

Felton C of E Primary School

Monthly Newsletter

February 2024

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Reading @ Felton

The power of language and reading underpins everything we do at Felton and is something that all the staff are passionate about. Our school library is now well established, all the children visit regularly and the school librarians are doing a grand job of organising and labelling the books. Thank you to everyone who has donated books to the library to celebrate their birthdays and other occasions - they are already on the shelves with stickers informing everyone of their contribution.

To celebrate our 50th Anniversary on this school site, we would like to develop an outside Reading, Remembrance and Reflection (RRR) area that many future generations can enjoy. The children will be an integral part of the design process but if there are any parents or carers that can help us turn their ideas (and the many pallets left after our building works) into reality we would be very grateful. The FSFA have many plans to fundraise money for some outside book storage, cushions and other materials and we are extremely grateful for their support.

Best wishes

Mrs Emma Lucas
Headteac



Some possible ideas!

International Give a Book Day & Sponsored Reading Challenge

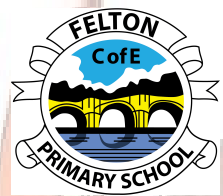
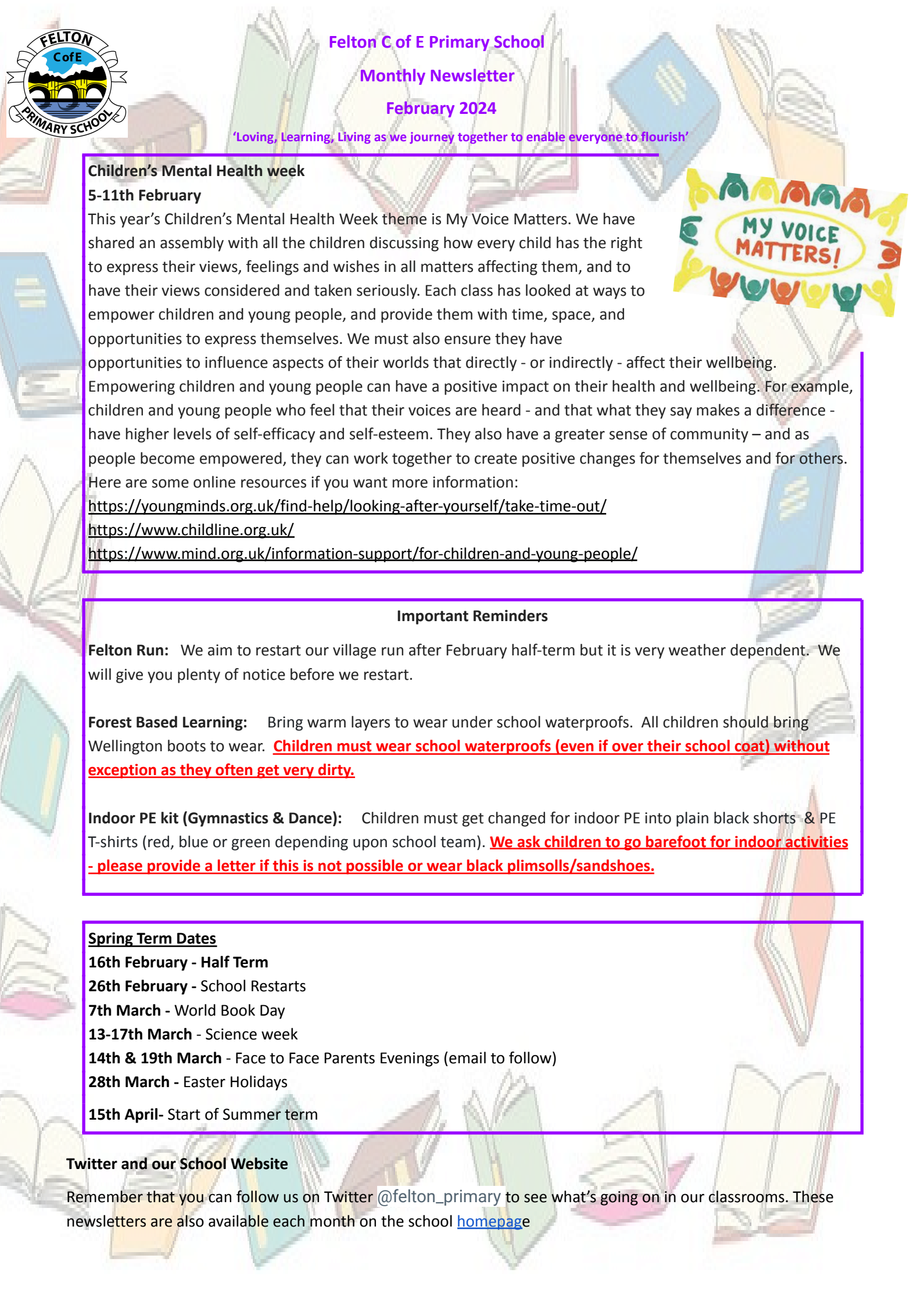
February 14th of February is International Give a Book Day, the FSFA have kindly donated a book for each child to take home and keep. This will also kick start the Sponsored Reading Challenge that they are organising to raise funds for our RRR area. Each child will be provided with a sponsor sheet to colour and fill with as many books as they can possibly read over Lent. There will be additional challenges on the sheet they can complete, such as 'Read outdoors,' 'Read to a pet,' 'Read a book that has an animal in it,' and there will be plenty of space to record as many books as they can read in the given time. Sponsor forms will be returned after the Easter holidays and a Grand Draw will take place and there will be book vouchers for individuals in each class.

