



Featherstone Academy's Monthly Newsletter December

A Message from Mr Gatrad

Thank you all for your invaluable support across the Autumn Term. It has been a busy one culminating in some fantastic nativities and some fun filled festive activities which all the children have enjoyed. To have the hall filled with parents on Tuesday and Wednesday and then children Thursday was truly magical. Over the coming months we are looking at further increasing opportunities for parents to come into school and much of that is detailed in the newsletter.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Start of School day

As has been the case this week for years 1-6 on the main playground, when weather is excessively cold or rainy, children are able to go straight into class. When this is not the case, children will return to lining up as normal.

School Improvement Forum for parents

Thank you to all who have responded. Unfortunately there was such a spread of times that would be preferred, that we will be unable to suit all but we will try our best and more information to be released in the new year.

Time in classes with your children

We are also hoping to offer you opportunities to come into school and be with your child/ren for part of their day during normal lessons. I understand that this is something that not everyone will be able to do, but due to its nature, it can only be during the school day. We will only be able to host a couple in classes at a time so it will be spread across many days and there will be sign up available. This is in the early stages of planning and more information will be shared in the new year.

Communication

Upon reviewing communication sent to parents, at times this can be excessive which results in some confusion and we are very sorry for this. We will be aiming to streamline our communication so that unless it is urgent and time sensitive, all information will go out on one day at the end of the week as one piece of communication. It is important that this is read by all parents as class specific information will also be included.

Lunch Menus - January/February 2023

Miss Hayward has been cooking up some great school dinners. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals and have yet to apply, you can do so online [FREE SCHOOL MEAL ONLINE APPLICATION](#)

<div> <div>Week 1</div> <div>Lunch Time At Featherstone</div> <div>4th Jan, 23rd Jan, 3rd Feb 2023</div> </div>				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	DAILY
MAINS	Mozarella & Tomato Pizza	Beef Burger in a Bun	Sausages with Mini Yorkies & Gravy	Fruit Pots
VEGETARIAN		Quorn Burger in a Bun	Quorn Fillet	Yoghurt
SIDES	Diced Potato, Sweet Corn	Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn	Mashed Potatoes, Carrots	Jelly Pots
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Cheese & Biscuits
DESSERT	Selection of Sandwiches Chocolate Cupcake	Selection of Sandwiches Poppack	Selection of Sandwiches Sugared Ring Doughnuts	
	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ALLERGENS	
MAINS	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Chicken Nuggets	Please speak to a member of the Catering Team if you have any concerns about the contents in our dishes.	
VEGETARIAN	Plain Pasta Topped with Cheese	Quorn Nuggets		
SIDES	Garden Peas	Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas		
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings		
DESSERT	Selection of Sandwiches Chocolate Krispie Cake	Selection of Sandwiches Ice Cream Cups		

<div> <div>Week 2</div> <div>Lunch Time At Featherstone</div> <div>9th Jan, 30th Jan 2023</div> </div>				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	DAILY
MAINS	Mozarella & Tomato Pizza	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Fruit Pots
VEGETARIAN		Quorn Fillet	Vegetable Fingers	Yoghurt
SIDES	Hash Brown Bites, Sweetcorn	Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli	Garden Peas, Mixed Vegetables	Jelly Pots
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Cheese & Biscuits
DESSERT	Selection of Sandwiches Blueberry Muffin	Selection of Sandwiches Shortcake Fingers	Selection of Sandwiches 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.	
VEGETARIAN	Quorn Nuggets	Quorn Sausages		
SIDES	Potato Wedges, Peas	Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas		
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings		
DESSERT	Selection of Sandwiches Raspberry Buns	Selection of Sandwiches Arctic Roll		

<div> <div>Week 3</div> <div>Lunch Time At Featherstone</div> <div>16th Jan, 6th Feb 2023</div> </div>				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	DAILY
MAINS	Mozarella & Tomato Pizza	Chicken Goujons with Mayo Dip	Roast Beef with Mini Yorkies & Gravy	Fruit Pots
VEGETARIAN		Quorn Dippers	Quorn Fillet	Yoghurt
SIDES	Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn	Potato Puffs, Peas	Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli	Jelly Pots
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Cheese & Biscuits
DESSERT	Selection of Sandwiches Chocolate Muffin	Selection of Sandwiches Chocolate Cookie	Selection of Sandwiches Sprinkle Sponge	
	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ALLERGENS	
MAINS	Sausage Roll	Fish Fingers	Please speak to a member of the Catering Team if you have any concerns about the contents in our dishes.	
VEGETARIAN	Vegan Roll	Cheese & Potato Pie		
SIDES	Diced Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables	Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas		
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings		
DESSERT	Selection of Sandwiches Jam Doughnut	Selection of Sandwiches Cookies		

Nursery & Reception - September 2023

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.

