

Featherstone Academy Newsletter-Week Ending- 08/12/2023

A Message From The Teacher

School is feeling festive with decorations and trees all around and practices for nativities and carol services well underway. I do hope all are able to join for these in the last week of term. Attendance has been gradually creeping up close to the local authority and national averages, which is great, please continue to support this along with our policies and procedures. You can see from the newsletter that we are continuing to ramp up our engagement with families with the return of some popular initiatives in the Spring Term; I hope to see lots of you in school.

Key Dates

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

Thursday 21st December - Children break up

Friday 22nd December - Inset Day (Children not in school)

Monday 8th January - Children return to school

Look Into Learning

After the success of the "Look into Learning" sessions last academic year, we will be repeating them in January. It gives parents the opportunity to come into their child's classroom and experience a lesson with them.

The dates planned are:

Tuesday 16th January – Year 1

Tuesday 23rd January – Year 2

Tuesday 30th January – Year 3

Monday 5th February – Year 4

Tuesday 20th February – Year 5

Tuesday 27th February – Year 6

Sessions will be 9am, 11:00am, 1:30pm. A maximum of 6 parents per session, which can be booked through the school office on a first come first serve basis.

Please call 01902 734166 to book your session.

Books & Biscuits

We welcome Book & Biscuits back in early 2024, come and join your child in our library, listen to them read and share a couple of biscuits together.

Tuesday 5th March- Little Learners

Friday 15th March - Nursery

Friday 22nd March - Reception

Friday 19th April - Year 1

Friday 26th April - Year 2

Friday 3rd May - Year 3

Friday 10th May - Year 4

Friday 17th May - Year 5

Wednesday 5th June - Year 6

We will remind you of these dates nearer the time.

Early Years Funding

**FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY**
LITTLE LEARNERS & NURSERY

CHANGES TO FUNDING
Two-year-olds
Families with children aged two are currently eligible for 15 hours per week funding if they receive certain benefits or are looked after by a local authority. In addition, the government has announced that, from April 2024, ALL eligible working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access funding for 15 hours per week (for 38 weeks of the year).

**LITTLE LEARNERS**
Little Learners offer high quality affordable childcare for children from 2 years of age. We provide children with a safe and happy environment and they leave us as kind, caring and confident individuals.
Children stay in Little Learners until the September after their 3rd birthday, when they can move onto our school nursery. Being part of our early years provision is beneficial as it helps children to settle in, build bonds with adults in the school and form friendships that will stay with them throughout their school life. We are able to focus on and support smooth transitions as they move through school.

**NURSERY**
We provide a warm, happy and stimulating environment for 3-4 year olds, where all children are encouraged to develop lively minds, confidence, independence and caring attitudes towards others and their environment. We plan and provide a wide range of enjoyable and stimulating activities and environments, through which children can explore the world around them, make discoveries, solve problems and relate to other children and adults.
Applications for September 2024 can be made online via our website from January.

FUNDING FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS
Currently ALL three and four year-olds can access 15 hours per week of funded care and education for 38 weeks of the year, regardless of the income or working status of their parent or carer. This is often described as a 'universal offer'.
In addition, eligible working families of three- and four-year-olds can currently access 30 hours a week of funded care and education (for 38 weeks of the year).

**NEXT STEPS....**
FOR FUNDING ENQUIRES OR ADVICE PLEASE CONTACT MRS HARVEY @ FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY ON 01902 734167 OR VIA EMAIL IHARVEY@FEA.GREENHEARTLEARNING.ORG
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR NURSERY PROVISION CALL MRS NICHOLLS ON 01902 734167
IF YOU WISH TO VISIT OUR LITTLE LEARNERS OR NURSERY PROVISION, PLEASE CALL AND BOOK A SCHOOL TOUR.

DUE TO THESE GOVERNMENT CHANGES WE HAVE ALREADY HAD LOTS OF INTEREST IN PLACES FOR APRIL, ONWARDS AND WOULD ENCOURAGE ANY PARENTS WHO WILL BE LOOKING TO JOIN THE SETTING TO MAKE CONTACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO JOIN OUR WAITING LIST.
PROSPECTUS AND APPLICATION PACKS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR ARE AVAILABLE VIA THE LINK ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.

www.featherstoneacademy.co.uk

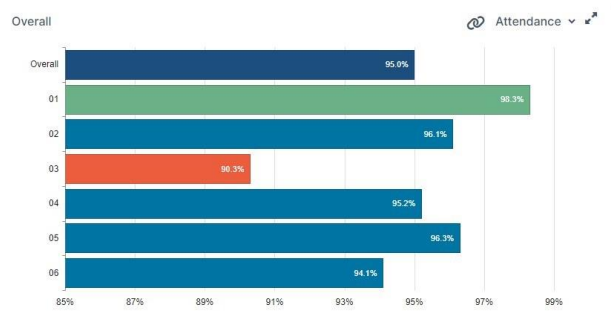
Free School Meal Vouchers

Staffordshire County Council are providing free school meal vouchers for the Christmas break. If you are entitled to free school meals, you will be sent a voucher to use at specified supermarkets, directly to the email address you have registered with school. This is expected to be week commencing 18th December.

