



Featherstone Academy Newsletter-Week  
Ending-17/11/23

## A Message From The Headteacher

Next week marks our first parents evening of the year, I look forward to seeing you all then. If you would like to have a conversation about anything I will be around the whole time, or please do come and say hello.

There have been some instances in school of inappropriate use of social media and mobile phones, we will be doing a lot of work with parents and children around this in order to best support us all. If this is something anyone is experiencing, please let me know.

## Key Dates

Tuesday 21st November - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 22nd November - Parents' Evening

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

Thursday 30th November - **Cadbury World Trip - Year 4**

Friday 7th December- Wonderland Visit- **Nursery & Reception**

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

Friday 15th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 19th December - **Little Learners and Nursery** Nativity - 9:30am

Tuesday 19th December - **Years 3 & 4** Carol Concert - 2:30pm

Wednesday 20th December - **Reception** Nativity- 9:30am

Wednesday 20th December - **Years 5 & 6** Carol Concert -2:30pm

Thursday 21st December - **Years 1 & 2** Nativity - 9:30am

## Zumba, Science and Hockey Club- 20th-21st Nov

The following clubs are cancelled for week commencing 20th November only:-

Monday - **Science & Zumba**

Tuesday - **Hockey**

Clubs will return back to normal the following week. Thank you for your understanding.

If you do need to use our wraparound club please contact the school office

## Parents Evening- Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd Nov

There is still some availability for parents evening on Tuesday 21st November and Wednesday 22nd November. If you have yet to book an appointment, please do so through your MCAS (My child at school) account. If you are having any difficulty in booking, please call the school office.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see how your child has settled into their new classroom, see their books and discuss how we can work together to further your child's education.

Mr Gatrad will be in attendance and would appreciate if all Year 6 parents could make time to speak with him during the evening.

## Children In Need

It was amazing to see all of the children today dressed up in their own clothes and Pudsey merchandise, you all really did make a great effort to celebrate such a fantastic cause. Children enjoyed the activities today such as penalty shoot out with Mr Williams, Mr Hayes and Mr Harper in goal. We also has guess the name of the teddy bear and guess how many sweets in the jar, all winners will be announced in celebration assembly. We raised as a school an impressive £293.00.

Thank you again for always supporting our school charity days.



## Little Learners, Nursery and Reception Nativity information

We have started to get into the Christmas spirit a little earlier this year to make sure everything is perfect for our Nativity productions. 🎄

A reminder of your child's performances:

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

**Reception** - Wednesday 20th December - 9.30am

We are kindly asking parents to source a costume for their child's role. If you have any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher and we will happily help.

**Reception and Nursery**, by now your child will have come home with a slip to let you know what their part is in their Nativity and the costume linked to this. As well as any lines they need to learn.

**Little Learners**, you are all going to be our excellent elves, so will need an elf costume please.

Can all costumes be brought into school on Monday 11th December. This will allow us to complete dress rehearsals that week in preparation for their final performances.

Due to space in the hall, each family will be provided with 4 tickets to their child's performance. These will be sent home in December before the performance dates.

As always, if you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.



## WHATSAPP

According to Ofcom, WhatsApp is used by more than half of 3-17 year olds in the UK (including one in three from the 8-11 bracket), despite its 16+ age restriction. If your child hops onto WhatsApp to stay in

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, tips and tips for adults.



### Children's University Afterschool club codes

You can add these activities by using the codes below

Hockey - Yellow0047

Football - Purple9962

Archery – Green5922

Choir – Green0500

Zumba – Blue8515

Science – Orange5572

Any problems do not hesitate to get in touch

## Attendance- W/C 13/11/23

Whole School - 94.7% Target 96%

Year 1 - 97.0%

Year 2 - 92.6%

Year 3 - 95.5%

Year 4 - 94.5%

Year 5 - 94.5%

Year 6 - 94.2%

## Celebration Assembly

A big Featherstone well done to;

Little Learners- **Bobby Fern**

Nursery- **Bobby-Lee Cowell**

Reception- **Emmanuella Boahmah**

Class 1- **Chris Kowala**

Class 2- **Evie Sargent and Ramario Hines-Thomas**

Class 3- **Klara Morgan**

Class 4- **Isaac Byrne**

Class 5- **Lily Walker**

Class 6- **Evie Reid**

Mrs Steatham- Deputy Head- **Leo Kumar**

Mr Gatrad - Headteacher- **Willow Bennett**

## Class Learning

**Nursery:** Next week we are starting our Space topic we will be using the story Whatever Next as a hook for learning

Children will be roleplaying and sequencing the story

**Reception: Autumn and Winter- we will focus on seasons in particular Autumn and Winter. We will discuss the changes in the weather and types of clothing we wear.**

**Class 1:** Maths - We will be continuing with our addition and subtraction and using number lines to help us,

English - We have currently been reading The Tiger Who Came To Tea and next week the children will be writing their own narrative where the children will be writing about animal who came to visit them for tea.

