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Weekly Newsletter - 4th May 2018 (Value of the month: Self-belief)

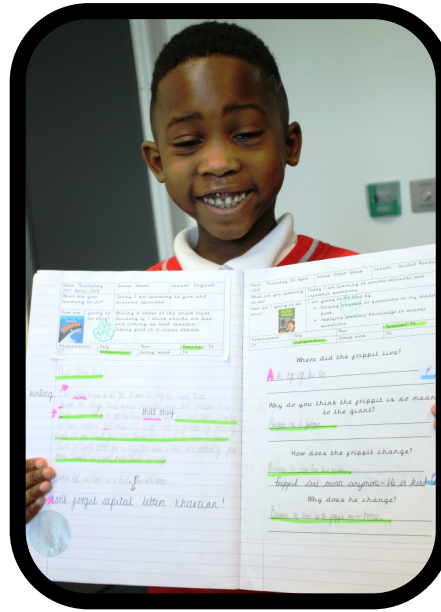
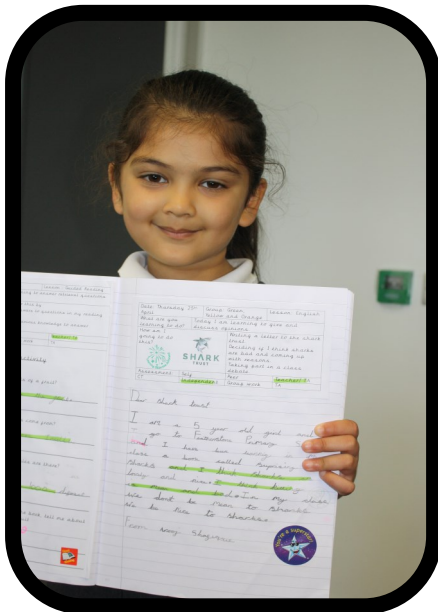
We hope you had a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoyed the wonderful weather!

Year 6 SATs: Year Six are in the last stage of their push as SATs week approaches next week. Thank you to all the parents who have been supporting their children at home and for bringing them to school for extra classes during the Easter holidays. Remember, all Year 6 children must attend school during SATs week. If they don't they will be unable to sit their tests and will receive zero marks for each paper they miss. We wish all our Year 6 children the very best in their SATs!

Year 2 SATs: Year Two have also been working exceptionally hard getting ready for their SATs/Teacher Assessment.

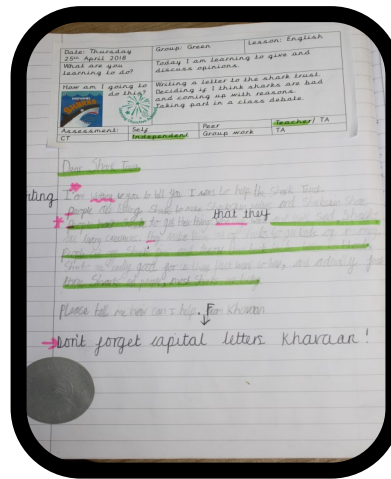
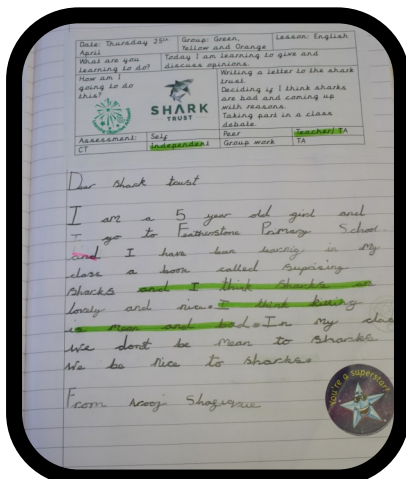
Our thanks to all the staff who have worked with the children over the years in preparing them for these tests. The teachers and support staff have all had an influence in their learning and the Governors and I appreciate their commitment.





Attendance: Please see the last page of this newsletter which shows the fines issued and also some parents receiving a criminal record too.



