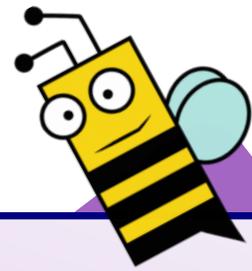




# FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY

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September 2021— AutumnTerm 1 — NEWSLETTER 1

### Headteacher's Welcome

I hope that all our families have kept well over the Summer break and I look forward to seeing our children feeling rejuvenated after a break and ready to immerse themselves in the new learning that awaits them. While of course having a break themselves, staff have been busy in and out of school preparing classrooms and planning for their new children. Over the Summer we have invested in a new class set of laptops and a new class set of ipads and I am looking forward to seeing the children use them. I hope that this year sees the return to normality and parents will be able to be more involved in school life. I don't want to get ahead of myself too quickly, but details will be shared soon about different upcoming events.

Having had my first term as Headteacher in a time when meetings were unfortunately not really possible, please do feel free to come into school as I would love to meet as many parents as possible and get to know as much about our children as I possibly can.

Keep an eye out for my video welcome to the new year on our facebook page next week and please do share this with your children.

We look forward to welcoming new members of staff:

Mr Williams—Year 5 Teacher  
Mrs Rouse—Teaching Assistant  
Miss Dunn—Cover Teacher  
Mrs Lindsay—Teaching Assistant

### PE Kits

This term we are asking children to come to school wearing their PE kits on the days they are having PE. Your child's class teacher will advise you of the day via ClassDojo.

### School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on  
Tuesday 7th September 2021  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

### School Dinners

We are hoping the children will be able to return to the hall for their dinners in September. If you pay for school dinners, this must be done through My Child At School portal (MCAS). See page 2. School dinners are £2.20 per day. Check out the menu attached or follow the link to our website:

[LUNCH MENU](#)

### Holidays/Absences

May we remind you that no holidays can be authorised during term time in Staffordshire schools. If you choose to take your child out of school for holidays, please collect a holiday request form from the school office and complete prior to holiday dates. You will then receive a letter stating whether your request will be authorised or unauthorised leave. If unauthorised, you then may be subject to a penalty notice.

Please can we remind all parents/carers that it is your responsibility to ensure that your child attends school every day where possible and that your child is ready to learn-this means having their reading book, glasses (if applicable), wearing their PE kit when necessary. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please can you contact school **before 9.00am** to inform us of the absence and the reason why.

Messages about school absence can be left on the school answer phone - 01902 734167. Please state your child's full name, class and the reason for absence; if your child is ill, please provide specific information regarding

### KS2 Snack Menu (Years 3—6)

Snack is available for KS2 to purchase during morning break.

30p  
Bagel  
Waffles  
Pancake  
Toast  
40p  
Carton of Milkshake  
Apple Juice  
Flavoured water

### Milk - Year 1 & 2

If you would like your child to have a carton of milk, they are available at a cost of 25p per day. Please pay £1.25 at the beginning of the week and in a clearly labelled envelope.

Children will be given fruit as a mid morning snack.

### Medication—September 2021

If your child needs medication at school, it must be clearly labelled and a medical consent form must be completed at the school office.

Only medicines prescribed by a doctor can be administered by school staff.

All medicines are kept in the school office.

**PLEASE REQUEST A MEDICAL FORM FOR MEDICATION AND INHALERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

### SENCO

Mrs Jackson is taking over the roll of SENCO within the school. As a school we have an open door policy and welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's special educational needs and how, as a school we can support your child's learning.

Visit our website for further information:

[SEND INFORMATION](#)

### Job Vacancies

The following posts are currently available in school:

Teaching Assistant

Cleaner

Lunchtime Supervisor

Please contact the office for further details  
01902 734167

### 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

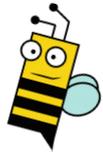
**If anyone has any queries or questions please don't hesitate to call into the school office, where a member of staff will be happy to help during office hours 8:00a.m to 4:00p.m.**



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## DIARY DATES

### School Diary Dates for 2021/2022

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

#### Autumn Term

|                           |                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| School Re-opens to pupils | Thursday 2nd September 2021        |
| School Photographer       | Tuesday 7th September 2021         |
| INSET Day                 | Friday 22nd October 2021           |
| Half Term Break           | Monday 25th to Friday 28th October |

[TERMS DATES CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)

#### Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, could we encourage you to register a claim by completing the online application form. By using the online system an immediate yes or no response can be obtained and any applications will then feed automatically through to the entitlement team. A confirmation letter will be sent out to yourself and the school. If you prefer a paper copy, please collect one from the school office.

