

# WOLVERHAMPTON

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October 2021— AutumnTerm 1 — NEWSLETTER 2



#### A Note from the Headteacher -

It has been a wonderful first 4 weeks of term, returning close to normality. It was lovely to see so many parents come and meet their teachers; anyone that was unable to attend please give us a call and we can arrange something separately. Having my first assembly here at Featherstone Academy was a delight, the children were so excited to be together again. Children have been busy using the new laptops and ipads available in school and this is something we hope to develop further moving forward as we continue to make investments in technology. I look forward to seeing many of you in school again soon for our next parent meetings, if not before. We would also like to welcome our new members of staff; Aisha Chumber in the school office, Charlotte Hill, our new Lunchtime Supervisor and Sarah Spencer, our new Teaching Assistant PLEASE CLICK TO VIEW A VIDEO MESSAGE FROM MR GATRAD

#### Parent Consultations

We will be holding parent consultations on Wednesday 20th October and Thursday 21st October. More details will follow. Parents will have the option of coming in or doing a video call

#### Celebration Assembly

We are now holding weekly celebration assemblies to recognise those children who have gone the extra mile each week.

It has also been a chance for children to bring in awards and certificates they have achieved out of school and to share their achievements with the whole school.

We are hoping to be able to invite the parents/carers of those children chosen to join in the celebrations as soon as we feel it is safe to do so.

#### **Uniform**

Thank you to everyone for adhering to our school uniform, the children look really smart. Just a reminder the uniform is:-Grey Trousers/Skirt/Dress White Shirts/Polo Shirt (yellow Nursery—pale blue Little Learners) Royal Blue Sweater/Cardigan Black Shoes (not trainers) PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. We have a lot of jumpers & cardigans lying around school with no names on.

#### MCAS My Child at School

We are hoping that everyone has been able to open an account through MCAS. This will not only be used for letters, correspondence and paying dinner money, but also to pay for any upcoming trips and experiences over the school year. If you have any problem with setting up your account, please call in to the school office. There may be a slight delay between trip letters and the cost showing on MCAS accounts.

#### **Special Lunch**

On Thursday 7th October, Mrs Broadbent is offering a special menu!.

Hot Dogs

Cheese & Potato Pie Potato Waffles, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn

Lemon Iced Sponge

Jelly & Cream

#### **WEAR IT YELLOW**

On Friday 8th October we will be showing our support to the Young Minds Charity and wearing yellow or yellow accessory to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day.

#HelloYellow

If your child has PE this day, they can still wear yellow as long as it is suitable for PE.

#### **PUPILS OF THE WEEK**

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## 対 1st October

Nursery—Marnie Reception-Hunter

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Year 1—Harry

Year 2—Nevaeh

Year 3—Elsie

★ Year 4—Madison

★ Year 5—Elise

涬 Year 6—Millie

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#### 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 8:00a.m to 4:00p.m.





#### DIARY DATES

#### School Diary Dates for 2021/2022

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

### 🛨 Autumn Term

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Friday 8th October #HelloYellow—wear it yellow day
Tuesday12th October Children's University Launch

Assembly Y3/4

Thursday 14th October Year 5/6 Trip to Stratford
Tuesday 19th October Children's University Launch

Assembly Y5/6

Wednesday 20th October Parent Consultations
Thursday 21st October Parent Consultations
Thursday 21st October Wear It Pink Day

★ INSET DAY Friday 22nd October 2021

Half Term Break Monday 25th to Friday 28th October

Monday 1st November BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday 1st November Year 3/4 Viking Workshop in school

Tuesday 14th December (pm) KS2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 15th December(pm) KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 16th December (pm) EYFS Christmas Nativity

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/freeschoolmealsa pplication

### **ATTENDANCE** Please see our <u>attendance policy</u>

Every Day Counts! Research shows that regular attendance and punctuality are crucial factors in students achieving their full potential.

# Attendance to Date (1/10/2021) OUR WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET IS 96%

Overall Attendance—92%

Year 1—93.2%

Year 2—95.2%

Year 3-96.3%

Year 4—96.8%

Year 5-95.9%

Year 6—95.3%

Reception—83.7%

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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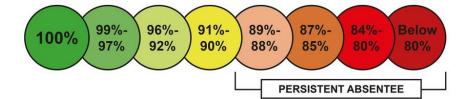
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On Time: First Time, Every Time



# Which CIRCLE are you in?

## 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, <u>we</u> 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

# We are having a new electronic sign in system installed shortly. If your child is late for school, they will need to enter through the office where they will sign in and will receive a late mark automatically.

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)

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.

### Week 1

# **Lunch Time At Featherstone**



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

Potato Smiles, Sweetcorn, Crunchy Coleslaw, Side Salad

Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings

Chicken Goujons with Mayo Dip

Potato Puffs, Peas, Side Salad

Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings

Beef Burger with Mini Yorkies

Mashed Potato, Carrots, Side Salad

Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings

Sprinkle Sponge

Sausage Roll

Diced Potatoes

Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings

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Harry Ramsden's Junior Fish Fillet

Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas

Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings

Selection of Sandwiches



## Week 2

# **Lunch Time At Featherstone**



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

## MONDAY

Hash Brown Bites, Sweetcorn, Crunchy Coleslaw, Side Salad

LIGHT BITES

DESSERT

**MAINS** 

SIDES

## TUESDAY

#### WEDNESDAY

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta

Fruit Pots

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Jelly Pots

Cheese & Biscuits

#### **THURSDAY**

**MAINS** 

SIDES

Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Side Salad

LIGHT BITES

**DESSERT** 

#### **FRIDAY**

Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas

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





### Week 3

# **Lunch Time At Featherstone**



### 13/9/21, 4/10/21

MAINS

Mozarella & Tomato

Pizza

SIDES

Diced Potato, Sweetcorn, Crunchy Coleslaw, Side Salad

LIGHT BITES

Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings

Selection of Sondwicher

DESSERT Chocolote Cupo

#### TUESDAY

Roast Beef with Mini Yorkies & Gravy

> Roast Potatoes, Carrot Batons

Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings

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## WEDNESDAY (

Fish Finger

Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas

Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings

Selection of Sandwiches

Sugared Ring Doughnuts

#### DAILY

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Cheese & Biscuits

#### THURSDAY

MAINS

Tomato & Basil Pasta

SIDES

Garlic Bread, Peas, Crunchy Green Salad

LIGHT BITES

Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings

Chocolate Crispie Cake

#### FRIDA'

All Day Brunch of Sausage, Bacon & Omelette

Chips, Baked Beans

Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings

Salaction of Sandwiches

Ice Creom Cups

#### ALLERGENS

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