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NEWSLETTER – MARCH 1ST 2022

Welcome back to Spring Term Two! We hope you have had a lovely half-term break and are looking forward to another fantastic term in school. There is such a lot going on; we have slightly changed the format of the Newsletter to accommodate all the information we have to share with you. Please note that upcoming events, term dates and lunch menus can be found on our website and Facebook Page.

[Featherstone Academy Website](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

Staffing Changes

After many years of commitment and hard work supporting the school, children and families of Featherstone Academy, Mrs Hurcombe is sadly leaving us. This was a difficult decision for her to make but she has decided to take the opportunity to spend more time with her own family and have a well-deserved rest. We wish Mrs Hurcombe all the best in her new venture, and she will be really missed by all, especially the children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the dedication she has shown over her 17 years with us.

Miss Hayden will be leaving Featherstone Academy at Easter. She has successfully secured a new and exciting post as Assistant Headteacher in another academy. We thank her for all her efforts over many years at our school and wish her all the best for the future, she will be missed. Y6 parents will be kept informed of arrangements for the Summer Term.

Miss Rouse in Nursery will also be leaving us at the end of March to take up a new role at her daughter's school. We wish her luck and success in her new role

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 3rd March 2022 by asking children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Children can wear a costume of their favourite character. This does not need to be a full costume; it can be a simple prop the character uses/wears.

Children are also encouraged to bring their favourite book into school. There is a fun packed day of activities planned, linked to reading for pleasure.

Nursery – Messy Stay and Play

Come and join in the fun! If your child is aged between 2 and 4, we are holding a “Messy Stay and Play” session on Saturday 5th March, 10:00am-11:00am, come and see what our Nursery has to offer. Please let friends and family know and if you are interested in attending please let us know on 01902 734167.

Job Vacancies

We are currently looking to appoint a Senior Administrator and a Site Manager. If you would like further details, please contact Mr Gatrad on 01902 734167.

P.E. Timetable

A reminder of P.E. days for each year group. Children are to come in their P.E. kit on the appropriate day:

Monday	Reception and Year 5
Tuesday	Year 2 and 6
Wednesday	Year 4
Thursday	Year 1
Friday	Year 3 (SWIMMING THIS TERM)

School Uniform & PE Kit

Please may we take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform. **Please can we also remind you of the importance of naming all items of school uniform with your child's initials or name.** This means that lost items found around school can easily be returned. Please help us by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform.

- White polo shirt/shirt/blouse (yellow – nursery)
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey or black skirt or tailored trousers (not tracksuit, leggings, combat or sweat pants)
- Plain grey, black or white socks or tights
- **Flat, black, sensible shoes** NOT trainers
- Blue and white checked dresses (summer)

PE kit

- White t-shirt and royal blue shorts or plain grey/blue/black jogging bottoms
- Black plimsolls or trainers
- School sweatshirt should be worn on top of their t-shirt **not** tracksuit jackets or hoodies

After School Clubs

The after-school clubs were a great success last term. All current after-school clubs have now finished, and new opportunities being planned for this coming term. Please look out for letters coming home with your child. Please complete the permission forms and return them to school as soon as possible. You will be notified via email as to whether your child has a place in the chosen club by the teacher. These clubs will start week commencing 7th March 2022.

Monday – Reception/Year 1 – Lego/Construction Club

Tuesday – Year 2 – Fairy-tale Reading Club

Friday – Year 4 & 5 – Multi-Skills Sport

Parents Evenings

We had a fantastic response to parent's evening last term and are looking forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th April. We value your involvement in your child's education and having the opportunity to share your child's achievements and learning. Booking details will follow shortly.

Governors

We wish to inform parents that the Interim Academy Board (IAB) has now been replaced with a Trust Local Advisory Committee (TLAC). The TLAC structure consists of 2 other schools in the Trust and is in line with all other Academies within UWMAT.

Coffee Mornings

This term, Mr Gatrad has held two Coffee Mornings and would like to thank those parents who attended. It was great to have direct feedback and suggestions of areas the school can improve on. We hope attendance of such events continues and we look forward to welcoming more families this coming term. Next coffee morning will be Friday 18th March 9:00am-10:00am.

Home – School Communication

Please use information@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk, headteacher@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk or call the school office within the hours of 8:15 to 4:30pm on 01902 734167. Our expectation is that teachers will respond within 48 hours maximum, if a response is needed. If a meeting is required, this will be arranged within a week. Time with teachers is not only for Parent's Evenings. If the message does not need a response, an acknowledgement will occur that it has been received.

Parent Survey

Look out for a Parent Survey due to be sent out in the next week. We would appreciate it if you could complete the survey and it will only take a few minutes.

Upcoming Trips

Teachers are busily planning exciting trips to enhance children's learning, please look out for letters. We will be trying to keep costs to a minimum.

Attendance

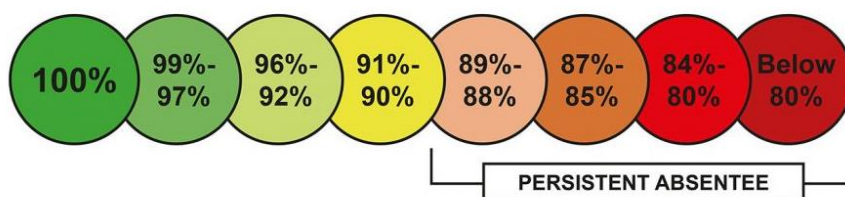
Featherstone Academy seeks to ensure that all its pupils receive a full-time education which maximises opportunities for each pupil to realise his/her true potential. The school will strive to provide a welcoming, caring environment, whereby each member of the school community feels wanted and secure. All school staff will work with pupils and their families to ensure each pupil attends school regularly and punctually. We would like to thank everyone for ensuring their children attend school regularly after what has been a very strange two years for us all due to Covid.

Every day counts! Research shows that regular attendance and punctuality are crucial factors in students achieving their full potential. Our whole school target is 96%. You can find your child's current attendance via the MCAS app. We understand that children are ill at times and that absences are inevitable.

We are however, legally obliged to monitor attendance and follow procedures when attendance drops below 90% or becomes frequent. Please find further details in our [Attendance Policy](#).

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Punctuality

Good school attendance includes being there on time. The habit of good punctuality at school will help your child throughout their education and into adult life and the work place.

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost over a year
10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost over a year
15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost over a year
20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost over a year
30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost over a year

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Why is lateness such a bad thing? Every minute of every day counts.

Persistent lateness, after the register closes, can result in prosecution under Section 444 of the 1996 Education Act.

Being on time helps your child's day get off to a good start and puts your child into a positive frame of mind. Punctuality is linked to good attendance, which leads to more opportunities and therefore achieve more. It also leads to success and self-confidence. Being late can lead to a bad start to the school day, missed learning and disruption to other children's learning.

Parking around school perimeter

We would like to ask all parents to be considerate when dropping off and collecting their children from school, if you do so by car. We have had several requests from local residents to ask parents not to block their garages and driveways. The local PCSO has also been in attendance at the end of the school day and have informed us that this will become more regular and they will issue penalty notices to those illegally parked. We ask this, not to be awkward but for the safety of all of the families attending Featherstone Academy and local residents.

Online Safety

It has been brought to our attention that some children in upper key stage 2 have been playing games such as Grand Theft Auto and Fortnite. These games are rated aged 18, as some content is unsuitable for younger children. We will be continuing Online Safety lessons across the school as part of our curriculum. Please check out our [Internet Safety page](#) on the school website.