KEY DATES:

Nursery applications for September 2023 will be open from **Tuesday 10th January**. [NURSERY ONLINE APPLICATION LINK](#)

Reception 2023 - click on the link to apply for a Reception place for September 2023. Applications close Sunday 15th January 2023. Parents will be notified on Monday 17th April 2023.

Key Dates

Upcoming events can be found on the school website. [FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY CALENDAR](#)

- Wednesday January 4th 2023 - Children return to school
- Monday January 9th 2023 - Young Voices
- Break up Friday 17th February
- Half Term Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February

Books & Biscuits

In the new year, we are excited to be able to host our first 'Books & Biscuits' afternoons for all of our families. We would like to invite parents, carers, guardians or grandparents into school to enjoy some quality reading time with your child in our recently revamped library! Your child's teacher will be on hand to answer any questions you might have surrounding reading and supporting your child. There will also be some sweet treats on offer to make that reading time with your child even more special.

If you would like to join us, please arrive at the main office from 2.30pm on the day for your child's year group. Dates are as follows:

Thursday 12th January - Reception

Wednesday 18th January - Little Learners and Nursery

Thursday 19th January - Year 1

Wednesday 25th January - Year 2

Thursday 26th January - Year 3

Wednesday 1st February - Year 4

Thursday 2nd February - Year 5

Thursday 9th February - Year 6

We look forward to welcoming you into our library.

After School Clubs - January 2023

New after-school clubs will start week commencing 9th January 2023 until March 2023 and will be:

Monday - Basketball Years 2 & 3 (Progressive Sports)

Tuesday - Football Years 3 & 4 (Progressive Sports)

Wednesday - Multi-Skills Years 5 & 6 (Progressive Sports)

Thursday - Rugby Years 4, 5 & 6 (Mr Harper)

For availability please contact the school office.

Attendance & Punctuality

Thank you to all our families for supporting our attendance policy. Our whole school target for this year is 95% and we are currently at 92.8%, so we would really appreciate everyone's effort in improving this. We understand that children do get ill and we really appreciate that you keep communicating with school when your child is absent for any reason.

Can we also emphasise the importance of being in school on time as there have been numerous incidents of some families routinely being late for morning registration. Children need to be in their class at 8:50am promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks and many will miss vital phonics lessons.

Creative Arts Award - Winter Competition

Over half term, we are asking pupils if they would like to take part in the Creative Arts Award for Greenheart Learning Partnership. This is a competition for all children from EYFS to KS2 to showcase their creative skills.

The theme for this competition is **'Winter'**. The nature of the showcase is completely up to you, whether it be through the medium of art, drama or music. We would like children to produce something creative that is unique to their individual interests.

There are numerous prizes to be won, including a Greenheart Award badge and certificates and art packs for winning pupils' class.

Please could any entries be sent with your child to school or sent via email to information@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk before Monday 9th January.

We look forward to seeing your creative pieces.

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Creative Arts Award

Office Information

Breakfast Club - After School Club

Children attending Breakfast Club should enter via the entrance on The Avenue and through Little Learner's entrance where staff will greet you.

After School Club children should be collected via the school office. Please ring the bell for attention and staff will bring your child down to you

Medication

If your child requires medication, it must be brought into the school office and an administration of medication form completed. At the end of the school day, please call in to the school office to collect the medication.

Asthma

If your child is Asthmatic, please can parents contact the office to ensure we have the correct up to date details on our records and to check expiry dates. Thank you.

MCAS Payments

We would ask if you could check for any outstanding payments on MCAS for school dinners, trips and snack. We are monitoring these payments weekly and will be contacting parents who fall behind to avoid any unnecessary debts building up. Please can we also ask that payments are made weekly and if anyone is experiencing any problems, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to help you.

Term Dates

Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 3 January

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January

Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Term ends: Friday 21 July

Inset Day: Monday 24 July

Inset Day: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

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