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NEWSLETTER – MAY 2022

Welcome back to Summer Term 1. 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. 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

Mrs Jackson, our Deputy Headteacher has been successful in applying for Headship from September at a school within another Academy Trust. While this is very sad news for the school and we will really miss her, this is great news for her personally and I know you will all join me in wishing her the very best and congratulating her on her new position. More information will follow soon around arrangements for the DHT post and also SENCO. Mrs Jackson has been an incredible asset to Featherstone Academy for a long time and they will be big shoes to fill.

Sue Broadbent, our school cook, is retiring at the end of the year. Sue is and has been for a long time an integral part of our school and I know all will join me in congratulating her on her retirement and wishing her all the very best.

From after half term, Ms Aimee Brown will be commencing her role as the Academy Administrator and be the main port of call for parents, I know she can't wait to get started.

Adam Harper has recently joined us as a Site Manager. He has already shown what an asset he will be in maintaining and improving our site for the children in our care.

KS2 SATS

All Year 6 parents will have received a letter with all the information they need regarding their child's SATS. These will be taking place next week, commencing 9th May.

Year 1 Phonics

The Year 1 phonics screening check is not a formal test, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning. This will take place week commencing 6th June.

Year 2 SATS

Year 2 SATS will take place over 2 weeks. These are held week commencing 16th and 23rd May.

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

Will stay the same until May half term and a new offer for Summer 2 will be shared soon.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

On the 26th May, Featherstone Academy will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. Further details will follow in a separate letter.

Parents Evening

We will be holding an informal parents evening to come and look through work and chat to the teacher, no appointments necessary. Date to be confirmed.

University of Wolverhampton Multi Academy Trust, Room WA109, Jerome K Jerome Building, Walsall Campus,
Gorway Road, Walsall, WS1 3BD
Companies House: 08255492

Coffee Mornings

Mr Gatrad will be holding his termly coffee morning Friday 20th May 9:00am. Everyone welcome!

School day timing changes upcoming soon

Advanced warning that the school day will be required by changes to government guidance needs to be extended by ten minutes. What that looks like will be shared with parents soon.

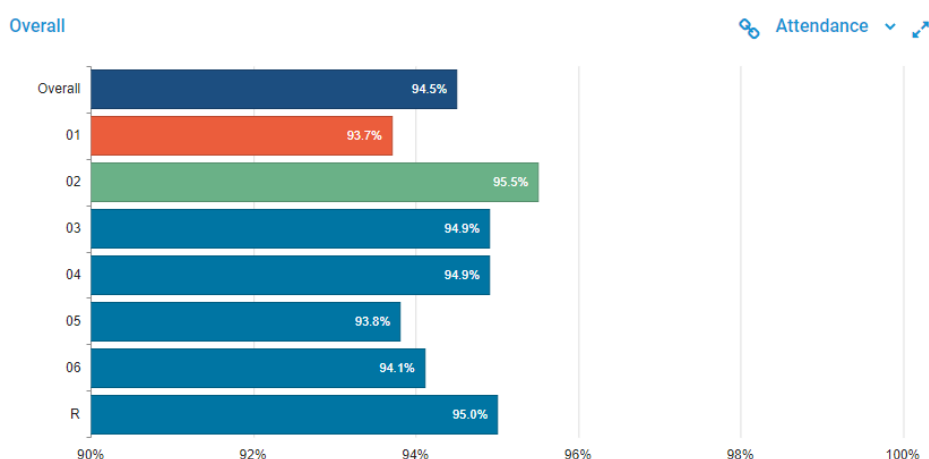
Home – School Communication

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.

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.

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](#).



SUMMER 2 KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below, key dates for the last summer term. More details to follow in future Newsletters.

Year 5 Trip to Black Country Museum 8th June 2022

Year 4 Times Tables Check - 13th June 2022

Year 6 Residential Trip 27th, 28th and 29th June

Sports Day EYFS – Thursday 7th July am
Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Wednesday 6th July am

Year 6 Leavers - Production – evenings of Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th July
Year 6 Prom - Monday 18th July
Leavers Assembly Tuesday 19th July

New To Nursery Visit Thursday 30th June,
Wednesday 6th July
Thursday 14th July

Move Up Days Whole School Thursday 14th July

Term Dates

Half term – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Summer Term ends Tuesday 19th July – school closed Wednesday 20th July and re-opens Tuesday September 6th 2022.