Feniton Flyer

BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! It has been wonderful to see so many of you at the school gate this week and to welcome our new Reception children, who have settled in brilliantly. The school has been full of excitement, enthusiasm and smiling faces, and we are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

As part of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we will be holding a Wear It Yellow Day on Friday 25th September. Children are invited to wear something yellow and bring a £1 donation. All money raised will be given directly to the charity that provided invaluable support to one of our school families during a particularly difficult time. We hope you will join us in supporting this very worthwhile cause. Abi (Year 6) will be selling badges during the rest of September which will also form part of her Civic Award. Ribbons will cost £1 and metal badges will be £2. Please support her if you can.

We are delighted that Forest School sessions will begin again next week. We are also pleased to welcome Sarah Kerr to our staff team. Sarah will be working with Year 5 and Year 2 children this half term. Alongside this, Mrs Chapman will be leading a range of gardening projects with a group of children, helping to further develop and enhance our school environment.

This year we will be using Spelling Shed to support spelling teaching and learning across Key Stage 2. Spelling Shed is an online platform that enables children to practise their spellings at home while allowing teachers to monitor progress, set assignments and reward achievements. Your child will receive an individual login so they can access the platform. New spellings will be sent home each Friday and will be assessed the following Friday, before a new set is issued. If you have any questions about Spelling Shed, please speak to your child's teacher.

I will be electing our new School Council representatives next week. If your child would like to be considered, they have been asked to either write a letter or draw a picture explaining:

- What they would like the School Council to achieve this year.
- How they could help improve our school.
- The qualities they possess that would make them an effective representative for their class.

I look forward to reading their ideas and hearing about the positive contributions they would like to make to our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Louisa Mansfield (Head of School)

Attendance

Class	Attendance
Robin	96
Swallow	99
Puffin	99
Woodpecker	97
Kingfisher	98
Dove	98
Owl	98
Whole School	98



1st	Exe	House points totals from next week!
2nd	Clyst	
3rd	Otter	
4th	Axe	

Heart Values Awards

Reception Peggy for being a good role model in class and Axel for a positive start in Robin Class.

Year 1 Enzo for having a fantastic start at Feniton and Matthew for having an excellent try with his writing.

Year 2 Ajax for excellent effort with class jobs and Charlie for always being ready to participate in class discussions

Year 3 Quinn for good use of modal verbs in writing and Barnaby for a great start to a new school.

Year 4 Eliza for careful observation and accurate proprtions when drawing a self portrait and Beatrice for an amazing start in Kingfisher Class.

Year 5 Wilf for excellent contributions to class discussions and Oscar for great concentration and completing maths tasks.

Year 6D Jessica for a fantastic positive start in Owl Class and Henry for a thoughtful diary entry portraying the girl's emotions in The Arrival story.

Our week at Feniton







Swallow Class had a wonderful time with Miss Marles five week old baby rabbits who visited them as part of their science topic on mammals. They have become experts on grouping animals and now know we are mammals too!!







This week, Kingfisher class became history detectives in our English lesson. We examined a range of historical artefacts and used clues from their appearance, materials and design to work out what they were used for and which period of history they might have come from. We shared our ideas, made predictions and used evidence to explain our thinking.

"I thought it might be from the Ancient Greece period because I thought the wooden horse could have been the Trojan horse. It turned out to be a Roman toy horse." Thomas

It was fantastic to seethe children's curiosity and enthusiasm as they tried to piece together the clues from the past!

Dates to note:

September

14th September—LLC Running Challenge KS2

18th September—Flu Immunisations

22nd September—Alice In Wonderland Production in school

25th September—Wear It Yellow Day

30th September—Commando Challenge

October

6th October—Year 5 Boccia event at The Kings

10th October—Fund Saver Work Day

November

6th November—Welcome Winter Disco

17th November—Tempest Individual School Photos

28th November—Breakfast with Santa

Feniton Future Community Action Group

We are a newly formed steering group, looking for volunteers to join us in helping to improve Feniton village. We have listened to what is concerning the residents and the issue of roads, traffic and safety is paramount. We are organising a Community Speed Watch around the village but we do need to know if this is what the community wants. Please have your say and complete the simple poll that is being advertised on the Feniton Future Community Action Group Facebook page.

If you can't access the online poll, you can vote on a piece of paper via a Suggestion Box in the Spar Shop: Yes I'm in favour of Speed Watch or no, I'm not in favour. Please take part!

School Facebook Page

This term we are launching our school Facebook page. This will be used in the same way as other local schools for sharing events and updates alongside our usual Newsletter and email systems. We will be asking permission before we share any photos so watch this space for updates.

If you would like to 'follow us' search Feniton C of E Primary School!



We are happy to speak to any person at any time with regard to the safety of children. If you have any concerns please contact:

Designated Safeguarding Lead for Otter Valley Federation: Amanda Fulford, Executive Headteacher

Safeguarding Governor: Mark Humphries

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Louisa Mansfield, Head of School

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Janice Strawbridge, Teacher

Alternatively you can contact MASH on 0345 155 1071

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