Zumba and Science Club

Zumba and Science after school clubs have now finished for the year. Hockey, Football and Archery will be finish next week. We will have new clubs for all children in the new year, more information will go out out to parents before Christmas.

Attendance



Class Learning

Nursery: **Next week we are learning about the true meaning of Christmas and reading the Nativity story. we will also be making Christmas crafts and practicing for our Christmas play**

Reception: Looking at the Christmas Story, we will talk about what we know about it and why some people celebrate Christmas.

Class 1: **In Maths we be using part-whole models to explore the composition of numbers and will identify how the numbers are made. The children will continue to identify ten and ones as well as practicing our formation of numbers. In English we will be continuing with the story Aliens love underpants and we will be exploring new vocabulary from our story. The children will define the key words and we will be using these in our sentences. In Geography we will be learning about our Local Area. We will identify the human and physical features of our area as well as using a compass to navigate different directions. The children will be creating maps of the local area and using a key to identify the different features**

Class 2: In Year 2 next week we will continue to look at poetry and write our own acrostic poem about fireworks. In Maths, we will be counting the vertices of 2D shapes and begin to explore 3D shapes. In D&T we will be making and decorating our mechanical monsters.

Class 3: **Math's: Children will be looking into shapes and angles including turns. There will be lots of practical activities for them to complete using correct vocabulary such as clockwise, anti-clockwise, quarter turns, half turns and full turns. They will be able to create their own mazes and give instructions to help the mouse escape the maze. Music: Children will be using Glockenspiels all week and learn to play to the right tempo and Rythm by reading the notes off of sheet music. They will also be doing a lot of practicing for their amazing Christmas concert. PSHE: Children will continue to look into 'Celebrating Differences'. The importance of families, conflicts and how to resolve these situations. Writing: Children will be writing their stories based on a historical setting (The Iron Man getting transported to the Stone Age). They will be using prepositions, expanded noun phrases and adjectives, as well as making sure they have used the correct punctuation and writing questions.**

Class 4: English- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- writing instructions on how to make chocolate.
Reading- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- summarising, retrieval, inference and vocabulary. PSHE- Celebrating Differences. Music- learning how to play the glockenspiel.

Class 5: In Year 5, Children will be writing stories that build suspense and tension. In RE, children will be looking at how peace is viewed throughout different religions. In Spanish, children will be continuing to learn how to describe their family.

Class 6: Next week in year 6, we have many exciting activities taking place. We will get closer to the climax of our Wonder book in reading and will plan and write a predictive chapter for the book in English. In Maths, year 6 will explore decimal, fraction and percentage equivalents and begin to find a percentage of a number. In Science, children will carry out their own investigation on electricity, making prediction and testing out their ideas. In Spanish, we will explore how to give our opinion and say what we like and dislike - linking this to school life. In Computing, we will be exploring different aspects of e-safety such as fake news, bias within certain news stories and cyber bullying. We will also explore how to be respectful online as well as who you can speak to if you have a problem online.

Celebration Assembly

This will be our last Celebration Assembly of 2023.

A big Featherstone well done to;

Lunchtime Supervisors - **Emily Cooper**

Breakfast Cub- **Kaitlyn Northwood**

Miss Brown-Office- **Harley Hubbard & Leighton Duffus**

Little Learners- **Tyler Pursall**

Nursery- **India Dickinson**

Reception- **Yvansh Shukla**

Class 1- **Joy Greenaway**

Class 2- **Jaxon Harris**

Class 3- **Ellie Marston**

Class 4- **Ella Landucci**

Class 5- **Elsie Bird**

Class 6- **Romeo Kumar**

Mrs Steatham- Deputy Head- **Samaira Thapa**

Mr Gatrad - Headteacher- **Huey Moore**

Lunch Menu

*****Friday 15th December is Christmas Dinner Day, Fridays sausage, chips, beans/peas will now be served on Wednesday 13th December*****

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

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