



# Featherstone Academy Newsletter-Week Ending- 13/10/2023

## A Message From The Headteacher

This week we have mapped out important and exciting dates for parents to note in their diaries that I hope everyone sees as a real positive. Due to not impacting learning where possible, some practicing will be happening weekly for the children so when you start hearing Christmas carols being sung around the house in October, I can only apologise!

## Key Dates

Monday 16th October Virtual Reality Day- **Years 1-6**

Monday 23rd October - Harvest Assembly-

Tuesday 24th October - Weight and Height Assessment **Year 6 & Reception**

Wednesday 18th October - Ancient Egypt Day- **Year 5**

Friday 27th October - Halloween Disco (**Years 1-6**)

Friday 27th October - Autumn 1 term ends

Monday 6th November - Autumn 2 term starts

Wednesday 8th November - Cinema Trip **Year 2** (Dudley Cineworld) **Years 5 and 6** (Telford Cineworld)

Friday 10th November - Cinema Trip **Year 3** (Telford Cineworld)

Monday 13th November - Anti-Bullying Week begins

Friday 17th November - Children in Need

Tuesday 21st November and Wednesday 22nd November - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 22nd November - Cinema **Trip Year 4** (Telford Cineworld)

Wednesday 15th November - Gurdwara Trip **Year 6**

Thursday 16th November School Photographs- **All Year groups**

Friday 8th December - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children)

Friday 15th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 19th December - **Little Learners and Nursery** Nativity

Tuesday 19th December - **Years 3 & 4** Carol Concert

Wednesday 20th December - **Reception** Nativity

Wednesday 20th December - **Years 5 & 6** Carol Concert

Thursday 21st December - **Years 1 & 2** Nativity

## 30 Hour Funding- Nursery & Little Learners

For those eligible for 30 hours funding for our Little Learners and Nursery provision, parents must check their eligibility every 3 months. Please ensure you are aware of this responsibility and understand that funding will be jeopardised if you do not undertake the check and may be liable to pay for any services taken at your provision not covered by the funding. For further information, visit [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk).



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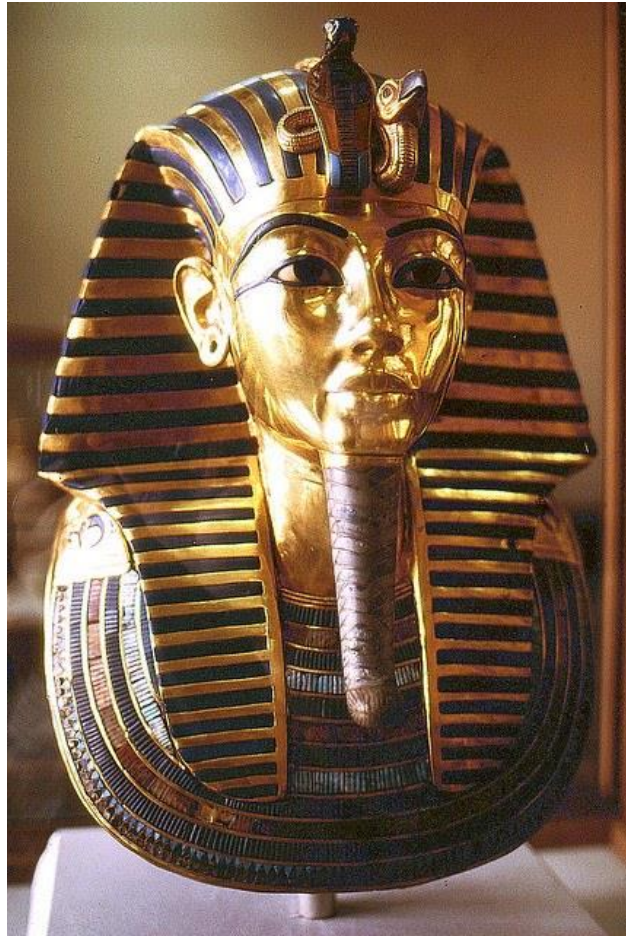


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## Year 5 Ancient Egypt Day

On Wednesday (18th October), Year 5 We will be joined by the 'Widget Workshop' team who will assist in transporting the children back to Ancient Egypt with the use of VR technology. We would love for the children to come dressed up in Ancient Egyptian attire for the day, to really immerse themselves in the whole experience. Whether this costume is made, bought, or the children come in with an accessory - we would love to see some creative costumes.



