



Featherstone Academy Newsletter- Week Ending- 26/05/2023

[A Message From The Headteacher](#)

Unbelievably, we only have one half term left of this academic year, where has the time gone! As we move into the second half of the Summer Term, this is where a multitude of events occur: parents evening, assemblies, Books and Biscuits, Sports Days, Meet the Teacher days and more Look Into

Learning - we hope to see as many of you as possible in school before the Summer holidays. During the next half term we also start thinking about transition to the following year and how best to support children and families joining the school and changing year groups; this information will all be shared with you soon. Wishing you all a lovely half term.

Key Dates

Friday 26th May- School breaks up for **May Half Term**

Monday 5th June - **Back to 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)

Behaviour

We have seen quite an increase in the number of physical incidents between children this week. We have explained to the children our zero tolerance approach to this. I have discussed with staff that any instance where a child lays their hand or foot on another child or staff member, before even investigated thoroughly is a minimum consequence of the rest of the day away from their peers, of course this could be more following investigation. Additionally, if there are particular triggers for individuals (football for example) that teachers are free to make decisions around this that best supports the safety of the children within their care. While I appreciate this message sounds quite negative, it is a

necessary one that everyone is aware of that has been shared with children that hopefully parents see as a positive in how seriously we take the safety and wellbeing of your children.

School Uniform

Whilst most of our children come into school looking smart and in full school uniform everyday, occasionally some children will not be following our School Uniform policy. School Uniform is very important as we believe it helps to foster a sense of belonging and helps children be ready to settle down to their school work. We have invested in spare Uniform and P.E. Kit if the correct uniform is not being worn.

Please see below the list of the correct uniform;

School Sweatshirt or Cardigan with or without logo (Royal Blue)

White Shirt/School Polo Shirt with or without logo

Yellow Polo Shirt with or without logo - **Nursery Children**

Pale Blue Polo Shirt - **Little Learner's**

Grey Skirt/Trousers/Grey Shorts

Blue checked dress (during summer term)

Shoes - black (no trainers)

PE plays an important part of the school curriculum and parents should provide children with kit suitable for gymnastics and dance in the school hall and for games outside.

White T-shirt (with or without logo)

Royal blue shorts

Black pumps/trainers

Plain Joggers (winter)

School sweatshirts and T-shirts bearing the Featherstone Academy School logo are available for purchase from Crested School wear, either online or from their school wear shop in Cannock.

KS2 Snack

Just a reminder that from Monday 5th June, Years 3, 4,5 and 6 will no longer be able to order snack for breaktime. Please can all outstanding payments be paid on MCAS and a healthy snack be brought into school for your child such as fruit or a breakfast bar.

Calling All Year 1 Pupils

We just want to give Year 1 families a reminder that your children will be completing their Phonics Screening Check week beginning Monday 12th June.

- Below, we have some helpful hints as to how you can support your child during the half term break to keep their phonics knowledge fresh in their head!
- Continue to listen to your child read daily. There are speed sound charts at the front of each book where your child can show off their phonics knowledge.
- Miss Smith has been sending home weekly QR codes linked to phonics screening practice. Keep sharing these, as it will prepare your child for the statutory test which contains a mixture of real words and pseudo-words (nonsense/alien words).
- All year 1 pupils will be coming home today with a Phonics Practice Pack. In here you will find sound cards, real word cards, alien word cards and games for you to play with your children to create a fun learning experience.
- You can also find phonics teaching videos on YouTube if you find your child is struggling with a particular sound. Please ensure you look for Read Write Inc videos, as this is the phonics scheme we follow in school.

As always, thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. We cannot wait for Year 1 to show off what they can do in the Phonics Screening Check.

Warmer Days Have Arrived

As we enter our final half term together, the sun has made a welcome appearance.

With the warmer weather, we would like to provide some kind reminders:

- Pupils to bring a filled water bottle each day which can be refilled during break times.
- We encourage pupils bring a sun hat into school to wear at break and lunchtimes when outside.
- Please consider applying a high factor suncream in the morning before pupils arrive at school to provide protection during the day, as we are unable to apply suncream in school.

Inset Days 2023/2024

Please see the following inset days;

Monday 4th September 2023- Inset Day

Tuesday 5th September 2023- Inset Day

Friday 22nd December 2023- Inset Day

Friday 22nd March 2024- Inset Day

Monday 22nd July 2024- Inset Day

Please see link with all our Term Dates for 2023/2024;

[Featherstone Academy Term Dates](#)

Class Learning- Week Commencing 05/06/2023

Take a look at what your children will be learning in class week commencing 05/06/2023;

- **Nursery**- Doctors and Nurses, hospital role play, height and weight in maths.
- **Reception**- Out of this world- Space/aliens, children will look at the story of Aliens Love Underpants. We will explore the ideas of an alien and where it might live. We will then explore space and how Earth is part of the universe.
- **Year 1**- Maths – we are starting a new topic where the children will be counting forwards and backwards to 100. DT- we will be building and evaluating free standing structures. In PE we will be continuing with Athletics.
- **Year 2**- We are reading our new book, The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch ready to write instructions on how to make a sandwich. In DT, we are evaluating and building structures. In Maths, we will be moving onto statistics and looking at charts and tables.
- **Year 3**- English- The lion The Witch And The Wardrobe, Maths- Money, Computing- Data
- **Year 4**- VIPERS/ English- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane Maths - Shape
- **Year 5**- English- Reading War Horse, Writing a argument about should horses be used in battle, Maths- adding, subtracting, dividing decimals, Focus- P.E. and Science.
- **Year 6**- Science - Evolution, History - Windrush.

Celebration Assembly

A big well done to;

Little Learners - **Bowie Brough**

Nursery- **Connie Greenaway**

Reception- **Kaiden Comrie**

Class 1- **Olivia-Mae Jones**

Class 2- **Harry Freeman**

Class 3- **Oscar Allen**

Class 4- **Jack Higgitt**

Class 5- **Freddie Downes**

Class 6- **The Whole of Year 6**

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