



School News

July 2018

Sporting Champs

Some children were selected to compete against other schools in Featherstone at various sporting events over the Summer at North Featherstone. They did



exceptionally well, finishing 1st in the Athletics competition in July where we were presented with a trophy.



In June we were pipped to the post in Rounders finishing 2nd and losing our title unfortunately but with an excellent effort to finish 3rd in Kwik Cricket.

Well Done Team Purston!

Whopper fundraising year!

We have had an amazing year all thanks to the support from you. With Charity donations totalling £1071.99

Macmillan Sept 17 -£242.99

Children in Need Nov 17 -£203.40

Poppy Appeal Dec 17 -£236

Sports Relief Mar 18 -£180

Prince of Wales Hospice Wear Blue June 18 £209.60

School Fund activities

Christmas Fayre raised £732.36 to pay for childrens Christmas parties and towards Dec17 panto. Foundation Bake sale raised £203.80 to purchase some water toys for the new outdoor provision.

Sports day raffle and ice pop sale made £153.50. Thanks to Miss Howitt for organising Penny Wars which raised a massive £624.53. These will contribute to year end parties and this years pantomime. The Christmas panto costs £995 alone and without your continued support these events would not be possible.

Future dates for your diary

Tagtivate active learning Friday 7th September -Parent participation required

School Photographs 17th September

Macmillan Coffee morning Friday 28th September

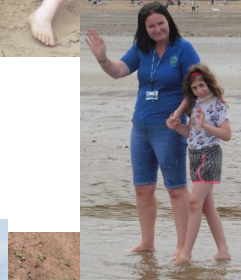
Year 1 Zoolab visit



UFS Cannon Hall Farm



Year 2 Final week—Trip to Filey and Mary Poppins



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our school year it is a good time to reflect on what we have achieved, update you on some important changes and look forward to an even more successful 2018-19!

Firstly, can I thank you all for your continued support for the school. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you on a morning or at parent's evenings. I must thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure that your child really does try to be the best they can be! Without us working together your children couldn't have achieved so much.

Below are some of the key achievements of this year, however there are many more!!

- Your school has happy, well behaved, hardworking children who always try to be the best they can be!
- Your school has hard working, committed and caring staff and Governors who put every effort into encouraging, enriching and enhancing your child's learning.
- Our Yr2 children have gained the best results that the school has ever had, putting us in the top 20% of schools in the country for progress made since they began our school.
- Last year Ofsted challenged school to improve writing for all children across school. This has happened with UFS, Yr1 and Yr2 increasing the number of children reaching Expected level or better. They asked us to narrow the gaps for certain groups of children compared to the national figure e.g children receiving pupil premium, SEN, girls and boys. All the gaps have narrowed some by more than 10%.
- We have begun to make our outside area more inviting for the children with the new trim trail (wooden balance equipment) and water wall in FS playground.

Our priorities for your children over the next 12 months are: -

1. Continue to improve results for key vulnerable groups (Disadvantaged Pupils + Special Educational Needs)
2. Continue to improve writing so pupils achieve as well as they do in Reading and Maths.
3. Review the school's curriculum (what and how we teach).
4. To continue to strive to improve attendance, including a focus on parental engagement and family support.

Well done to all children and staff.

It is important that our students have an enjoyable, enriching time at school. This year, we have held a number of concerts, class and celebration assemblies as well as events in school such as the animals brought in by Zoolab and Pets at Home as well as Sir William Petty and Percy the Pit Pony.

An amazing fact about our school this year is that we have raised nearly £2500. This is down to you astounding generosity to support various charities as well as school itself. Examples include nearly £650 recently in the penny war, £230 for the British Legion and £209 for Prince of Wales Hospice.

We wish our Yr2 leavers every success in the future at their new schools where I know they will be fantastic. Congratulations to all our children who so deserve to succeed.

As Headteacher, I truly believe that the best place for your child to receive a broad and balanced education is here at Purston Infant school. The caring, nurturing and encouraging atmosphere of our school is vital in helping your children to learn and be ambitious for their future.



Mr P Barnett
Headteacher