



# Featherstone Academy Newsletter-

## Week Ending -23/06/2023

### A Message from The Headteacher

With only 4 weeks left to go, while teachers remain fully committed to the children currently in their care, some time begins to be spent ensuring a stringent and robust handover and transitional process for the children. This will intensify further before the year draws to a close. There is still so much to do this year though! This newsletter, even more so as normal, contains really important information for all parents to read and action where necessary.

### Key Dates

Thursday 29th June - **Year 2 Books & Biscuits 2:30pm**

Thursday 6th July - **Year 3 Books & Biscuits 2:30pm**

Friday 7th July - **Year 4 Books & Biscuits 2:30pm**

Monday 10th July- **Children's University Graduation 2pm**

Tuesday 11th July- Parents Evening- **Little Learners- Year 5 3:30pm-6:30pm**

Wednesday 12th July - **Year 5 Books & Biscuits 2:30pm**

Thursday 13th July - **Year 6 Books & Biscuits 2:30pm**

Thursday 13th July - **EYFS Sports Day** (gates open at **9:15am**, **start time 9:30am**)

Friday 14th July - **Year 1 - Year 6 Sports Day** (gates open at **9:15am**, **start time 9:30am for approx 2 hours** )

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)

### Teachers For Next Year

While I originally shared that this information would be provided on 30th June, we are in a position to share earlier than anticipated who will be leading the classes next year.

Little Learners - **Miss Isla Harvey**

Nursery - **Trudy Nicholls**

Reception - **Mrs Joanne Key** (**Mrs Chloe Lucas** will return from maternity in March 2024)

Year 1 - **Miss Anna Smith**

Year 2 - **Miss Phoebe Shaw** - **Miss Shaw** is joining us and has already been volunteering her time to be with the children and will continue to do so which shows her dedication and enthusiasm

Year 3 - **Mr Ryan Williams**

Year 4 - **Miss Danielle Davis**

Year 5 - **Miss Rosie Tkaczuk**

Year 6 - **Mr Adam Hayes** - **Mr Hayes** is a long term employee of the wider academy trust and is local to the area and is a highly experienced and effective teacher who is moving to Featherstone Academy.

## School Governor Support

We are looking for at least 1 more parent and also members of the community who are not necessarily parents of the school to join and be part of our school governance. We currently have Mr Stephen Byrne representing the school and would really appreciate if more came forward. Please contact me if you are able to spare some time for this. It involves an online meeting once a term and a termly visit in school at most.

## Parents Evening

While it was initially stated parents evenings would take place in the traditional fashion on 10th and 11th of July, our intention is to trial something a little different for our third and final one. Our plan is to now have a much more informal visit to school by parents on the evening of the 11th July. This is anytime between 3:30 and 6:30pm and is an opportunity to look at your child's work in their classroom, talk to their current teacher, meet the new teacher (we are aiming to have any new teachers with us too where possible), have some tea/coffee and some cake in a more relaxed environment. To ensure that no period of time is overrun, please either: call school, email [information@](mailto:information@) or visit the office to book a slot to come. You only need one booking per family. If in addition to this you would like to make an appointment for a more in depth, specific conversation with the teacher, you could arrange this with the teacher on this evening. Our next formal evening will be October. We look forward to welcoming you all.

## School Meal Price Increase

From 1st September 2023 there will be a 15p price increase in the cost of a primary school meal from £2.20 to £2.35 per day for paying pupils in Little Learners & classes 3, 4, 5 and 6, who choose to have meals provided in school.

Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive free school meals under the universal free school meal scheme. In Featherstone Academy, school meal prices have not increased since 2018 (5 years). The

unfortunate increase is due to natural food price increases and school will be absorbing some of these costs internally.

If you feel you may be entitled to free school meals, please speak to the School office on 01902 734167 to arrange a free school meal eligibility check to be submitted on your behalf. Alternatively, you can apply online at [Apply online - Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council](#)

## School Snack and Drinks

Thank you all for being supportive in the changing to snacks at breaktime, this has been a success. One area we are continuing to have issues is where children bring in Prime bottles. Examples of issues had are: children pouring fizzy drink inside, them being lost which results in upsets, altercations between children as to who they belong to. While I understand the current ongoing craze around Prime, please can I ask that these bottles are not brought into school from Monday.

## Soccer 2000 sports coaching and after school clubs

For sports coaching and after school clubs we are changing providers. Our offer now includes 2 lunchtime clubs and an additional afternoon sports session in school. These will be spread fairly across the school to ensure equal access. After school clubs in September will run for the whole term and there will be a charge of £5 total for every club, this works out at approximately 40 pence per 1 hour sports session. **Please complete an email to [information@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:information@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk) stating which after school club you wish to sign up for and will be first come first served.**

Zumba club - Monday - Years 3 and 4 - Maximum 20 children - Mr Williams

Science club - Monday - Years 4, 5 and 6 - Maximum 20 children - Miss Tkaczuk

Quicksticks hockey - Tuesday - Years 1 and 2 - Maximum 30 children - 2 x sports coaches

Arrows archery - Friday - Years 3, 4 and 5 - Maximum 30 children - 2 x sports coaches

Football - Friday - Years 5 and 6 - Maximum 30 children - 2 x sports coaches

## Class Learning

Take a look at what your children will be learning in class week commencing 26/06/2023;

- **Nursery-** Looking at the role of a police officer and all the important jobs they do.
- **Reception-** Theme Under the sea. What creatures live under the sea.
- **Year 1-** In science we will be answering the question and conducting an experiment to decide whether people with longer legs can jump the furthest. In PE we will be practicing our throwing skills and changing direction

- **Year 2-** Science, Year 2 will be observing how temperature has affected their cress growth. They will be writing down their observations and checking to see if their predictions were correct. In Reading, children will be continuing to read Fantastic Mr Fox and using explanation and inference skills. In PSHE, we will be discussing what it means to be a good friend and how to make good choices.
- **Year 3-** Assessments in Maths, Reading, Punctuation and Grammar. In the afternoons, we will be investigating our big science question: 'How can we protect an egg when dropped from a height?' Completing our Geography topic of Fairtrade as well as exploring our Art unit.
- **Year 4-** Vipers- The Miraculous Adventures of Edward Tulane Science- How can we make a ping-pong ball levitate? P.E- Tennis
- **Year 5-** Science Week- How can we make a toy boat go faster? PE- Hockey Skills, Reading- Getting towards the end of War Horse and using different summarise techniques, such as the rollercoaster technique.
- **Year 6-** Science Week- generating electricity, P.E-rounders.

## Celebration Assembly

A big well done to;

Little Learners - **Carter Lawrence**

Nursery- **Cody Roughton**

Reception- **Noah Cooke**

Class 1- **Amber Sherwood**

Class 2- **Bella Herritage**

Class 3- **Mary-Kate Nolan**

Class 4- **Abbigail Pountney**

Class 5- **Jenson Harris**

Class 6- **David Nolan**

Headteacher - Mr Gatrad- **Ethan Dredge**

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