World Book Day - 7th March 2024

On Thursday 7th March it is World Book Day and Mrs Pounder and Mrs Robertson have been planning a very exciting day. This year we have decided to celebrate poetry and throughout the week, the children will be exploring, learning, performing famous poems and even creating their own. On Thursday 7th March, Official World Book Day, we are inviting the children (and Staff) to come to school dressed as an adjective! They could come dressed as a colour or a pattern; or they could be more abstract by wearing their pyjamas as 'sleepy' or 'cosy', 'happy' in their favourite clothes or even 'studious' in their school uniform. The possibilities are endless, each class will then have a parade and try to guess each child's word.

World Book Day Tokens will be sent home before half term that are valid between 15th February to the 31st March and can be used to buy the World Book Day books or to receive £1 off a book costing £.99 or more.





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Children's Mental Health week

5-11th February

This year's Children's Mental Health Week theme is My Voice Matters. We have shared an assembly with all the children discussing how every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. Each class has looked at ways to empower children and young people, and provide them with time, space, and opportunities to express themselves. We must also ensure they have opportunities to influence aspects of their worlds that directly - or indirectly - affect their wellbeing. Empowering children and young people can have a positive impact on their health and wellbeing. For example, children and young people who feel that their voices are heard - and that what they say makes a difference - have higher levels of self-efficacy and self-esteem. They also have a greater sense of community - and as people become empowered, they can work together to create positive changes for themselves and for others. Here are some online resources if you want more information:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/take-time-out/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/>



Important Reminders

Felton 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.

Forest Based Learning: Bring warm layers to wear under school waterproofs. All children should bring Wellington boots to wear. **Children must wear school waterproofs (even if over their school coat) without exception as they often get very dirty.**

Indoor PE kit (Gymnastics & Dance): Children must get changed for indoor PE into plain black shorts & PE T-shirts (red, blue or green depending upon school team). **We ask children to go barefoot for indoor activities - please provide a letter if this is not possible or wear black plimsolls/sandshoes.**

Spring Term Dates

16th February - Half Term

26th February - School Restarts

7th March - World Book Day

13-17th March - Science week

14th & 19th March - Face to Face Parents Evenings (email to follow)

28th March - Easter Holidays

15th April - Start of Summer term

Twitter and our School Website

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