

Featherstone Academy Newsletter- Week Ending- 01/03/2024

A Message From The Assistant Headteacher

What another fantastic week we have had in school! As always, children have been immersed in a range of learning activities. Some of our smallest children in Reception have been engrossed in observing chicks grow, and learning how to care for them. Our Year 2 children have thoroughly enjoyed testing, designing and preparing their own healthy wraps, and our children in Year 4 have impressed us by designing their own torches in D&T.

A huge thank you to all of the parents and family members that have joined us in our Look into Learning weeks. We hope this is something you continue to enjoy being part of in the years to come. We have lots more exciting events coming up in school, including **Books and Biscuits, Comic Relief and World Book Day**. Please take a look at the key dates below, and add any new ones to your diaries

Key Dates

Tuesday 5th March- Little Learners Books & Biscuits- 2:45pm

Tuesday 5th March- Year 6 Residential/End of year meeting- after school

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day- Whole School

Friday 8th March- Reception Books & Biscuits- 2:45pm ****new date****

Friday 8th March - Year 4 trip to Wolseley Centre

Friday 8th March- Mothers Day Morning 9am-10am - **EYFS ONLY-Little Learners,Nursery & Reception**

Monday 11th March- Year 5 Trip- Tudor World

Tuesday 12th - Wednesday 13th March- **Little Learners Parents Drop In 3pm-3:30pm**

Friday 15th March - Nursery Books & Biscuits- 2:45pm

Friday 15th March- Comic Relief- wear something red

18th-20th March- Scholastic Book Fair ***new date***

19th-20th March- Parents Evening

Thursday 21st March- Easter Bonnet Parade (Early Years only-LL, Nursery and Reception)

Thursday 21st March- World Down Syndrome Day-Rock Your Socks- **Whole School**

Friday 22nd March - Inset Day Children NOT in school

Easter Holidays - Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April

Monday 8th April - Back to School

Friday 19th April Year 1 - Books & Biscuits - 2.45pm

Friday 26th April Year 2 - Books & Biscuits-2.45pm

Friday 3rd May -Year 3 - Books & Biscuits- 2.45pm

Friday 10th May - Year 4 - Books & Biscuits - 2.45pm

Friday 17th May - Year 5 - Books & Biscuits - 2.45pm

Wednesday 5th June Year 6 - Books & Biscuits - 2.45pm

Authorised Pupil Collection List

As always, your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. After reviewing our collection procedures, we are sending out an Authorised Pupil Collection List for all parents to complete and return to school so that staff have the most up to date information.

We are asking you to provide the details of all the people who are authorised to collect your child. This system will ensure all staff are aware of any adults who have permissions to collect your child and reduce the number of calls home at the end of the school day.

We are also asking parents to provide a password which can be used to approve collection in times of an emergency.

Please return all completed forms to the school office or your Childs class teacher by Friday 8th March. The new data will come into force from Monday 11th March.

Year 6 Meeting- Tuesday 5th March

We will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 5th March straight after school for all Year 6 parents to attend. During the meeting we will discuss a number of topics such as;

- SATS
- Y6 Residential
- Transition to Secondary School
- End of Term plan-Leavers Assembly, Leavers Prom etc...

Mother's Day Celebration- Little Learners, Nursery & Reception

On Friday 8th March Little Learners, Nursery and Reception would like to invite their mommy's, carer's or nanny's in to celebrate Mother's Day. The morning will take place in your Childs class and activities

will be indoors and outdoors. This will be 1 adult per child, please let your child's teacher know if you are able to attend

We look forward to seeing you on the day.



Little Learners- Parents Drop In- 12th - 13th March

Little Learners team would like to welcome parents to drop in between 3pm-3:30pm on either Tuesday 12th March or Wednesday 13th March. This will be to look at your children's books and have a little chat with Mrs Harvey and Miss Hagan.

Parents Evening - 19th-20th March

We will be holding parents evening on Tuesday 19th - Wednesday 20th March for Nursery - Year 6

Tuesday 19th March- 15:30 - 19:00

Wednesday 20th March- 15:30 - 16:40

Bookings are now live on your MCAS account. Please select the Parents Evening option from the menu.

We hope to see as many parents attend as possible.

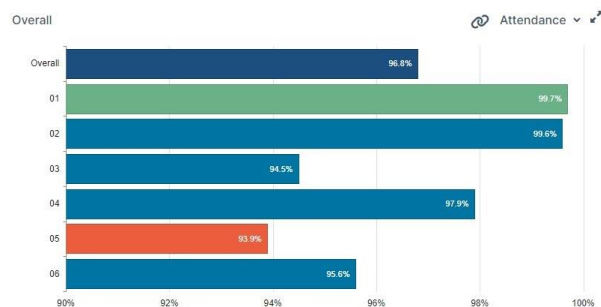
After School Activity Clubs/ Tutoring

Construction, dodgeball, board games, football, gymnastics and all tutoring groups will all come to an end week ending Friday 15th March.

We will be releasing more details on our new after school activity clubs in next weeks Newsletter letter ready for them to start straight after Easter.



