Featherstone Academy Newsletter- Week Ending 10/03/2023

A Message from the Headteacher

We had 2 well attended parents evenings this week which were really successful once again; thank you to all those who attended. This week also brought heavy downpours of snow where the quantity took most of us by surprise. From speaking to parents at parents evening, it became apparent that a large proportion of parents do not read this newsletter. This is our only communication with parents, therefore I implore all to encourage as many as possible to read it please. We have many more opportunities for parental involvement in school coming up: Easter Bonnet Parade, Easter Assembly, Look Into Learning and many more.

Key Dates

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14th, 15th & 16th March - Book Fair - 3:30pm - 4:30pm **Whole School (CARD PAYMENTS ONLY)**

13th/17th March-British Science Week-**Whole School**

17th March- Comic Relief- **Whole School**

17th March - Mothers Day Stay and Play 9:00am-10:00am **EYFS**

20th-24th March-Parent 'Look into Learning' Week **(see below)**

21st March-World Down Syndrome Day- 'Rock your Socks'- **Whole School**

29th March- Easter Bonnet Parade- **Little Learners, Nursery and Reception 9:30am**

30th March- Easter Celebration led by **Year 3 and 4- 9:30am-(year 3/4 parents welcome to attend)**

31st March- **Term Ends**

17th April- **Term Starts**

18th April- Animal man visit- **Years Reception, 1 and 2**

26th April- **Year 5** trip to The Black Country Museum

Sad News

It is with great sadness to tell you that Pat Perry passed away peacefully on Monday at home with her husband and her boys just as she'd wished. She sadly lost a brave battle with cancer.

Pat was such a big part of the school and community. She touched the lives of many families over her 30 years with us. Pat was such a wonderful soul and a very gifted lady - she was incredible. There will be many of us carrying her wise words with us forever.

I am sure you will all join us in sending our condolences, love, and prayers to her family and all that knew Pat.

Rest in peace Mrs Perry

Book Fair 14th, 15th, 16th March

A REMINDER THAT SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO FEATHERSTONE!

Do you want the best new children's books? They're coming to our school soon!

Join us on **Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th or Thursday 16th March** at 3.30pm and find your next favourite read. Not only will you be getting your hands on the best new children's books, you will be

supporting our school as every book purchased will help to fill our classrooms and library with free books!

Scholastic have reworked their entire book fair price range with book prices starting as low as £1.99 and 30% of the books now under £5 and under £3. Children can also use their World Book Day tokens towards the cost of a new book.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION; THIS IS A CASHLESS BOOK FAIR CARD ONLY PAYMENTS

We look forward to seeing you there!

Reporting an Absence

We would like to stress the importance of reporting your child's absence. This needs to be a phone call to the school office, before 9:00am on the first morning of the absence. If no contact is made then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. We do ask that parents call daily to keep us updated on their child's absence. As a school, we have a duty of care to know why your child has not attended school.

Class Learning-Next Week

Take a look at what your children will be learning in class week commencing 06/03/2023:-

Nursery- Theme Spiders, making spiders, Incy Wincy, Mothers Day Morning-making cards and planting sunflowers

Reception- Theme- Castles and Dragons, making a castle and Mothers day activities.

Year 1- Maths- Capacity, English- a persuasive advert, D&T- making a lever

Year 2- English- writing a newspaper reporting, D&T- joining fabrics together, History- learning about events in the race to The South Pole- Robert Scott

Year 3- Computing-creating a wiki, Maths- Fractions, English- writing a narrative

Year 4- Maths- Fractions, History- Native Americans, English- Firework Makers Daughter

Year 5- English-Discussion text "Should children be home-schooled, P.E.-Bollywood Dancing, Computing-Building webpages.

Year 6 - Science- Healthy body, P.E.- Gymnastics, Geography- Arctic Tundra

Celebration Assembly- Golden Book

Our new look celebration assembly took place on Friday. We will now celebrate children receiving Golden Book certificates with the parents. Parents will be informed no later than the Tuesday that week by email if their child is receiving a certificate on the Friday. Please do not tell your child if you are invited as we would like to keep this a surprise for them on the day. Our Friday celebration assembly will take place at 2:45pm.

