



# Featherstone Academy Newsletter-Week Ending- 09/06/2023

## A Message From The Headteacher

Please can I ask any parents to encourage others to read the newsletter as it includes essential whole school and specific class information. This is our only communication we ask parents to read.

At this stage in the year, planning for improvements and adaptations for the next academic year really ramp up, any feedback or suggestions is always welcome so please feel free to contact by telephone, email or arrange to pop into school. It would be great if parental feedback could shape some of the priorities.

## Key Dates

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)

## Break Time Snack

Children are welcome to bring in their own healthy snack from home. Part of promoting our healthy agenda children cannot bring into school crisps, chocolate, cake or sweets at break time.

Please see our list of healthy break time snacks ideas;

popcorn

yoghurt

cheese

crackers

fruit

cereal bars

boiled eggs

pitta/carrot sticks with houmous

granola

dried fruit like raisins

fruit stars/bars



## Warmer Days Are Coming

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.



## Cheslyn Hay Transition Days

Please click on the link to see more details on Year 6 transition days to Cheslyn Hay Academy in July.

## [Cheslyn Hay Transition Letter](#)

As we are approaching the end of Year 6's time with us, we wanted to share some of the fun things we have planned to celebrate with them before they start their new chapters at secondary school.

### **Leavers Performance**

As you will have seen on key dates, Year 6 Leavers Performance will take place on Friday 21st July at 9.30am. We have made the decision to merge our previous practice of an assembly and production to create one amazing performance. We hope you will be able to join us and on what is sure to be a lovely way to end Year 6's primary school journey.

### **Hoodies**

We have been able to secure an order for Featherstone Academy leaving hoodies. Hoodies are blue with white printing on the back. The print will consist of Featherstone Academy, 23, with all Year 6 pupils' names inside the number 23.

Here is the link that will take you to WaveEd website to order your child's hoodie directly. [Leavers Hoodie](#)

Hoodies will cost £18.

The link will only be open from **Friday 9th June- 9am Monday 19th June**

### **Autograph books**

Autographs books are in school ready for your children to share with their peers on the last few days of the year. These books are a lovely token for the children to share message with one another that will last a lifetime.

### **Last Day White Shirt Signing**

On the last day of school (after Year 6 have completed their Leavers Performance), we are going to allow Year 6 to take part in the age-old tradition of having their school shirts signed. (I'm sure we have all got one tucked away in a drawer somewhere). Please make sure you send your child into school with a shirt that you are willing to be signed.

### **Year 6 Leavers Disco**

What is a better way to celebrate than a good party? On Friday 21st July, we are going to host a disco for Year 6. With this, we are asking for parent volunteers who would be willing to come forward and help with the organisation and chaperoning of this. If you would like to support with this, please let our office staff know, it would be greatly appreciated.

## After School Clubs

After school clubs (Athletics, Summer Sports, Football Wednesday and Thursday) are still running as normal for the rest of this term. Athletics and Summer Sports will end on the 3rd and 4th July. Football will end on the 12th and 13th July.



## Staffing 2023/2024 Academic Year

We will soon be in a position to share you with who your child's teacher will be next year and what the transition arrangements are. This will be shared on the 30th June. The changes in staffing are:

- Mrs Tracey Grainger had agreed to be with us until the end of this academic year so her time with us will soon be coming to an end, we wish her all the best
- Miss Rosie Tkaczuk has been appointed to the position of Assistant Headteacher
- Miss Phoebe Shaw and Mr Adam Hayes will be joining us as class teachers from September and we look forward to them commencing with us
- Mrs Chloe Lucas will continue to be on maternity leave and her role covered by Mrs Joanne Key until her return in March
- Mrs Charmaine Griffiths will be on maternity for the majority of the next academic year.

## School Improvements

Fencing - It has been mentioned previously that in order to further improve our safety and security we will have new fencing and electronic pedestrian and vehicle gates installed. This has now been confirmed for the Summer Holiday and works will be ongoing for the majority of that time.



## Fathers Day- Early Years Stay and Play




## Class Learning

Take a look at what your children will be learning in class week commencing 12/06/2023;

- **Nursery-** Visiting the dentist, why it is important to look after our teeth, designing a healthy lunchbox.
- **Reception-** Looking at transport, different types of transport and what transport we have used.
- **Year 1-** continue practice real and nonsense words and we will start our new text Owl Babies. Maths we are learning to count forwards and backwards from 50-100. We will be continuing looking and identifying parts of a plant.
- **Year 2-** Reading - We will be continuing to read Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl and making comparisons to other texts. Maths - We will be reading, interpreting and creating our own bar graphs. PE - We will be learning how to receive and return a ball and strike a ball with a bat.
- **Year 3-** English - Writing a diary entry linked to our class text, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. History - The Victorians
- **Year 4-** Vipers- The Miraculous Adventures of Edward Tulane English- Looking at the features of a diary entry Maths- Measurement- angles, History/Geography- continuing with The Anglo-Saxons and Volcanoes and Earthquakes

- **Year 5-** Computing – We are VR designers, Reading and writing – War Horse – Looking deeper into how horses were used in battle and thinking about how to write a persuasive argument in relation to this. Maths – Multiplying and dividing decimals
- **Year 6-** History - Windrush, science- evolution, PE athletics

## Year 6 Come Dine With Me

 <p>The Year Six 'Come Dine With Me' menus all came from the children themselves. They researched recipes and created their group menus. The starters had to include Red Pepper, the main course had to include Cod and the dessert had to include either Mango or Pineapple.</p>				
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Starter	Stuffed Peppers with Chunky Chips	Hot Pepper Nachos	Vegetable Spring Rolls with Red Pepper Red Pepper Pesto Pasta	Red Pepper Pizza
Main Course	Cod Bites with Cheesy Chips	Cod, Lemon and Tomato Basil Pasta	Fish Fingers and Baked Vegetables	Baked Cod with spices
Dessert	Mango and Banana American Pancakes	Honey Fruit Salad	Pineapple Crumble	Pineapple Upside Down Cake
<p>After preparing, cooking and taste testing, we had to choose a winning group to be crowned 'Come Dine With Me' Champions.</p> <p>Group 2 were the winning team, however all the groups had amazing menus so congratulations to all of Year 6.</p>				



## Lunch Menu Week Commencing 12/06/2023



## Celebration Assembly

A big well done to;

Little Learners - **Oliver Nicholls**

Nursery- **Amelia Aimes**

Reception- **Caleb Ebanks**

Class 1- **Hunter Cowell**

Class 2- **Lincoln Wesley**

Class 3- **Brae Bethell**

Class 4- **Maya Stefanowska**

Class 5- **Ellie-Mae Brindle-Wilkes**

Class 6- **Aaron Bhart**

Deputy Headteacher- Mrs Steatham- **Finn Reid**

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