



**Featherby Junior School**

# Newsletter

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*Aspiring, Learning &  
Achieving within our  
Featherby Family*

## **32** *Week ending Friday 20th May 2016*

*Dear Parents*

*Once again, this term is certainly flying—it's hard to believe that we only have one more week until our next holiday.*

*It has been a busy couple of weeks with the Year 6 SAT's and end of term assessments for the other year groups. Well done to all the children for trying so hard and for coping so well. They really are a credit to you.*



*Plans for Arts Week next week are now in place with lots of exciting activities linked to What makes Britain Great. I am really looking forward to seeing the end results next Friday.*

*I hope that everyone has a good weekend.*

*Rosemary Wiles*

### **STOP PRESS ..... Gillingham Football Club Penalty Shoot-out Success for the third year running!**

Featherby celebrated a success in the half-time Penalty Shoot-out in front of 8,000 plus fans. Well done to all the boys involved:


**Billy, Kian, Callum, Aidan, Harley, Tye and Taylor**





# Aspiring

Last week's Special Mentions went to...

... Daisy in Firecrest for a massive improvement in her independence and always being a happy, smiley member of Firecrest.	... Davina-Love in Merlins for working in a more concerted manner. Her writing is improving with her increased focus.	... Jamie in Bluebirds for always making the right choices every day and being an exemplary role model.
... Khansa in Pipits for always doing her best and being a great asset to the class.	... Stuart in Herons for being able to turn over a new leaf and make the correct choices.	... Holly in Puffins for an unassuming attitude and always giving 100%.
... Callum in Penguins for his outstanding focus and contribution during writing lessons.	... Harley in Woodpeckers for a great scarab beetle and for helping others. 😊	... Alexie in Doves for a mature attitude and being a real asset to Dove Class.
... Jack in Buzzards for being a great role model—well done! 😊	... Dominic in Skylarks for being a great friend.	... Kyla in Kestrels for super progress in her reading. Keep it up. 😊
<b>... Dave and the Ducklings for being such a big part of Featherby and keeping staff and pupils enthralled. Keep growing and live long and happy lives at the farm. 😊</b> 		

This week's Special Mentions went to...

... Lucy in Firecrest for a more mature attitude and excellent focus on her learning.	... Michael in Merlin for working hard to do his best in all lessons. Keep putting in 100% effort.	... Lauren in Kestrels for super effort and attitude towards her learning. Well done Lauren. Keep it up.
... Felicity in Herons for showing impressive skills in her writing in English.	... Xander in Pipits for his great sense of humour and his super effort in all work.	... Harrison in Penguins for his increased focus in all his lessons, which is shining through in his work.
... Goldy in Puffins for listening to advice and taking it on board. Keep up the excellent work.	... Alex in Woodpeckers for absolutely awesome audition!!! We look forward to the actual performance.	... Lottie in Buzzards for a brilliant hard-working attitude—a kind friend and being a great member of Buzzard Class. Well done! 😊
... Archie in Skylarks for being a great friend, who is always polite.	... Olivia in Bluebirds for persevering in school even though she has a broken arm.	... Lennon in Doves for showing greater maturity towards his learning and all areas of school life.

## Attendance week commencing 2nd May .....

Firecrest	95.4%	Kestrel	97.8%	Merlin	98.3%
Heron	98.8%	Pipit	96.8%	Skylark	95.8%
Bluebird	96.7%	Dove	96.6%	Penguin	95%
Buzzard	96.4%	Puffin	96.1%	Woodpecker	93.1%

## Attendance week commencing 9th May .....

Firecrest	91.3%	Kestrel	92.4%	Merlin	99.3%
Heron	97.7%	Pipit	95.5%	Skylark	96%
Bluebird	96.7%	Dove	99.3%	Penguin	98%
Buzzard	95.4%	Puffin	99.7%	Woodpecker	98.5%



Congratulations Herons!



Well done Puffins!

175 non school days to spend with family, holidays & appointments.

365 days a year

In school 190 days.	10 days missed.	20 days missed.	29 days missed.	38 days missed.	47 days missed.
<b>100%</b>	In school 180 days.	In school for 170 days.	In school for 160 days.	In school for 152 days.	In school for 143 days
	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>80%</b>	



# Learning

## Life after SATs Tests in Year 6

Last week, Year 6 participated in the SATs. Everyone tried their very best and hopefully will get high scores.

A big part of Year 6 is the 'Production' and we are currently auditioning for parts. Additionally, we are doing a Maths project called 'Product Wars', where we have to come up with a recipe for a smoothie, calculating the cost to make and sell it and also doing market research and varton design. This is preparing us for next term's '£5 Challenge' when we are given £5 and we have to create a product to sell so that we make a profit. Our profits will then be donated to the 'Molly Wisdom Hospice.

By Emily and Jessica in Woodpeckers



# Achieving

This is a message we have received from our Link School in Mchoka, Malawi.

During the growing season Mchoka grew following crops: vegetables, pigeon peas, sweet potatoes, groundnuts and maize. The maize was managed by PTA and SMC. They solicited farming inputs and cultivated over half an acre. They are about to harvest. All these plots of crops have assisted both pupils and teachers as learning centres for practical subjects. Now we're preparing to grow vegetables by using irrigation kit provided by our partner school, Featherby. We will always appreciate them for this. We had also a tree nursery.



# Notice board

Next Week is  
**ARTS WEEK**  
In School

### Dates from FOFJSA, our School PTA:

School Discos—Wednesday 25th May 2016

Fathers' Day Make and Take—Starts w/c 6th June at Lunchtime for two weeks

Summer Fair—Saturday 11th June 11.00am—2.00pm—Letter and raffle tickets out shortly

### After School Clubs

After School Clubs for Term 6 are now live on School Money and are available to book for your children if they want to take part. After School Clubs will commence in school on Monday 13th June.

### Class

### Assemblies

Every Thursday at 3.00pm

All Parents Welcome

Thursday 26th May

**Arts Week  
(No Parents)**

Thursday 9th June

**No children in**

## DATES FOR NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND .....

Tuesday 24th May—Class and Sports Photos

Thursday 26th May—Mini Youth Games Cricket

Friday 27th May—End of Term 5

Thursday 9th June—Staff Development Day—No children in School

The next edition of the Featherby Junior Newsletter will be out on Friday 10th June

## ***Essential Dates for your Diary Until the end of Term 6***

Thursday 9th June 2016	Staff Development Day (no children in school)
Saturday 11th June 2016	Summer Fayre
Monday 13th June 2016	Year 4 Trip to Sealife Centre, Southend
Wednesday 15th June 2016	New Year 3 Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 22nd June 2016	Inflatables Evening
Monday 27th June 2016	Featherby Mastermind (no parents)
Wednesday 29th June 2016	Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter
Friday 1st July 2016	Years 2 and 3 Teddy Bears' Picnic
Thursday 7th and Friday 8th July 2016	Transition Days in School
Monday 11th July 2016	Year 6 Production to Years 2 and 3
Tuesday 12th July 2016	Year 6 Production to Years 4 and 5
Wednesday 13th July 2016	Discos for Years 2 and 3, and Years 4 and 5
Thursday 14th July 2016	Evening Year 6 Production for Parents
Friday 15th July 2016	Matinee Year 6 Production for Parents
Monday 18th July 2016	Sports Day (Reserve day is Tuesday 19th)
Wednesday 20th July 2016	Year 6 Prom Night
Friday 22nd July 2016	Last day of this Academic Year

**Further details about all of these are to follow nearer the times**