Some super writing from the children in Year 1

We Love School!



House		Weekly	Total for this Year
Phoenix		339	1278
Unicorn		405	1185
Pegasus		362	1425
Griffin		328	1204

Dinner Money for Summer Term 1

Dinners every day KS2:- £63.00

Dinners Friday only (KS2):- £13.50

Please ensure this is paid at the start of Half Term. If you would like to change the option for your child please speak to the school office and give 1 week's notice of the change.

Year 6 SATS Timetable

Year 6 SATs Timetable SAT's begin on Monday 14th May 2018.

The dates for each test are as follows:

Monday 14th May — English Grammar, Punctuation and Spellings (45 minutes) followed by a spelling test.

Tuesday 15th May — Reading Paper (1 hour)

Wednesday 16th May — Maths Paper 1- Arithmetic (30 minutes) & Maths Paper 2 - Reasoning (40 minutes)

Thursday 17th May — Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)

Some reminders to parents!

School closes on Fridays at 2:00pm, we still have a few parents not collecting on time. The option of after school club is available.

Uniform: Parents please ensure that your children are in shoes for school and not trainers. We shall continue to remind you. Also fashionable 'Cat Style' headbands are not for school.

Parking - Parents please see signs on Glenville Drive with restrictions placed on parking. Tickets will be issued by the council

Forthcoming Events – Key Dates

14th May	Year 6 SATs tests
21st May	Year 2 SATs tests
25th May	Half Term
4th June	Back to School + Class Photos
11th June	Phonics Screening—Year 1
18th June	Science workshops for parents (Further details to be sent)
TBA—June	Ramadan Celebration
10th July	Parent's evening— Open event (To be held in the hall)
20th July	End of term.

I am writing to you to highlight the importance of your child's attendance in school and to avoid having to pay out huge financial sums in fines, which in some cases results in a criminal record. This is not something that we wish upon any of our parents but I feel that it is important that you take into account the consequences of poor attendance/ Leave in Term Time.

It is true that some of parents have been fined and now have a criminal record too as a result of their child not being school for a number of reasons (i.e. taking a holiday in term or deliberately avoid bringing their child to school). Please see the table below which are accurate and most recent fines sent to Featherstone Primary School parents.

Summary of Attendance Prosecution Cases - Academic Year 2017-18

Reason for fine	Amount to pay by parent / criminal record
One family: Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child) for repeat- ed unauthorised absence . Fine not paid so case went to court	Final fine- £375 and criminal record
One family: Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child) for repeat- ed unauthorised absence	Total Fine £60
One family: Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child) for repeat- ed unauthorised absence .	Total fine £240
One family: Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child) for repeat- ed unauthorised absence . Fine not paid so case went to court	Total fine- £193 and criminal record
One family: Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child) for repeat- ed unauthorised absence . Fine not paid so case went to court	Final fine- £609 and criminal record
One family: Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child) for Leave in Term Time (holiday)	One parent paid £60. The other didn't – case went to court, final fine £851 and criminal record A total of £911 +criminal record
One family: Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child) for Leave in Term Time (holiday)	Total fine £120
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One family: Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child for Leave in Term Time (holiday)	Total fine £360
One family: Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child for Leave in Term Time (holiday)	Total fine £120
One family: Penalty Notice (£60 per parent, per child for Leave in Term Time (holiday)	Total fine £120

If a pupil has at least 20 sessions (half day = 1 sessions) unauthorised absence, including leave of absence where permission has not be requested or requested and denied, the Head Teacher can apply for a Penalty Notice to be issued by the Local Authority. A fine of £60 is issued if paid with 21 days or £120 if paid with 28 days. Fines are issued to each parent/ carer for each child. Parents can discharge potential liability for conviction by paying the penalty. Should the fine not be paid in full within 28 days, the Local Authority must consider prosecution.

The school does not receive any of the fines issued by the courts. This is a matter between you and them.

I hope that this letter helps you to think and consider whether it is worth taking a holiday in term time leaving you with a huge fine also a criminal record.