

Featherstone Academy's Newsletter - Week Ending 01/09/2023

A message from Mr Gatrad

I hope everyone has had an amazing Summer and the children (and parents) are excited for school to be back next week. Just a reminder that the start date for children is Wednesday and there are INSET days Monday and Tuesday. I wanted to share a newsletter before term started as there are some key dates coming up soon and I also wanted to share what's been happening at school over the Summer. Teachers have been in preparing classrooms too and on Monday and Tuesday will be involved in a variety of training sessions including safeguarding, SEN, Autism Awareness Training, handling different behaviour issues and mental health. Looking forward to seeing all the children on Wednesday, as I know all the staff are.

Meet the Teacher

We would like to invite you to come and meet your child's new teacher. This is a chance to hear the expectations for their new year group, find out about routines (PE, reading, homework), see your child's new classroom and to ask any questions you may have.

We have arranged the following times for 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, 3:30-4:00pm:-

Year 1 - Wednesday 6th September

Year 2 - Thursday 7th September

Year 3 and Year 4 - Monday 11th September

Year 5 - Wednesday 13th September

Year 6 - Thursday 14th September

Summer Site Works

When children return on Wednesday, they will notice a lot of changes that have happened over the summer. Corridors and several classrooms have been painted, new flooring has been fitted in the Year 1 creative area as well as many new amazing resources to support the children's learning across many year groups. We will share more updates as the school year commences, here is a sneak peak at some of the changes so far. We are sure your children will come home and tell you about the new and exciting environments.











Changes to Perimeter Fencing

As many of you will have noticed, we have replaced the perimeter fencing around the school, to improve the security and safety for all. Access to KS2 playground for the beginning and the end of the school day will remain the same, as well as access to Little Learners, Nursery and Reception. There will no longer be access to the school car park for parents and children this is an additional safety measure. If you require to access the school office, there is an intercom system on the car park entrance, this will allow you communication directly with the school office.



School Start Times

All gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am.

KS1 & KS2 (Years 1-6) bell rings and children enter school at 8:50am. End of school day 3:20pm.

Reception classroom door opens at 8:55am. End of school day 3:25pm.

Nursery door opens at 9:00am. End of school day 3:00pm

If your child enters through the main school office after 8:55am, they will be marked as late.

Change of Email Address

Please note our information email address has changed to information@fea.greenheartlearning.org. There will be a period of time where emails sent to the old address will divert automatically.

After-School Clubs

Have you booked a place in one of our great After School Clubs yet?

After school clubs in September will run for the whole term and there will be a charge of £5 for each club, this works out at approximately 40 pence per 1 hour sports session. Many of you have already booked a place, but there are still spaces available. Please send an email to information@fea.greenheartlearning.org stating which after school club you wish to sign up for and we will confirm your child's place. A charge of £5 will be added to your MCAS account.

Zumba Club - Monday - Years 3, 4 & 5 - Mr Williams (Starts 11th Sept)

Science Club - Monday - Years 4, 5 & 6 - Miss Tkaczuk (Starts 11th Sept)

Quicksticks Hockey - Tuesday - Years 1, 2 & 3 - 2 x sports coaches (Starts 12th Sept)

Arrows Archery - Friday - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 2 x sports coaches (Starts 8th Sept)

Football - Friday - Years 4, 5 & 6 - 2 x sports coaches (Starts 8th Sept)

P.E. Days

This term's PE days are as follows:-

NURSERY - WEDNESDAY

RECEPTION - THURSDAY

YEAR 1 - FRIDAY

YEAR 2 - THURSDAY

YEAR 3 - MONDAY

YEAR 4 - TUESDAY

YEAR 5 - WEDNESDAY

YEAR 6 - FRIDAY

PE lessons will commence week beginning 11th September for all year groups, however we are asking Year 6 to come in PE kit on Friday 8th September.

Children are to come to school in the appropriate PE kit on these days. A polite reminder, PE kit is a white top, royal blue/dark shorts or dark jogging bottoms, dark coloured hoodie or jumper if needed, trainers or pumps.

School Uniform

As the new school year begins, can we please ask that school uniform, including coats, are clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps us to return lost property to the correct owners.

We have had a great uptake on our offer of pre-loved school uniform. This will continue to be available and is located in the school entrance. Please feel free to have a browse and select any items you may need.

Key Dates

Wednesday 6th September - children return to school.

Wednesday 6th September - Year 1 Parents meeting 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Thursday 7th September - School Photographer

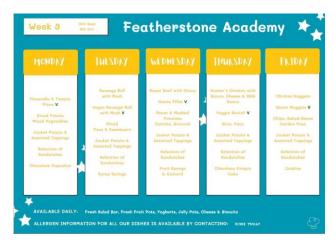
Thursday 7th September - Year 2 Parents meeting 3.30pm - 4.00pm

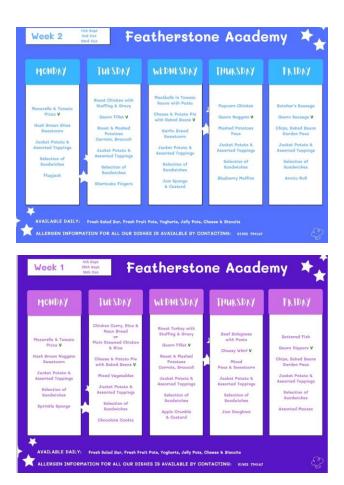
Monday 11th September - Year 3 and 4 Parents meeting 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Wednesday 13th September - Year 5 Parents meeting 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Thursday 14th September- Year 6 Parents meeting 3.30pm - 4.00pm

School Dinner Menu





Term Dates 2023/2024

TERM DATES 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 4th September 2023 (children not in school)

Tuesday 5th September 2023 (children not in school)

Autumn Term 1 starts: Wednesday 6 September 2023

Autumn Term 1 ends: Friday 27 October 2023

Holiday: Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November 2023

Autumn Term 2 starts: Monday 6 November 2023

Autumn Term 2 ends: Thursday 21 December 2023

Inset Day: Friday 22 December 2023 (children not in school)

Holiday: Monday 25 December 2023 - Friday 5 January 2024

Spring Term 2024

Spring Term 1 starts: Monday 8 January 2024

Spring Term 1 ends: Friday 9 February 2024

Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February 2024

Spring Term 2 Starts: Monday 19 February 2024

Spring Term 2 ends: Thursday 21 March 2024

Inset day: Friday 22 March 2024 (children not in school)

Holiday: Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April 2024

Summer Term 2024

Summer Term 1 starts: Monday 8 April 2024

May Day: Monday 6 May 2024

Summer Term 1 ends: Friday 24 May 2024

Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024

Summer Term 2 starts: Monday 3 June 2024

Summer Term 2 ends: Friday 19 July 2024

Inset Day: Monday 22 July 2024 (children not in school)

Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August 2024

Autumn Term 1 starts: Monday 2 September 2024

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