## Halloween Disco -

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This year, we will be holding a special Halloween Disco for Years 1-6 on Friday 27th October. We are asking for a small donation of £2 for each ticket. Included in this, children will be provided with some refreshments and a hot dog to eat. Children are welcome to dress up for this spooky occasion. Please see the times below:

Years 1-3 disco - 4 - 4:45pm

Years 4-6 disco - 5.15 - 6pm



## Anti-Bullying Week

This year, to celebrate Anti-bullying week, we are asking children to come to school on **Monday 13th November** wearing odd socks. This will be a chance for individuals to join together to show that it's ok to be different and to celebrate everyone's individuality.





## Children In Need

On Friday 17th November, we will be celebrating Children in Need. This year, we are asking children to come into school wearing SPOTacular clothing for a small donation of £1. There will be fundraising activities throughout the day to support the charity, therefore children will be able to come into school with small donations. Please could these be put into an envelope with your child's name on the front.

## Christmas in School

Christmas

Lots of exciting Christmas festivities have already been planned for this year, including **Christmas Jumper Day** (8th December) as well as **Christmas Dinner Day** (15th December).

This year, our Early Years classes and KS1 will be taking part in Nativity productions.

Nursery and Little Learners - Tuesday 19th December, 9.30am

Reception - Wednesday 20th December, 9.30am

Years 1 & 2 - Thursday 21st December, 9.30am

We will also be have two Christmas Carol Concerts for Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6.

Years 3 & 4 Carol Concert -Tuesday 19th December, 2.30pm

Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert -Wednesday 20th December, 2.30pm

We would love for you to join us for these events and tickets will be allocated to 3 per child. These will be given to the children, in a small bag, after half term.

On the day, we will be serving mince pies as well as refreshments for you to enjoy.



## Cut Your Carbon

*Throughout November, we're challenging all pupils to complete 9 small, carbon-cutting actions at home, with the help of friends and family.*

*Completing these challenges will raise awareness, change behaviours, and cut carbon – a greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change.*

*All pupils, who wish to take part, will bring home a checklist before half term, outlining the simple, easy to deliver actions. This will help you to tick them off throughout the month.*

*THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!*



## Harvest Festival

It's that time of year and we are celebrating Harvest Festival! In October, there will be a special assembly with singing and a visit from Reverend Duckett. In preparation for the event we ask children to bring in a donation from the list below at some point over the next three weeks. We will be supporting a local charity who support the local people and their wellbeing. The donations will be collected by the 'Food Bank' on Monday 23rd October. We are proud to be supporting such a fantastic charity. Items to donate

Sugar

Rice

Shaving Foam

Powdered Milk

Meat (tinned)

Shampoo

Tomatoes (tinned)

Coffee

Deodorants

Vegetables (tinned)

Dilutable drinks



Soap

Pasta

Sauce

Pasta

Breakfast cereals

Biscuits

## Cross Country Year 3 & 4

On Tuesday some Year 3 and 4 children took part in the cross country event. They did really well and showed amazing resilience, even when it got really tough. I haven't seen a more supportive team either. All through the event they were cheering on their friends and chanting for their school. Great work and teamwork!!!

Well done we are so proud of you!





## Class Learning w/c 16/10/23

**Nursery:** we are starting our learning about autumn. We will be going on an autumn walk and looking at the changes we can see in trees. We will also be creating autumn pictures.