From September, children in Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 will all receive free school lunches funded by the government.

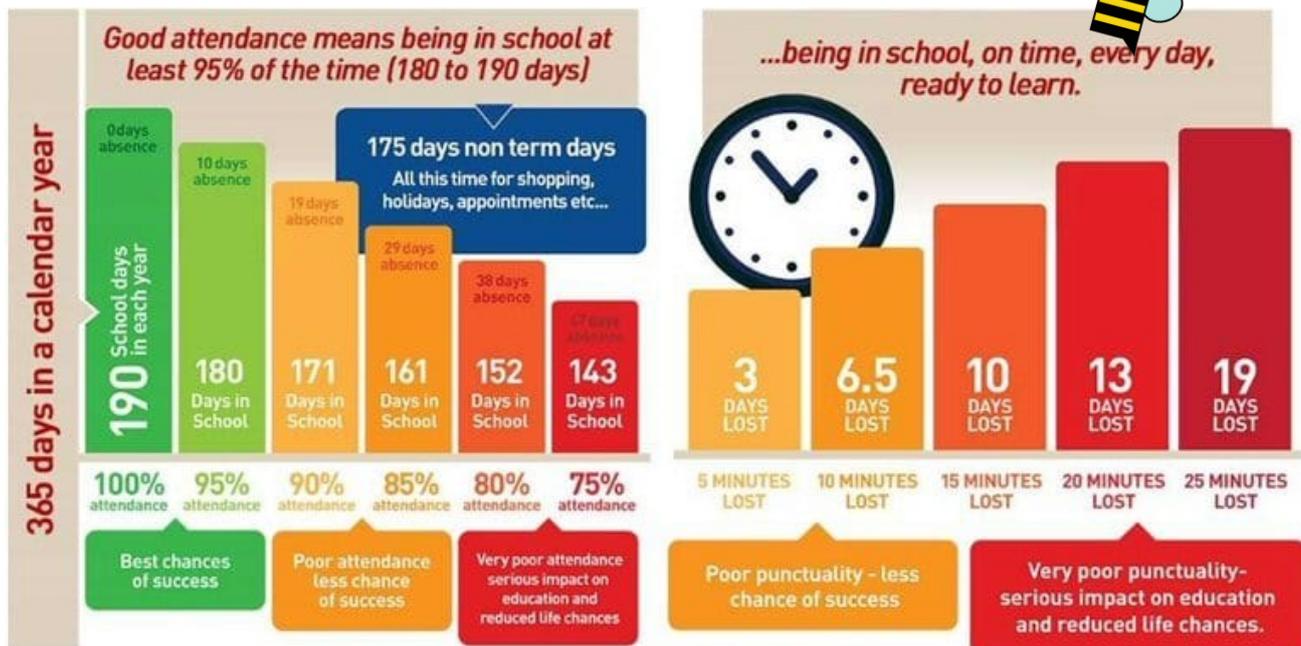
Even if your child/ren are in the above classes, if you meet the criteria, we still need you to make a claim for Free School Meals so that the school will be able to receive extra funding to support your child.

If you are registered for Free School Meals this can enable you to have extra support for your child.

**To see if you are entitled to Free School Meals please check:**

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsapplication](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsapplication)

#### ATTENDANCE Please see our [attendance policy](#)



**DID YOU KNOW?** A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

#### Are you set up for Bromcom/My Child at School (MCAS)?

**My Child At School** is an online portal for parents that enables them to view **their child's** performance at **school** in real-time via the web. The facility allows the **child's** attendance, attainment and behaviour accessible whenever the parent/carer wants.

Every family should have received an invitation to the new 'MCAS' (My Child At School) account. If you are new to the school, an invitation will be sent to you in September. Please make sure you have now set up your account to ensure you have access to the Portal. There are still many accounts that have not yet been activated. If you are struggling to do so, please contact the school office and they will assist you.

Once you have accepted the invitation code and entered the details, you must then verify your email address to enable the account to be fully activated

When asked for School ID (PIN) Code enter 12005.

