

### Happy Birthday!!

A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising the school's recent 90th birthday celebrations; especially Isla Harvey, Pam & Steve Bowker and family. It was lovely to see so many families, past and present, reminiscing as they walked around the school. Even the weather didn't dampen spirits.

### Consent Forms

Your child will be bringing home a blue/white consent form. Could you please fill these in and return them as soon as possible. If you were unable to make the 'Meet the Teacher' evening, could you please come in to the office to check and sign the contact details we have for you. We are unable to send these out with your child due to new GDPR requirements. This is vital to ensure we can contact you in case of emergency. Also, letters and emails are sent out through Parentmail.

### School Photographs

Children have taken home their school photos this week. You can order online. The cut off date for ordering through school is Thursday 4th October.



Remember to check your child's hair regularly!!

### Head lice – a summary

- Head lice aren't pleasant, but they are harmless
- You can only catch them through head-to-head contact with an infested person
- Detection combing should be carried out every week
- If live head lice are found, buy an effective treatment and treat all infested family members at the same time
- If no head lice are found, make sure you prevent head lice by avoiding head-to-head contact, and use Lyclear Repellent when there is a reported outbreak



For more expert advice, visit



### Bikes/Scooters

We would ask parents in Early Year's and KS1 **NOT** to bring bikes and scooters into school as we have nowhere to store them. It can also cause difficulties at the end of the day when we are seeing the children out of school.

### Dinner Money

Dinners can be paid for in advance on a Monday morning. We ask for cheques to be made payable to **Featherstone Academy**, or cash **must** be in an envelope with your child's name and which days are being paid for. Dinner money envelopes are available in the office for £1.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL 25th OCTOBER

This year, Featherstone Academy will be supporting the local food bank. Foodbanks rely on donations and without your goodwill foodbanks would struggle to operate. We would ask families to help by donating non-perishable foods that can be given to the food bank. Thank you for your continued support.

### Fundraising Dates for your diary!!

School Council are currently organising fundraising days. Further details will follow.

#### Wear It Pink Day



Friday 19th October

#### Children In Need



Friday 16th November

### Upcoming Building Work

We apologise for any inconvenience but we will be having vital roof repairs prior to winter.

As from 27th September, we can expect extra delivery vehicles and scaffolding around parts of the school. All necessary health & safety measures have been taken.

*COATS: Remember to bring your coat. Weather changes throughout the day. By break time and lunchtime it could be very cold and raining.*

### CASH BINGO

Thursday 4th October  
Featherstone Academy  
BINGO NIGHT  
6.30–8.30pm -Eyes down  
7.30pm! Adults Only

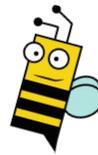
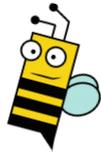
### Child Protection

Parents should be aware that school has a legal requirement to refer concerns they have about the safety of children in their care to social Services  
Thank you

If anyone has any queries or questions please don't hesitate to call into the school office, where a member of staff will be happy to help during office hours 8:30a.m to 4:30p.m.



**DIARY DATES**  
**School Diary**



**Autumn Term 2018**

- 27th September SEN Coffee, Cake & Conversation 9:00-10:00am
- 1st October—Year 3 & 4 trip to Cadbury World
- 3rd October—Year 5 River Trip—Cannock Chase
- 4th October—Year 6 River Trip—Cannock Chase
- 4th October—BINGO NIGHT 6.30—8.30pm
- 5th October—Year 6 Visit to Cheslyn Hay High School
- 8th October—Little Learners trip to Safari Park
- 25th October—Harvest Assembly
- 26th October—Break Up
- 5th November—Inset Day
- 6th November—Back to School (Tuesday)
- 9th November—Red, White & Blue Day

Further details of forthcoming events will be sent home nearer the time. Dates and events are subject to change.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Please note Reception—Year 2 children must be accompanied by an adult.