**Reception: 'Where I Go To School' we will begin to look at our school, where it is and do we have siblings in school.**

**Class 1:** This week in Year 1 we will be starting our new topic in Maths which is addition. The children will begin to use part-whole models to explore ways to adding two numbers together. In the afternoons the children will be exploring RE where we will look at what does caring and belonging mean in different religions. We will also be starting our Music topic where the children will be clapping and finding the rhythm of different songs.

**Class 2:** In Maths, we will be consolidating our confidence of using Base 10 to add and subtract numbers, English: We are going to focus on writing sentences that are sequenced to form a short narrative. These must include a capital letter to start and a full stop at the end. Some of us will be using 'and', 'or' or 'but' to extend our sentences, Religious Education: Caring for the natural world. We will explore stories from religious traditions and find out about attitudes towards the natural world, Science: Use a food chain to show how animals get their food.

**Class 3:** Art: Looking into the artist, William Morris and his work with printing. Children will build up to printing using paints and a symmetrical pattern, Writing: Looking into the key features involved in writing a non chronological report and what we would include involving the stone age, Science: Looking at how shadows are formed and how the size and direction of them change.

**Class 4:** English- The Lost Happy Endings- Planning, writing and editing a setting description on a forest, Reading- The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, Maths- Addition and Subtraction- Subtracting numbers starting off with no exchange moving onto exchanging, History- Ancient Greece- To compare Sparta and Athens, investigating a significant event, looking at an Ancient Greek hoplite, Alexander the Great and looking at how Greeks impacted on life today.

**Class 5:** In history, children will be learning all about Ancient Egypt, with a focus on Egyptian Gods. This will begin with the children being taken back to Ancient Egypt through their VR experience day on Wednesday, In English, children will be writing a prequel to our current class text 'Way Home' by Libby Hathorn. Children will be encouraged to use emotive language and descriptive writing in their stories, In maths, children will be continuing to learn about fractions. Children will apply their skills of ordering and comparing, as well as begin to add and subtraction fractions together.

**Class 6:** In year 6 we have another great week to look forward to. In Maths, children will explore estimation and using mental maths strategies to solve calculations. In English, we will describe characters and plan their narrative for next week. In Science, children will classify animals with the local area according to their characteristics. and in Geography, year six will continue to explore the United States of America. we will explore the different landscapes and environments found there as well as the natural phenomena that occur.

## Celebration Assembly

A big Featherstone well done to;

Little Learners- **Elijah-Lee Brown**

Nursery- **Orla Pemberton**

Reception- **Benjamin Purcell**

Class 1-**Freddie Sampson**

Class 2- **Eliza Brownbill**

Class 3- **Grace Lloyd**

Class 4- **Elle Garner**

Class 5- **Blake Hadley**

Class 6- **Freddie Downes**

Mrs Streatham- Deputy Head- **Victor Lungu**

## Lunch Menu w/c 16/10/23

Week 1 <small>16th Sept 20th Sept 19th Oct</small> Featherstone Academy				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mozarella & Tomato Pizza ✓	Chicken Curry, Rice & Naan Bread or Plain Steamed Chicken & Rice	Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Bolognaise with Pasta	Battered Fish
Hash Brown Nuggets Sweetcorn	Cheese & Potato Pie with Saled Beans ✓	Guorn Fillet ✓	Cheesy Whirl ✓	Guorn Dippers ✓
Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Mixed Vegetables	Roast & Mashed Potatoes	Mixed Peas & Sweetcorn	Chips, Diced Beans Garden Peas
Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Carrots, Broccoli	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings
Sprinkle Sponge	Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches
	Chocolate Cookie	Plain Muffin & Custard	Jam Doughnut	Assorted Pousse
★ AVAILABLE DAILY: Fresh Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurts, Jelly Pots, Cheese & Biscuits				
★ ALLERGEN INFORMATION FOR ALL OUR DISHES IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING: 01902 734167				

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