## Featherstone Academy 2021/2022

### Guidance Notes for Parents requesting Leave in Term Time

1. Parents who want the school to consider granting leave of absence in school term time should read these notes carefully, **complete a holiday request form (available from the school office) and send it to the head teacher**. This form should be sent to the school in time for the request to be considered **well before** the desired period of absence. Parents are strongly advised not to finalise any booking arrangements before receiving the school's decision regarding their request. Head teachers cannot authorise any leave of absence unless the request is received before the period of absence begins.
2. The Department for Education makes it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Head teachers now also determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.
3. There is no automatic right to any leave in term time.
4. Staffordshire County Council understands the challenges that some parents face when booking holidays particularly during school holidays. However, we believe that, in order to ensure children receive the best education and prospects, that they should be in school during term time.
5. Each case will be considered individually and on its own merits. Parents need, therefore, to consider very carefully before making any request for leave of absence. In considering a request, the school will take account of: -
  - the **exceptional** circumstances stated that have given rise to the request
  - the stage of the child's education and progress and the effects of the requested absence on both elements
  - the overall attendance pattern of the child
  - frequency of similar requests
  - whether the parent made the request in advance
  - students/pupils on examination courses or due to take SATS will **not** normally be granted leave of absence.
6. Where parents have children in more than one school a separate request must be made to each school. The head teacher of each school will make their own decision based on the factors relating to the child at their school. However, head teachers may choose to liaise with each other as part of their decision-making process.
7. Should the school decide to grant leave of absence, but the child **does not return to school at the time s/he was expected to** (i.e. following the expiry of the granted leave of absence period) and no information is available to the school to explain/justify the continuing absence this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.
8. Should the school decide **not to grant leave of absence** and parents still take their child out of school, the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**, which may be subject to a Penalty Notice fine of £60 **per parent\* per child**. This fine will increase to £120 if not paid within 21 days. Failure to pay the £120 fine within the period 22 to 28 days may lead to Court proceedings.
9. The Local Authority will continue to monitor all school absences during term time and support head teachers in challenging parents who ignore the law.

\* Generally the DfE states that parents include all those with day to day responsibility for a child.

FIND FURTHER INFORMATION ON

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/welfareservice/Attendance/Code-of-Conduct-From-1.1.2018.pdf>

## **WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL DAY AT FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY**

Jigsaw's Breakfast Club – from 7:45am

Jigsaw's After School Club – 3:00pm – 5:45pm

To book, please contact Linda on 07984123009 directly or visit [website](#) for further information.

### **School Opens**

Little Learners & Nursery 9:00am – Gate 1 (The Avenue)

Reception Class, Year 1 & 2 Gates open 8:45am – Gates Close 8:55am – Gate 1  
(The Avenue)

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Gates open 8:45am – Gates Close 8:55am – Gate 2  
(KS2 Playground)

**Morning registration is at 8.55am.** Your child will be registered as 'late' if they are not in school at 8.55am. (Reception—Year 6).

Morning Break 10:45am – 11:00am

### **Lunchtime**

12noon – 1:00pm – Early Years/Reception/KS1

12:15pm – 1:15pm – KS2

### **School Ends**

Little Learners & Nursery 3:00pm Gate 1 (The Avenue)

Reception 3:15pm Gate 1 (The Avenue)

Year 1 & 2 3:15pm via the front office (please wait by the car park gates where you child will be dismissed to you by their teacher)

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 3:15pm Gate 2 (KS2 Playground)

Gate 1



Gate 2



Front Office



Please collect your child promptly at the end of the school day. Where late collection is persistent and/or significantly late, the school is obliged to take any uncollected pupil to a place of safety and share concerns with other agencies.

