

Featherstone Academy Newsletter-

Week Ending 28/04/2023

A Message From The Headteacher

School has been a hive of activity since we returned from the Easter holiday last week, with deep ongoing learning in just one subject across the afternoons of a week so far having a great impact on children's interest, engagement and outcomes. At some point before the half term, I will not be as visible and available for a couple of weeks due to taking two weeks off Paternity Leave. During that time, the school will be in great hands with Mrs Steatham managing and leading in my absence. I will remain available by email if needed, but any phone calls or face to face discussions/meetings will be held by Mrs Steatham during that period of time and response time from me may not be quite as speedy as normal!

Key Dates

Friday 5th May- Coronation Celebration Picnic- **Whole School**

Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May - **Key Stage 2 SATs.**

Monday 15th - Friday 19th May - **Year 6 Residential.**

Thursday 18th May- Wear it Green Day- (Mental Health)- **Whole School**

Thursday 8th June - **Little Learners** and **Nursery** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 15th June - **Reception** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 22nd June - **Year 1** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 29th June - **Year 2** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 6th July - **Year 3** Books & Biscuits

Friday 7th July - **Year 4** Books & Biscuits

Monday 10th July - **Little Learners** to **Year 5** Parents Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm

Tuesday 11th July - **Little Learners** to **Year 5** Parents Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm

Wednesday 12th July - **Year 5** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 13th July - **Year 6** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 13th July - **EYFS** Sports Day (morning)

Friday 14th July - **Year 1 - Year 6** Sports Day (morning)

Thursday 20th July - Meet Your New Teacher Day

Friday 21st July - **Year 6 Leavers** Assembly (9.30am)

Friday 21st July - **Year 6** Disco (details to follow)

Year 6 SATS

Date	Activity
Tuesday 9 May 2023	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Friday 12 May 2023	Mathematics paper 3

We are in the final stages of our Year 6 pupils preparing for their end of key stage assessments and we would like to thank you for the support that you are giving your child with his/ her revision at home.

To enable the children to come into school and feel relaxed, we will be running a breakfast club on Tuesday to Friday mornings of that week from 8.30a.m. As well as having their breakfast at home, there will be food and drinks in class whilst we complete some final revision sessions in preparation for their tests each day.

The assessment papers will be taken each morning, so it is important for the children to arrive in school punctually and are at school each day of SATs week. It is also very important that the children are well rested in the run up to SATs week and during the tests so that they can concentrate, stay focused and meet their full potential. They would benefit from earlier nights and reduced screen time (such as games consoles, TV/ DVDs/ laptop or tablet time).

You will be aware that the Bank Holiday weekend for the King's Coronation takes place directly before this very important week. Obviously, this is joyous celebration where we encourage all of our families to create wonderful memories, but we do please ask for you to take consideration (particularly on the Monday) of what the following week will entail for your child.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

School Opening Times

Please can all parents play a part in ensuring their child arrives to school on time. We are still having a high number of lates in a morning, this is recorded and penalties can be issued by Staffordshire Council if it becomes a persistent problem.

A reminder of school and EYFS opening and closing times;

Years 1-6-gate opens at **8:45AM** - school day starts at **8:50PM- 3:20PM**

Reception- **8:55AM- 3:25PM**

Nursery & Little Learners- **9:00AM-12:00PM-12:00PM-3:00PM**

Wraparound Club

We launched our school wraparound club in September and its gone from strength to strength. Here's a reminder of our Breakfast and Afterschool sessions;

Breakfast Club

We operate from **8:00AM** each morning and accommodate all children from Little Learners through to Year 6.

*Costs are £4 for Breakfast club from **8.00AM** until the start of school.

*All children are accompanied to their classroom at the end of the session.

*All prices include breakfast.

Our aim is to provide a safe, secure environment before school where children can have a healthy balanced breakfast with their friends, while also providing a reliable childcare solution.

Breakfast options are:

Toast & preserves, Cereals and Fruit alongside Milk, Fruit juice or Water. We also offer seasonal and celebrational additions such as pancakes and boiled eggs etc. (Allergies and food intolerances will be accommodated)

As well as providing a healthy breakfast we want our club to be a place where children can socialise with their friends and have fun.

Afterschool Club

We operate from **3:00PM** for Nursery and **3:20PM** (rest of school) to **5:15PM**

Prices are £4:00 per hour which includes snack

3:00PM - 4:15PM = £4.00

3:00PM – 5:15PM = £8.00

*All children are escorted from their classroom at the end of the school day and registered on arrival

Snack Options are : Toast & preserves, brioche or fruit bread and a piece of fruit

Milk, Fruit juice or Water will also be available.

As well as providing a healthy snack we want our club to be a place where children can socialise with their friends and have fun.

To do this, over the week we provide:

- An area where your child can unwind after a hard day at school.
- iPad where children can further their knowledge or play games.
- Board games and puzzles that they can play with their friends
- Construction area where they can make models of their choice
- Craft area where they can demonstrate their drawing or modelling skills
- Outdoor time where they can play games such as football, tennis, skipping etc
- Homework area where they can do their work and have support from staff if needed.

Holidays During Term-Time

We have been receiving a high volume of holiday request forms in school in recent times. Any holiday request legally cannot be authorised. This is not personal and does not represent a belittling of the request. Only educational/sporting events or one day truly exceptional circumstance (e.g. a parent's wedding). It is important that the correct process is followed and we thank the parents that do follow the correct procedure, it is consistent that they cannot be authorised due to impact on learning and legalities of attending school.

