

Message from Mr Gatrad

Please follow the link below for a video message from Mr Gatrad....https://youtu.be/OX9gk1Nbp_A

ICT INVESTMENT

The school is continuing to invest in further IT equipment. In addition to the 30 laptops and 30 ipads bought in Summer, we have just invested in 20 new PCs and 10 more ipads for children

SCHOOL LIBRARY

As you may be aware, we are planning to redesign our library. We are pleased to inform you that £10,000 has been invested in brand new reading books. We are eagerly awaiting their delivery and hoping to open our newly refurbished library to children and others within the community very soon.

EYFS & KS1 HOME-READING

We are excited about upcoming changes to EYFS and KS1 home reading books. Mrs Jackson will be writing to parents next week, with more details.

MCAS (My Child at School)

We would like to thank parents for their patience and understanding whilst we rolled out the new MCAS system. If anyone is still struggling to register or log in, please contact Mrs Hurcombe in the school office. Please check the app or your email regularly for communications from school.

INTERIM BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Mr Stephen Bryne, parent of Jacob and Isaac who attend the school has been supporting our board of governance, we thank him for his invaluable contributions and efforts.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

These will go ahead but a trust wide decision has been made to not have parents attend due to the current increases in Covid cases. They will instead be live streamed and recorded. Consent and other information to follow soon

UNIFORM AND PE KITS

Could we remind parents of acceptable uniform. Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, white polo shirts/shirts/blouses and royal blue jumper/cardigan and black shoes. For PE, we ask that children wear royal blue shorts, or dark plain tracksuit trousers, white t-shirt (Featherstone Academy logo or plain) and then their usual school jumper or cardigan over the top. Thank you for your co-operation.

RECEPTION & NURSERY SEPTEMBER 2022

We welcome prospective parents to visit school for a tour with Mr Gatrad. Please email: headteacher@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk to arrange a convenient time. Please pass this on to families you may know with children due to start Nursery or Reception next September. We look forward to welcoming you.

TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

It has been a busy term; children have been on trips to Tudor World in Stratford, Little Learner's went pumpkin picking. We have had visitors in school including The Animal Man, a Viking inspiration workshop and a Great Fire of London workshop.

Check out photos from these days on our Facebook page and Twitter. Please take a look and like our page. [FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY](http://FEATHERSTONEACADEMY)

WELCOME

We would like to welcome new staff members:-

Sarah Spencer,
April Beardsmore and
Charlotte Hill

SEND - COFFEE AFTERNOON

Mrs Jackson will be hosting a SEND Mince Pie and Coffee afternoon for families on Thursday 9th December

Flu Immunisation Programme

Have you consented to your child being given the nasal flu immunisation in school. All you need to do is click on this link <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> to complete the consent form. Your school Code is **SS141278**

Please complete the e-consent form by **9am on 3rd December 2021**

SCHOOL NURSES WILL BE IN SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER

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.



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

Tuesday 7th December	Flu Immunisation in school
Thursday 9th December	SEND Coffee & Mince Pie
Tuesday 14th December (pm)	KS2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 15th December (pm)	KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 16th December (pm)	EYFS Christmas Nativity
Friday 17th December	School Breaks Up

Spring Term 2022

INSET DAY – Tuesday 4th January 2022

Term Starts – Wednesday 5th January 2022

Half Term – Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022

Term Ends – Friday 8th April 2022

Easter Holidays – Monday 11th April – Friday 22 April 2022

[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

ATTENDANCE Please see our [attendance policy](#)

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

Attendance to Date (19/11/21)

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET IS 96%

Overall Attendance—95%

Year 1—92.3%

Year 2—95%

Year 3—95%

Year 4—96.6%

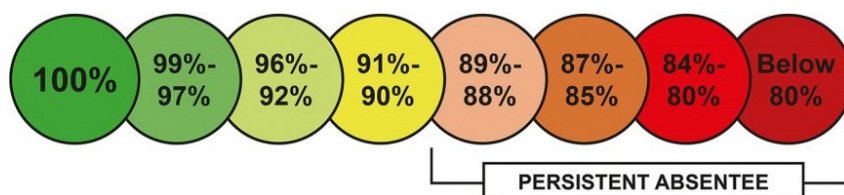
Year 5—94.7%

Year 6—96.1%

Reception—86.3%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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/carers 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

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.

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

<div> <div>Week 1</div> <div>Lunch Time At Featherstone</div> <div>1/11/21, 22/11/21, 13/12/21</div> </div>			
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MAINS	Mozarella & Tomato Pizza	Chicken Goujons with Mayo Dip	Beef Burger with Mini Yorkies
SIDES	Potato Smiles, Sweetcorn, Crunchy Coleslaw, Side Salad	Potato Puffs, Peas, Side Salad	Mashed Potato, Carrots, Side Salad
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings
	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches
DESSERT	Chocolate Muffin	Shortbread	Sprinkle Sponge
	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ALLERGENS
MAINS	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.
SIDES	Diced Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn, Side Salad	Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas	
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	
	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	
DESSERT	Chocolate Cookies	Assorted Mousse	

<div> <div>Week 2</div> <div>Lunch Time At Featherstone</div> <div>08/11/21, 29/11/21</div> </div>			
	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	DAILY
MAINS	Hunter's Chicken (Bacon, Cheese & BBQ Sauce)	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Fruit Pots
SIDES	Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Side Salad	Garlic Bread, Peas, Side Salad	Yoghurts
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jelly Pots
	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Cheese & Biscuits
DESSERT	Shortcake Fingers	Chocolate Iced Sponge	
	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ALLERGENS
MAINS	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.
SIDES	Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Side Salad	Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas	
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	
	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	
DESSERT	Raspberry Buns	Arctic Roll	

Week 3

Lunch Time At Featherstone



15/11/21, 06/12/21

MONDAY

MAINS	Mozarella & 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 & Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Batons
Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings
Selection of Sandwiches
Flapjack

WEDNESDAY



Fish Fingers
Potato Puffs, 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
DESSERT	Selection of Sandwiches 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

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