**IF WE FIND THAT SOMETHING IS NOT WORKING OR THINGS CHANGE DUE TO COVID, TIMES AND ENTRANCES/EXITS MAY CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE.**

A downloadable copy of the school menu can be found here: [MENU](#)

Week 1

# Lunch Time At Featherstone

2/9/21, 20/9/21, 11/10/21



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|                    | <b>MONDAY</b>  | <b>TUESDAY</b>                    | <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                   | <b>DAILY</b>      |
| <b>MAINS</b>       | Mozarella & Tomato Pizza                               | Chicken Goujons with Mayo Dip     | Beef Burger with Mini Yorkies      | Fruit Pots        |
| <b>SIDES</b>       | Potato Smiles, Sweetcorn, Crunchy Coleslaw, Side Salad | Potato Puffs, Peas, Side Salad    | Mashed Potato, Carrots, Side Salad | Yoghurts          |
| <b>LIGHT BITES</b> | Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings                      | Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings | Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings  | Jelly Pots        |
|                    | Selection of Sandwiches                                | Selection of Sandwiches           | Selection of Sandwiches            | Cheese & Biscuits |
| <b>DESSERT</b>     | Chocolate Muffin                                       | Shortbread                        | Sprinkle Sponge                    |                   |

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|                    | <b>THURSDAY</b>                              | <b>FRIDAY</b>  | <b>ALLERGENS</b>   |
| <b>MAINS</b>       | Sausage Roll                                 | Harry Ramsden's Junior Fish Fillet   | Please speak to a member of the Catering Team if you have any concerns about the contents in our dishes. |
| <b>SIDES</b>       | Diced Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn, Side Salad | Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas  |  |
| <b>LIGHT BITES</b> | Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings            | Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings  |  |
|                    | Selection of Sandwiches                      | Selection of Sandwiches  |  |
| <b>DESSERT</b>     | Chocolate Cookies                            | Assorted Mousse  |  |




Week 2

# Lunch Time At Featherstone

6/9/21, 27/9/21, 18/10/21



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|                    | <b>MONDAY</b>   | <b>TUESDAY</b>                               | <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  | <b>DAILY</b>      |
| <b>MAINS</b>       | Mozarella & Tomato Pizza                                  | Hunter's Chicken (Bacon, Cheese & BBQ Sauce) | Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta  | Fruit Pots        |
| <b>SIDES</b>       | Hash Brown Bites, Sweetcorn, Crunchy Coleslaw, Side Salad | Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Side Salad          | Garlic Bread, Peas, Side Salad  | Yoghurts          |
| <b>LIGHT BITES</b> | Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings                         | Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings            | Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings   | Jelly Pots        |
|                    | Selection of Sandwiches                                   | Selection of Sandwiches                      | Selection of Sandwiches   | Cheese & Biscuits |
| <b>DESSERT</b>     | Blueberry Muffin  | Shortcake Fingers                            | Chocolate Iced Sponge   |                   |

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|                    | <b>THURSDAY</b>                      | <b>FRIDAY</b>                     | <b>ALLERGENS</b>   |
| <b>MAINS</b>       | Popcorn Chicken                      | Butcher's Sausage                 | Please speak to a member of the Catering Team if you have any concerns about the contents in our dishes. |
| <b>SIDES</b>       | Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Side Salad | Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas   |  |
| <b>LIGHT BITES</b> | Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings    | Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings |  |
|                    | Selection of Sandwiches              | Selection of Sandwiches           |  |
| <b>DESSERT</b>     | Raspberry Buns                       | Arctic Roll                       |  |




**Week 3**

# Lunch Time At Featherstone



**13/9/21, 4/10/21**

## MONDAY

- MAINS** Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza
- SIDES** Diced Potato, Sweetcorn, Crunchy Coleslaw, Side Salad
- LIGHT BITES** Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings  
Selection of Sandwiches
- DESSERT** Chocolate Cupcake

## TUESDAY

- Roast Beef with Mini Yorkies & Gravy
- Roast Potatoes, Carrot Batons
- Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings
- Selection of Sandwiches
- Flapjack

## WEDNESDAY



- Fish Fingers
- Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas
- Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings
- Selection of Sandwiches
- Sugared Ring Doughnuts

## DAILY

- Fruit Pots
- Yoghurts
- Jelly Pots
- Cheese & Biscuits

## THURSDAY

- MAINS** Tomato & Basil Pasta
- SIDES** Garlic Bread, Peas, Crunchy Green Salad
- LIGHT BITES** Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings  
Selection of Sandwiches
- DESSERT** Chocolate Crispie Cake

## FRIDAY



- All Day Brunch of Sausage, Bacon & Omelette
- Chips, Baked Beans
- Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings
- Selection of Sandwiches
- Ice Cream Cups

## ALLERGENS

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team if you have any concerns about the contents in our dishes.