In the afternoons the children will be starting our new topic with Jigsaw Jack in PSHE and we will be celebrating differences.

**Class 2:** In Year 2 next week, the children will be writing a retelling in English, 'The Fish who was Afraid of Water' inspired by our class book 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark.' In Maths, they will be using subtraction to take away two-digit numbers. In computing, they will become game testers and will explore the rules and algorithms of how games work.

**Class 3:** Writing: Children will be writing their newspaper reports on the devastating news that The Iron Man invaded Featherstone Academy and destroyed parts of the school. They will be using their quotes from the people they interviewed and informing the public on who this mysterious giant is. DT: Children will be looking at the structures of castles and designing and building their own castles using a variety of different shapes. They will have the chance to design, build, decorate and evaluate their structures.

Maths: We will be continuing our work in Multiplication and Division by using arrays and bar models to help our understanding.

**Class 4:** English- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- planning, writing and editing a story from an imaginary world. Reading- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- Summarising, retrieval, inference, vocabulary. Maths- Multiplication and Division. R.E- Celebrating harvest.

**Class 5:** In English next week, Year 5 will be writing a persuasive advert, persuading people to visit the fictional town of Glockenheim. In Maths, children will be focusing on subtraction and answering multi-step word problems. In Computing, children will become Cryptographers and will learn how to send and receive messages using Morse and semaphore.

**Class 6:** Year 6 have an exciting week of lessons ahead. In Maths, children will explore multiplying and dividing fractions of numbers as well as finding fractions of amounts. In English, children will write their discussion text, presenting for and against argument related to, 'Should children be



homeschooled?' before concluding what the evidence shows. In reading, children will continue to explore the book we are reading, 'Wonder', answering a range of questions and discussing key characters within the story. Year 6 will explore electrical circuits in Science, making circuits from the diagrams and testing if the bulb will light up or not and giving reasons why. Our Science will also link to our Design and Technology topic this week as children will be planning, designing and creating a simple electrical game that involves having a steady hand. Children will then evaluate their own as well as each others games.

## Lunch Menu- W/C q1'20/11/23

<div> <div>Week 3</div> <div>20th Nov 11th Dec</div> <div>Featherstone Academy</div> </div>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<div>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza V</div> <div>Hashbrown Nuggets Sweetcorn, Baked Beans</div> <div>Jacket Potato &amp; Assorted Toppings</div> <div>Selection of Sandwiches</div> <div>Blueberry Ruffin Custard</div>	<div>Fish Fingers</div> <div>Cheese Pie V</div> <div>Mashed Potatoes Peas, Baked Beans</div> <div>Jacket Potato &amp; Assorted Toppings</div> <div>Selection of Sandwiches</div> <div>Chocolate &amp; Vanilla Biscuits Custard</div>	<div>Roast Chicken &amp; Stuffing</div> <div>Quorn Fillet V</div> <div>Roast &amp; Mashed Potatoes Carrots, Broccoli, Baked Beans</div> <div>Jacket Potato &amp; Assorted Toppings</div> <div>Selection of Sandwiches</div> <div>Rice Pudding Custard</div>	<div>Beef Burger in a Bun</div> <div>Veggie Burger V</div> <div>Boiled Potatoes, Mixed Veg, Spaghetti Hoops</div> <div>Jacket Potato &amp; Assorted Toppings</div> <div>Selection of Sandwiches</div> <div>Jam Tart Custard</div>	<div>Sausages</div> <div>Quorn Sausages V</div> <div>Chips, Baked Beans Garden Peas</div> <div>Jacket Potato &amp; Assorted Toppings</div> <div>Selection of Sandwiches</div> <div>Ice-d Sprinkle Sponge Custard</div>
<div> <div>★ AVAILABLE DAILY: Fresh Baked Bar, Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurts, Jelly Pots, Cheese &amp; Biscuits</div> <div>★ ALLERGEN INFORMATION FOR ALL OUR DISHES IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING: 01902 734167</div> </div>				

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