If your child brings in a out of school certificate, trophy, medal etc... Can parents please write a very brief reason as to why the child has received it.

This Weeks Golden Book;

Little Learners- **Hylah Partridge**

Nursery- **Leighton Duffus**

Reception- **Charlie Smith**

Year 1- **Harry Hamplett**

Year 2- **Maisie Taylor**

Year 3**- Elle Garner**

Year 4- **Sofia Kidner**

Year 5- **Emily Cooper**

Year 6 - **Hugo-Gerviase Chambers**

Headteacher- Mr Gatrad- **Remi Mitchell**

Deputy Headteacher- Mrs Steatham-**Joshua Marston**

The Office-Miss Brown- **Leon Davies**

Comic Relief- Friday 17th March

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day!

It feels like we all need a laugh right now, and this Red Nose Day is all about coming together and spreading joy.

Red Nose Day is an annual fundraising campaign created by Comic Relief to end child poverty throughout the world. The organisation funds programs which help keep children safe and healthy while providing them with support and education.

On Friday 17th March, we want to Dress Up For Joy and go RED from head to toe! Pupils are invited to come into school wearing as much red as possible in exchange for a small donation towards our Comic Relief Fund.

We cannot wait to see Featherstone Academy turn RED for Comic Relief!

Early Years- Mothers Day- Stay and Play Friday 17th March 9:00am - 10:00am

Look Into Learning

Look Into Learning Week: During w/c 20th March, we will be providing parents with the opportunity to come into school and be with their child during a normal lesson. This option is only available to parents/carers, we are unable to offer this to other relatives. We are able to offer no more than 4

parents per session per year group. Please contact the office via telephone or email if you would like to sign up for this.

For years 1, 3 and 6 - Monday 20th March and Tuesday 21st March

For years 2, 4 and 5 - Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March

Times available will be 45 minutes slots each day at 10:00am, 11:15am, 1:30pm

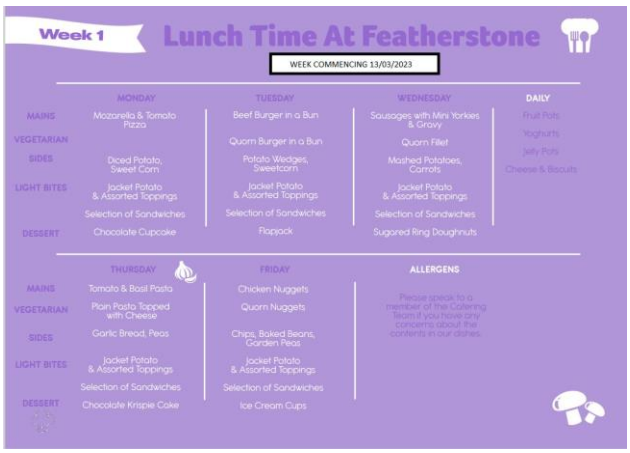
Sponsored Walk

Y5 and 6 Sponsored Walk

On Monday 27th February, Years 5 and 6 completed 20 laps (1.5 miles) of our school playground as our fundraising activity for The Chapel and the Community Centre. The money raised will help to purchase craft supplies for the Chapel's weekly 'Friendship Group', which enables people to get together and meet others, chat and learn new skills; and to continue the Environmental work the Community Centre is undertaking. This was a fantastic event and we feel proud that we have been able to make a contribution to our community

PLEASE BRING IN ANY OUTSTANDING SPONSOR MONEY OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THIS WORTHY CHARITY IT REALLY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

School Lunch Menu W/C 13/03/2023



Week 1

Lunch Time At Featherstone

WEEK COMMENCING 13/03/2023

	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	Yoghurts
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
	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	
DESSERT	Chocolate Cupcake	Flapjack	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	Garlic Bread, Peas	Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas	
LIGHT BITES	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	
	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	
DESSERT	Chocolate Krispie Cake	Ice Cream Cups	

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