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October 2018— AUTUMN TERM 2 — NEWSLETTER 4

Welcome back!

Remembrance Day Assembly

Year 4 pupils will be holding a remembrance service in school on Friday 9th November at 10.30am, to which Year 4 parents are invited. Poppies supporting The Poppy Day appeal are available in school.

Also, we would like children from Featherstone Academy to take part in the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 11th November. We will be meeting between 10:30 & 10:45am at the Cenotaph where school will lay a wreath at the war memorial and selected children will read poems and prayers. You are then welcome to attend the service at the Methodist Chapel.

THANK YOU!!

Wear It Pink Day raised a fantastic Total of over £380. Thank you all for your generous donations.

We also had a fantastic response to our harvest appeal. Over 15 crates of food were picked up by the Food Bank. They have asked to pass on their appreciation. Please follow The Trussell Trust Food Bank Cannock on Facebook.

Year 2 Parents Reading/Maths Workshop

Mrs Jackson is running a workshop for parents of children in year 2 on Thursday 8th November after school. Come along to see the methods and curriculum expectations for Year 2 maths and reading.

Football Tournament

We wish our Year 3/4 Football team all the best for their upcoming tournament at Glenthorne Primary School on Thursday.

Shoe Box Appeal 2018

Thank you to those families that have already sent in a Christmas shoe-box to send to needy children around the world.

There is still time to collect a box from the school office. You can return the boxes at any time and the church will be collecting the shoeboxes on Monday 12th November to enable them to be packed and posted in time for Christmas.

Check out the link: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-

School Group Photographs

Group photos will be taken in school on Thursday 15th November. We are using a new photographer for these photographs.

School Crossing Patrol

Please remember that we will have a limited school crossing patrol from week commencing 6th November 2018.

Please cross safely on your journey to and from school.

We would appreciate if parents/carers would please refrain from smoking outside the school gates. Thank you

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

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.



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DIARY DATES
School Diary



Autumn Term 2018

- 26th October—Break Up
- 5th November—Inset Day
- 6th November—Back to School (Tuesday)
- 8th November—Reading & Maths Workshop Year 2 Parents
- 9th November—Red, White & Blue Day
- 9th November—Remembrance details to follow
- 12th November—Anti Bullying Week
- 15th November—Year 5/6 Football (details to follow)
- 15th November—School Group Photos
- 16th November—Children In Need (details to follow)
- 22nd November—SENCO Parents Coffee, Cake & Conversation

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

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please not 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 5	Week 6 %	Week 7 %	TOTAL %
Nursery				
Reception	94.5	94.5	94.2	96.1
Class 1	96.3	95.3	87.7	93.5
Class 2	97.0	95.0	93.7	95.7
Class 3	98.1	94.4	92.5	97.2
Class 4	95.8	94.5	98.7	96.3
Class 5	97.9	98.6	97.2	97.0
Class 6	98.6	98.9	98.6	97.2
Total	96.9	95.8	94.6	96.1

Golden Book

12th Oct.2018

- Little Learners-Koby Andrews
- Nursery-Faith Morgan
- Reception -Theo Ram
- Class 1-Ella Webb
- Class 1 -Emily Cooper
- Class 2-Chloe Haywood
- Class 2-Ryan Bland
- Class 3-Jacob Byrne
- Class 4-Niall Openshaw-Jones
- Class 5-Kyran Padfield
- Class 5/6-Minnie Cooper
- Class 6-Austin Lee

19th October 2018

- Little Learners-William Craddock
- Nursery-Max Evans
- Reception-Locan Butler
- Class 1-Jax Bethell
- Class 2-Skye Lloyd
- Class 2-Zach Northwood
- Class 3-Jacob Byrne
- Class 4-Rhys Bassett
- Class 5-Corban Fabre
- Class 5/6-Tyler Arthur
- Class 6-Caden Frisby



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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

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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.

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School Term and Holiday Date 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018:

INSET: Monday 3rd September 2018

SCHOOL OPEN: Tuesday 4th September 2018

Half Term: Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November 2018

INSET: Monday 5th November 2018

SCHOOL OPEN: Tuesday 6th November 2018

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term 2019:

INSET: Monday 7th January 2019

SCHOOL OPEN: Tuesday 8th January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February 2019

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 12th April 2019

Easter Holiday: Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April 2019

Summer Term 2019:

SCHOOL OPEN: Monday 29th April 2019

May Day: Monday 6th May 2019

Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2019

INSET: Monday 3rd June 2019

SCHOOL OPEN: Tuesday 4th June 2019

SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 20th July 2019

INSET: Monday 22nd July 2019