Kings Coronation Celebration - Friday 5th May

On Friday 5th May, we will be celebrating the upcoming coronation of King Charles. Children can come dressed in red, white and blue and we will be learning about what a Coronation is through a range of activities and having a special Coronation picnic for lunch. School will be closed on bank holiday Monday 8th May.



Wear it Green Day Thursday 18th May

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, on Thursday 18th May, we will be encouraging all children and staff to come into school wearing green, to help raise money for Mental Health Foundation. We also kindly ask that all children who take part to make a £1 donation. We will be taking part in activities throughout the day in order to raise awareness of mental health.



Reading Books

It has been brought to our attention that some of our school reading books are not being returned to school. If you have any of these books at home please return to school immediately. These books are an important part of our children's learning and very expensive to buy. We do keep a record of what book each child takes home so unfortunately, if this problem persists we will need to start charging parents that do not return books



Curriculum Promise- New 'Artist Competition'

As part of our new Curriculum Promise Art Competition for Summer 1, children are invited to produce a piece of artwork in the style of their Artist.

All entries to be handed in by Thursday 25th May.

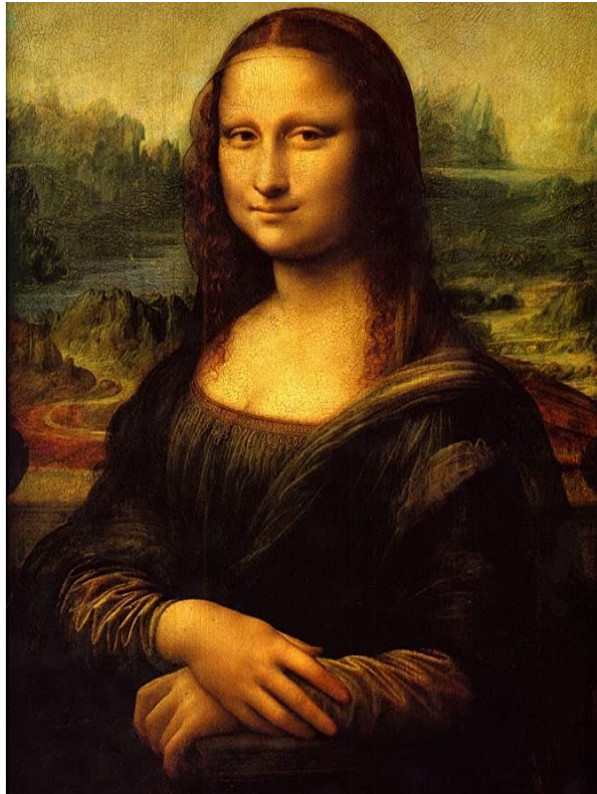
Prizes will be given to the winners in each category.

EYFS - artist Picasso

Y1 and 2 - artist Georgia O'Keefe

Y3-6 - artist Leonardo Da Vinci





Year 5 Trip to Black Country Museum

Year 5 visited The Black Country Museum on Wednesday, learning about the coal mining industry and the Industrial Revolution. They went underground in the small dark mining tunnels and saw the working conditions of a miner. They went to see an old film in a cinema, looked at old vehicles from cars to buses, housing, clothing and shops. The children asked some fantastic questions and were complimented on their excellent behaviour and manners. Well Done Class 5!

















Class Learning- Week Commencing 01/05/2023

Take a look at what your children will be learning in class week commencing 01/05/2023

- Nursery- looking at the book Monkey Puzzle, Learning about parts of the book front/back cover title and author. Looking at the moral of the story and linking it to past learning about the butterfly and caterpillar. In Maths we will be feeding the monkeys the correct amount of bananas We will also be collaging monkeys using a variety of materials.
- Reception-
- Year 1- Maths - looking at equal groups and adding them together identifying doubles. History we are learning at Queen Elizabeth and significant events. Science we are looking at common garden plants and wild plants.
- Year 2- Science - Plants (What do plants need to stay healthy?) PE - To learn the best jumping techniques for distance English - Writing a non-chronological report about an African animal
- Year 3- Still reading Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf, English- Writing Persuasive texts, Math- Fractions. Our topic is Music.
- Year 4- Maths- decimals and money, English- Writing a newspaper report on Robots
- Year 5- Maths- angles, English- reading Peasants Revolt and writing a non-chronological report, Computing- Creating an adventure game
- Year 6- Science: Evolution and Adaptation, English - Goodnight Mr Tom, SATS revision

Maternity Leave - Mrs Lucas

Mrs Lucas has now started her maternity leave, I am sure you will all join us in wishing her well on the safe arrival of her baby that's due in May and becoming a first time mommy.



Celebration Assembly

Well done to our Golden Book Winners this week:

Little Learners- **Sienna Kumar**

Nursery- **Connie Greenaway**

Reception- **Jonah Pritchett**

Year 1- **Noah Rashid**

Year 2- **Jack Northwood**

Year 3- **Kaitlyn Northwood**

Year 4- **Isobella Lloyd**

Year 5- **Demi Allen**

Year 6 - **Casey Wilson**

Headteacher- Mr Gatrad- **Roman Dickinson**

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