



Featherstone Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all the staff, I am happy to welcome you all back to a new school year. We look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children achieve their highest potential. The children appear to have settled into new routines and classes quickly. It is always daunting for us all (parents included) when things change, so if you have any worries or concerns over the next few weeks, please see your child's class teacher or Miss Pugh our 'Pupil and Parent Support'.

General Information & Reminders:

- KS2 - The serving of morning toast and milk will continue with the same arrangements as last year – 20p toast, 25p crumpet, 25p ½ muffin, ½ teacake 25p, milk 20p.
- KS1 can purchase milk at 20p per day for snack time. Money should be given daily or weekly to your child's teacher in an envelope with your child's name on. Fruit is provided free of charge.
- Please make sure that ALL items of clothing are labelled clearly with your child's name.
- Jewellery – pupils are only allowed to wear a wristwatch and stud earrings.
- Asthma inhalers – should always be sent in through the school office and an Asthma card completed by parents annually.
- NO medication should be taken into school by your child; always bring it through the office and sign a medication consent form.
- School dinners for KS2 are £2.20 per day. Please send in an envelope with your child's name and class.
- For Reception and KS1 school dinners are free.
- If your child is absent for any reason please contact the office by phone before 9:30am on the morning of absence. You can also leave a message on the absence line on 01902 734167. Do not message absences through Dojo.
- Information on term dates can be found on our website. Please check out our website as the calendar is regularly updated, up to date lunch menus, letters are also available to view along with other important information.
- This half term, we will be sending out letters for after school clubs as we require a signature.





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P.E.

The children are expected to take part in 2 hours P.E. each week so please ensure that your child has a P.E. kit in school at all times– trainers are useful for outdoor P.E., and for the cold weather a warm top and joggers. Overall, the majority of our pupils are brilliant and bring their P.E. kit every week, but at the end of last term, this started to slip. If your child is unable to take part in P.E, we require a letter from home excusing them from the lesson.

Breakfast Club:

Don't forget the school runs Breakfast Club each day from 7:40am – 8:40am. The breakfast Club menu can be viewed on our website. Can I remind parents that this is for KS2 children only.

Welcome to our new staff:

I would like to once again extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff. Joining the teaching team this year are Miss Chilton (Y1) and Miss Lees will be supporting Year 6. They have settled well and have already begun some fantastic learning with your children.

Communication

We recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents and carers to secure the best academic progress and personal development of our pupils. Effective communication is very important to us.

We currently use a range of methods to communicate with parents and carers. As part of our ongoing process of improving communication, we are adopting a paperless approach for the majority of our letters going home. With the growth in technology and smartphones, we appreciate that this is now the preferred method of communication. Most letters will be sent via email or parent mail, including newsletters, our lunch menu, inspiration days, special events etc. We also use Dojo to send informal messages. Please be mindful of the time you message teachers and Dojo is not to be used to notify of absences. This must be done through the school office on 01902 734167.

Please ensure that you check your emails and Dojo app regularly. If you would like help getting set up with Class Dojo, pop into the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jackson
Deputy Head



