name and label all the parts! Their singing at our Easter service in the church blew me away, they have come such a long way since September. They have very much enjoyed getting muddy during Forest on a Friday and created some great troll mud paintings.

FSFA News

We would like to thank the FSFA for all their hard work fundraising for our school. I think you will all agree that the first Little Felton Book Festival was a great success and we are pleased to announce that more than £1800 was raised and over 200 people attended. The work on the Reading, Reflection and Remembrance garden has started but unfortunately the poor weather over the Easter holidays hampered its progress.

Please send in your **Reading Challenge Sponsor Forms and any money raised** as soon as possible so we can purchase the Reading Tipi for the RRR garden.

Many thanks for all your contributions and support of the FSFA fundraising events, it is very much appreciated by the whole school community.

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Summer Term Forest and PE

Explorers are required to bring in PE kit Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Explorers will continue to have their Forest session every Friday.

Adventurers Year 1 & 2 will have an indoor PE session on a Wednesday. They will also have an outdoor PE session on a Thursday with an external coach.

Voyagers Year 3 & 4 will have Forest this term, every Thursday afternoon and therefore will need to bring warm layers to wear under school waterproofs. All children should bring Wellington boots to wear. They will also have an outdoor PE session on a Friday with an external coach.

Pioneers Year 5 & 6 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 also have an outdoor PE session on a Friday with an external coach.

For clarification:

Indoor PE kit - plain black shorts & PE T-shirts (red, blue or green depending upon school team). We prefer children to go barefoot for indoor activities.

Outdoor PE Kit - plain black shorts or plain black jogging bottoms/leggings for colder months. School sweatshirts can be worn. Sandshoes or trainers are essential for outdoor purposes.

Forest - warm layers to wear under school waterproofs. All children should bring Wellington boots to wear.

Although your child will have designated P.E days, we encourage P.E kits to be kept in school to allow flexibility. 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. To avoid misunderstanding, all property, especially clothing, should be clearly marked with the name of your child.

Summer Term - Dates for your diary

6th May - May Day

25 May - 2nd June - Half term

3rd June - Teacher Training Day - School closed

12-14th June - Year 6 to London

25th June (morning) - Explorers and Adventurers Sport's Day (Weather permitting)

25th June (afternoon) - Voyagers & Pioneers Sport's Day (Weather permitting)

18th July - Leavers' Service @ Felton Church (Y6 Parents invited to attend)