7:45am—8:40am



**Lost Property**

To help keep down the volume of lost property, please can you ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly named. Thank you

**Weekly/Cumulative Class Attendance**

	Week 1 %	Week 2 %	Week 3 %	TOTAL %
Nursery				
Reception	98.4	94.5	98.4	97.0
Class 1	98.4	94.8	98.3	96.0
Class 2	100	100	94.7	98.1
Class 3	98.0	99.4	98.1	98.5
Class 4	100	92.7	94.7	95.5
Class 5	96.6	94.5	96.2	95.7
Class 6	95.5	99.3	93.6	96.2
Total	98.2	96.4	96.3	96.7

**Golden Book**  
**14th September**

- Little Learners—Lucas Keeher
- Nursery—Summer Newton
- Reception—Poppy-Mae Connolly
- Class 1—Toby Spencer
- Class 2—Aaterah Anwar  
Gracie Orme
- Class 3—Kourtney Morgan
- Class 4—Alfie Orme
- Class 5—Lexi Dixon  
-Navdip Kaur
- Class 6—Kian Wilkes

**21st September**

- Little Learners—Maisie Taylor
- Nursery—Layla-Rose Padfield
- Reception—Ruby Priestly
- Class 1—Demi Allen
- Class 2—Luka Greenway  
- Henry Eyre
- Class 3—Meadow Finnikin
- Class 4—Zack Patrick
- Class 5—Skye Campbell
- Class 5/6—Sealey Michael
- Class 6—Josh Kenyon-Force



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Dear Parents

### Leave of Absence during Term Time

As you will be aware there has been some ambiguity over the regulations for Leave of Absence during term time, in light of the recent Isle of Wight case.

We strive to achieve high levels of attendance for our pupils, with as few missed educational opportunities as possible, in order to maximise your child's educational opportunities. Consequently we hope your child can achieve 95% or more school attendance over the academic year.

Regarding holiday requests during term time, or other requests for leave of absence, it remains the case that Headteachers may only authorise such absences if there are '**exceptional circumstances**'.

#### **PENALTY NOTICE INFORMATION**

Please see the following statement from Staffordshire County Council regarding Penalty Notices...

*Attendance at school is extremely important and being regularly absent will affect your child's ability to learn and do well.*

*You may be aware of a recent court case which focused national attention on the fining of parents for taking their children on holidays in school term time.*

*As a result of this, the county council are reviewing the rules around unauthorised absence and issuing penalty notices to parents.*

*Whilst the review is ongoing, head teachers will continue to review all requests for leave in term time and report all unauthorised absences to the county council.*

*As a temporary measure when a child has more than 10 days or more unauthorised absence over two half terms in a row, then a penalty notice may be issued to the parents/carers of that child.*

*If you have any questions with regards to this, please contact your Local Support Team. Contact details can be found online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/LST](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/LST)*

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Staffordshire County Council.

#### **WHAT IS A PENALTY NOTICE?**

A fine of £60 per parent / carer (per child) if paid within 21 days from the date of issue. If this Penalty is not paid, the amount rises to £120. If after 28 days of the date of issue the £120 is not paid the Local Authority will prosecute you under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. This will lead to a hearing in the Magistrates Court and may result in a fine of up to £1000.

We request that any applications for leave of absence (holiday) are required to be put in writing to the Head teacher, at least 2 weeks in advance.

Kind regards

Head teacher.

# Featherstone Academy

## School Term and Holiday Date 2018/2019

### Autumn Term 2018:

**INSET:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

**SCHOOL OPEN:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

**INSET:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**SCHOOL OPEN:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**SCHOOL CLOSES:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

### Spring Term 2019:

**INSET:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**SCHOOL OPEN:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Half Term:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

**SCHOOL CLOSES:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### Summer Term 2019:

**SCHOOL OPEN:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**May Day:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Half Term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

**INSET:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

**SCHOOL OPEN:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**SCHOOL CLOSES** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**INSET:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

