



# Featherstone Academy Newsletter-

## Week Ending- 30/06/2023

### A Message From The Headteacher

The children in school have done so well this week with most children across the school undertaking a range of assessments to check on ongoing learning and for us to analyse learning needs for next year, well done to all!

### Key Dates

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)**

### Sports Days- 13th & 14th July

**EYFS**

We look forward to welcoming you to our **EYFS** Sports Day on the 13th July at 9:30am. Can we ask that all parents enter via the KS2 gate which will be open from 9:15 to allow you to get a seat. The children have been working hard practicing the races. All children will be taking part in all the races, these are: Running race, beanbag hoop race, pushchair race, egg and spoon race and quoit balance race. Please ensure your child arrives to school with their PE kit on a water bottle, a hat and suncream applied if it is hot.

### **Year 1-6**

Sports Day for Years **1 - 6** will be on Friday 14th July. We will begin at 9.30am and events will last for approximately 2 hours on the school field.

The children are all taking part in a rotation of activities, so parents will be able to follow them round 6 different stations: Track, Javelin, Discus, Shot Put, Long Jump and Hoop Ring Throw. Children will be sat in classes at all times. We will then come together for special sprint races: Y1/2 sprint, Y3/4 sprint, Y5/6 sprint and then the finale will be a Parent/Staff sprint!

Our kitchen will be providing refreshments for parents on the day, in an area away from the field.

## Year 6 Transition Day to Cheslyn Hay 4th & 5th June

On Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th June our Year 6 children who will be starting Cheslyn Hay in September will have transition days. Parents are responsible for taking their child on the day, therefore if younger siblings are late to school, they will not be marked as late on these two days.

## Parent Survey

We need your help! While we have done a lot of parent surveys which share parent's experiences and views of all elements related to school, while these will continue, it will become more common practice to seek parental views on other areas before making decisions that may impact them, their children and the community. This is our first trial of this and I would really appreciate as many responses as possible. It should take less than 30 seconds. It relates to homework, school trips and holiday clubs. They are completely anonymous and if you would be able to complete the amount of surveys for the number of children you have in school, that would be really helpful.

[Featherstone Academy Survey](#)

## 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@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk) 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.

## 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

## Parent Volunteers

We now have a handful of parent volunteers that attend the school to support children across the school on a weekly basis. This is usually 1:1 reading in KS1 and KS2 on some occasions it will be to help with school trips and events. We are appealing for more parents to give just a few hours of their time when they can.

On the day you volunteer, we also invite you to have a free school meal and sit with your child during lunch time.

Mrs Vitta who has volunteered with us this term has expressed, " I feel I have an impact on the children's learning experience, this makes me feel really satisfied."

If you can give a little of your time, please speak to the school office.

## Eco Competition

As part of our application for a green flag award (Eco School) we would like to encourage years 1-6 to design posters for a competition. This will be to remind local residents about littering in the community and dog fouling. The aim will be to discourage people from leaving their litter/dog fouling on the floor.

These posters will be judged by eco councillors and winning entries will be displayed around the community. Entries in by 6th July and winners announced on the 7th July.

### **Eco Donation Box**

As eco councilors we are working hard to make our community better. The children have come up with an idea of an eco donation box, therefore we are kindly asking for donations of items such as:

- Plant Seeds
- Plants
- Bird Seeds
- Bird Feeders
- Compost
- Anything else will be gratefully received



Friday 21st July - **Year 6 Disco 5:30pm-7:30pm**

### **Returning Books**

All books will need returning to school before Summer please. At parents evening, there will be an array of books that do not fit our book banding system that would be ashame to throw away, these will be available for parents and children to take for free as they please.



A big well done to;

Little Learners - Sienna Kumar

Nursery- Connie Greenaway

Reception- Cobey Atkinson

Class 1- Jack Mapley

Class 2- Klara Morgan

Class 3- Kaitlyn Northwood

Class 4- Aarush Shukla

Class 5- Evie Reid

Class 6- Luka Greenway

Headteacher - Mr Gatrad- Sophia Humpage

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