

# Featherstone Academy Newsletter



December 2020 – Autumn 2

## Merry Christmas

All staff and governors wish to convey their thanks to parents and carers for your continuous support of the school during these difficult times. The children have responded incredibly well to all of the changes this year and we could not be prouder. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As a school, we feel it is important to celebrate Christmas with the children, whilst ensuring that the risk assessment is followed. With that in mind, we have planned a number of activities that will allow staff, children and parents to celebrate this special time of year.

The children will have a Christmas party in their bubble on Thursday 17th December. Pupils may come to school in party clothes on their party day.

Unfortunately, we are unable to do the traditional Christmas performances, however, each class will perform a song that will be recorded and made available for parents to view (you will need to give permission if you would like your child to be in the recording).

**Please see important information regarding contacting school regarding positive Covid19 cases over the Christmas Break.**

## Christmas Dinner Day

Children will be having Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please Dojo your child's teacher so we can have an idea of numbers. Thank you!



## Important Dates

**Christmas Jumper Day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Dinner Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Break Up: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!**

**Christmas Party Day 17<sup>th</sup> December (non Uniform)**

**Back to School: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

## Communication

As you know, we use Class Dojo to communicate between home and school. Teachers will not be checking Dojo from 4pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December until 8:00am Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please let us know if you do not have access to Dojo and would like an access code.

Also, check out our Facebook page, where we share up to date information. This is a private group; please send a request and fill in the questions so we know you are a parent of a child at Featherstone Academy. Or access information on our website:

<https://www.featherstoneacademy.co.uk/>

## Food Bank

If you or anyone you know is struggling for food, please reach out and access the Food Bank. We have boxes available from school and is a completely confidential service. Please call us on 01902 734167 or contact the Foodbank if school is closed.



NO ONE IN OUR  
COMMUNITY NEEDS  
TO BE WITHOUT  
FOOD AT THIS TIME  
01543 422394

## PTFA

The PTFA have booked "Singing Hands" Virtual Christmas Show and the Aladdin Pantomime, which will also be virtual. The children will be watching these during school and those families shielding will have access to the live stream and we will forward the link shortly.

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## Information to parents and staff about notifying school should they receive a positive test.

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted.
- Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Please contact school using the

[information@featherstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:information@featherstoneacademy.co.uk)

(between 8:00am and 5:00pm) email or using

Mrs Jobling's email at any other time

[cjobling@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:cjobling@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk)

- Where a schools last teaching day is on Thursday 17 December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Wednesday 23 December.
- Teachers will not be checking Dojo from

4pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December until 8:00am  
on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

### Key Contacts

Mrs Caroline Jobling – Headteacher

01902 734167

Absences must be reported through 01902 734167 – NOT Class Dojo

Email:

[information@featherstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:information@featherstoneacademy.co.uk)

### Social Media

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“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

### Christmas Jumper Day

Save the Children, ensure children are safe and healthy in the UK and around the world, supporting them to learn, grow and become who they want to be by providing simple medicine, food, books and toys. We will be supporting this worthwhile cause on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December by inviting all children and school staff to wear something Christmassy in return for a donation. To reduce the amount of cash handled and brought into school, we request that your £1 donation on this occasion are made online using ParentPay.



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