

Felton C of E Primary School

Monthly Newsletter - 2022

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

Well our first month at school has flown by and we are all, both staff and pupils alike, back into the swing of school life. It has certainly been a very busy few weeks and it has been a real joy to be able to work as a whole school again after such a long time in bubbles. I would like to congratulate Mrs Gamston who has been appointed as Acting deputy Headteacher. I've really enjoyed getting to know all the children and I would like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome.

Mrs Emma Lucas

Headteacher

Mini Adventures

Each class has embarked on their first mini adventure of the academic year and I have been extremely impressed by their depth of understanding.

Explorers have been exploring the Amazon Rainforest and having great fun learning about all the different animals. I have particularly enjoyed joining in with their sloth dance!

Adventurers are exploring the locality and I can't wait to see the 3D maps they are going to create - hopefully they will help me get to know the local area a bit better than just the Running Fox!

Voyagers are using one of my favourite books *The Firework Maker's Daughter* to explore earthquakes and volcanoes and are even creating their own models.

Pioneers are looking at the Aztec culture and specifically the history of chocolate, as you can imagine I am spending a lot of time there!

The Mini Adventure plans will be on the website this week.

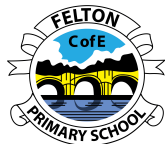
Friday Forest Based Learning

Despite the inclement weather we have managed several productive forest Friday sessions. The whole school has been organised into four groups: Oak, Sycamore, Hazelnut and Chestnut. Our Pioneers are doing an amazing job being young leaders and organising their teams and our Year 6s are caring and responsible buddies to our Reception children. This half term our forest hard skills have been knot tying and pond maintenance and our soft skills have been communication through team building games and scavenger hunts.

Collective worship

It has been wonderful being able to have whole school collective worship again. During this half term, we are reflecting on the importance of forgiveness through our Open the Book assemblies and class collective worship.

I am pleased to report that members of the church are able to return and share in our Open the Book assemblies. Our first visit will be this afternoon and they hope to continue twice a half term.



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Wednesday Weekly Run

I am over the moon that we have been able to continue with the weekly run, it is the highlight of my week. Thank you to all the parents and carers that have been joining us both as runners and marshalls, we couldn't do it without you. We will continue for as long as we can, until the weather defeats us! If children wish to carry their water bottles with them that is absolutely fine but they will need to take responsibility for them.

24th September - 2nd October



The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change. In school we have been raising awareness of the issues within Collective Worship and the children have been writing letters and postcards to the future to describe what they hope for for the planet. Their work

will be displayed in the Hall for you to see when you next visit.

October Parents Evening

If you have not done so already, please make sure that you click on the link you have been sent to select your preferred appointment times. Mr Long will be in touch next week to confirm your meeting times.

Felton School Friends Association

It is with great joy that I can inform you that the FSFA has been reestablished and we as a school are extremely grateful for everyone who is involved. Their first event has already been held and was a great success, raising £200 for Macmillan cancer support.



They have many more events in the pipeline which I will keep you informed of in due course. We are in the process of creating a school library in the space between Voyagers and Pioneers and any fundraising this year will be put towards resourcing and developing that area.

Dates for your Diary

11.10.22 - Parents Evening

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19.10.22 - Pioneers **Jumpers for Goalposts** football themed dance workshop with Meta4 Dance Company @Dance City in Newcastle

20.10.22 - Flu Vaccinations in school

21.10.22 Break up for Half term

25.10.22 **Jumpers for Goalposts** performance in Felton Village Hall

31.10.22 Return to school