

# Featherstone Academy Newsletter-

## Week Ending- 05/05/2023

### A Message from the Headteacher

This weekend is a big occasion across the country with the first coronation here in 70 years. I hope everyone is able to enjoy the additional bank holiday and celebrate this momentous occasion. Please spare a thought next week for our year 6 children who, on returning to school on Tuesday, will be taking their SATs tests along with all other year 6 children across the country.

### School Snack

After half-term we will no longer be able to provide snacks and drinks to purchase at school. From this date, please ensure your child brings in a water bottle every day to school. You are welcome to provide a healthy snack for your child to eat at breaktime. This could be: fruit, crackers, cereal bars or another healthy option. This cannot be crisps, chocolate, biscuits or something similar. This does not change anything around what parents put in lunchboxes, this can remain the same.

### Reception Staffing

Last week, it was mentioned that Mrs Chloe Lucas has started her maternity leave. Mrs Joanne Key, who has been with us since February, will be taking over the role as class teacher during this period of time.

### Key Dates

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)

## Phonics- Book Bags

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A polite reminder that your child's book bag books need to be in school every day. Our pupils read daily in their phonics lessons, as well as possibly reading their 'Book Bag Book' to an adult at a different time.

We have had a number of books not returned to school, meaning we have incomplete sets which are then not available to other pupils. We are sure you can appreciate the cost of replacing books and want to avoid having to do this.

We do record which books pupils are bring home and will be calling parents/carers of any books that are outstanding.



## 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.

## King's Coronation Celebrations

As the Coronation weekend approaches we celebrated all things British today in school. It is a first for children and staff and we made sure the children understood what the coronation means. The children were invited to dress in the colours red, white and blue, they decorated bunting, each classroom was decorated with balloons and we had a very British Coronation Celebration Picnic. Children will be able to look back and remember their special King's Coronation Day in school.





## Class Learning- Week Commencing 08/05/2023

Take a look at what your children will be learning in class week commencing 08/05/2023

- Nursery- Jungle Animals- Focusing on Elephants
- Reception- Mini Beasts-We will be discovering all kinds of mini beast on an exciting bug hunt. We will learn how to use magnifying glasses and how to sort and classify bugs by their features, like a scientist. We will look at some non-fiction books as well as reading the story *The Girl Who Loves Bugs* which is a heart-warming story about a little girl called Evie who is incredibly curious about what she finds in her garden. Through this story children will be designing and making humane bug traps and considering what animals need in order to be cared for and how their traps can reflect the habitat that they were found in
- Year 1- English – New text called *the Queen’s Knickers*, Geography – identifying capital cities and countries in the United Kingdom and human and physical features. Maths we are starting a new topic of fractions.
- Year 2- History topic learning all about the significant person Neil Armstrong. In PE, children will be continuing their topic of athletics and looking at how to jump long distances. In English, children will begin reading *The Diary of a Killer Cat* by Anne Fine.

- Year 3- Learning: next week we will be reading the book mouse bird snake wolf and writing to create imagery. Maths is fractions Spanish is our topic and we will also be learning about the human body in science.
- Year 4- Maths- Money VIPERS- The Wild Robot Music- looking at The Beatles music and learning to sing and play Blackbird
- Year 5- Starting to look at how to write a story with a historical setting, and examples of these, with the purpose to entertain. Building adventure games Lengths and angles within shapes, Regular and Irregular Polygons and 3-D shapes.
- Year 6- SATS

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to our Golden Book Winners;

Little Learners- **Joshua Bradbury**

Nursery- **Ella-Rose Byrne**

Reception- **Micheala Shepherdson**

Year 1- **Ted Raybould**

Year 2- **Alex Lindsay and Harry C**

Year 3- **Harry Blanz-Till**

Year 4- **Hollie Everiss-Newton**

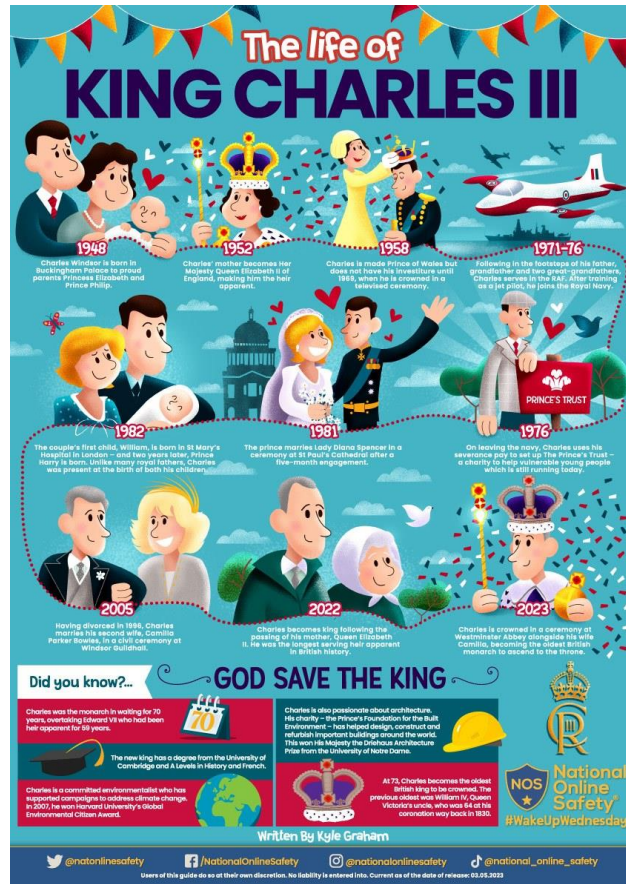
Year 5- **Niah Hanchard**

Year 6 - **Jayden Turner**

Headteacher- Mr Gatrad- **Blake Hadley**

Deputy Headteacher- Mrs Steatham- **Lottie Tuckwell**





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