Attendance



World Book Day

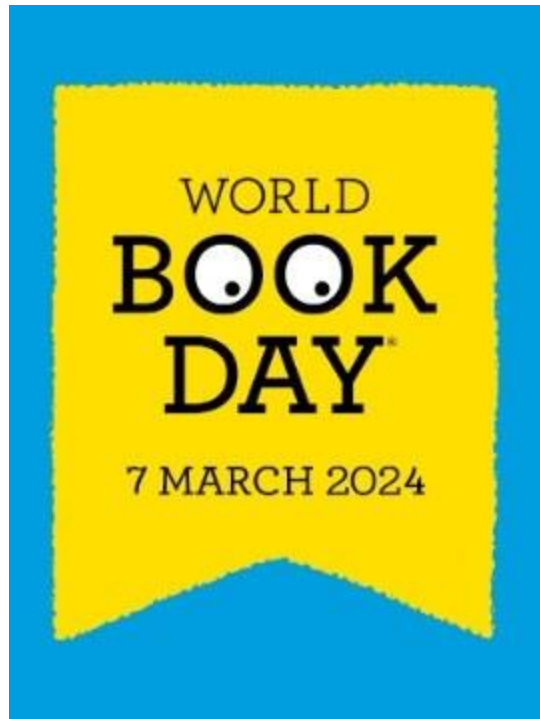
Another reminder to get those World Book Day outfits planned.

Please remember that costumes do not need to come with a cost. The following link has some fabulous ideas that only requires some thrifty creativity! [Cheap and easy ideas for last-minute World Book Day costumes | TheSchoolRun](#)

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Its mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. Spending **just 10 minutes a day** reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their future success and it's fun for all involved.

World Book Day 2024 will be on **Thursday 7th March**, children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure. We are asking on that day for all children to come in dressed as their favourite character from a book they love. We are so excited to see who walks through our door on World Book Day and see where our reading takes us!



Easter Bonnet Parade

Let the decorating begin!

Easter bonnets are part of a long, established tradition of wearing new clothes on Easter that first originated in parts of Europe. As well as celebrating the coming of Spring, it would be a time to mark the end of Lent and signal new life.

At Featherstone Academy, we are inviting Little Learners, Nursery and Reception to create an Easter bonnet at home to then bring into school for a parade on **Thursday 21st March at 9.30am**. Parents and carers of children in Little Learners, Nursery and Reception are welcome to attend. We may even have a special visit from a hoppy little friend! 🐰

We can't wait to see what amazing designs you create at home.



Young Voices 2024

32 children from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in Young Voices 2024. Over 5000 children performed as a single choir for an audience of family and friends at Resorts World, Birmingham. Well done to everyone involved, you were all amazing!!

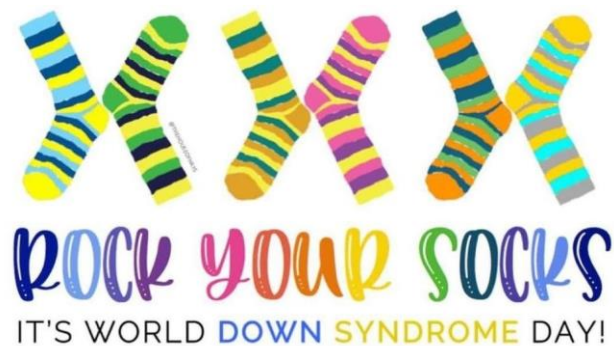
Can all Young Voices T-shirts be returned to school please as soon as possible.





Rock Your Socks

On Thursday 21st March we will be celebrating Rock Your socks in aid of World Down Syndrome Day. We ask all children to come to school in uniform wearing odd socks. they can be as loud, colourful, spotty or stripy as you want them to be but as long as they match.



Class Learning

Nursery: Next week we are introducing the story the tiny seed. We will be looking at different fruits that have seeds in them and practicing our fine motor skills to collect the seeds with tweezers. We will be revisiting shapes in Maths and looking at properties of shape. We'll also be making Mother's Day cards and making something special for our moms.

Reception: This week we will look at minibeasts. We will explore different insects and see if we can collect some from our outdoor area and take a closer look-we will make sure that we look after them and then return them to their habitat.

Class 1: In English we are starting a new story and the children will be reading Lost and Found. The children will be looking at the key features of a non-chronological report. We will be focusing on capital letters and full stops. In Maths the children will be adding two numbers together and will be answering word problems related to addition facts. In the afternoon, the children will be learning about the Easter story and how it is celebrated as well as learning about Eid and Christenings.

Class 2: This week we will be starting our new Book The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and will be writing instructions on how to make sandwiches. In Maths we will be focusing on mass and will be measuring mass in grams and kilograms. In RE, we will be exploring worship and ceremonies in Christianity and Islam.

Class 3: History- Children will be looking into the Romans, what their lives were like and significant battles. Writing- Based on the class text 'The Sheep Pig', children will write a diary entry from the perspective of fly. Focus on using 1st person. P.E- Children will continue to test their flexibility, strength, balance and endurance during gymnastics.

Class 4: Maths- Decimals- adding and subtracting with money. Reading- The Firework-Maker's Daughter- vocabulary, summarising, prediction and retrieval. English- The Firework-Maker's Daughter- features of a narrative to build up to write a character's backstory.

Class 5: Class learning: In English, children will continue to read their class text Skellig, and prepare to write a monologue from the point of view of the main character. In Maths, children will begin to learn about percentages. They will understand how to recognise a percentage and write percentages as a fraction. In PE, children will continue with their 'dynamic dance' unit, looking at the rhythm of the music and phrasing, when improvising their dances.

Class 6: Year 6 have another fantastic week to look forward to. In reading, children will continue to read Varjak Paw, discovering what new adventures he has been on. For writing, year six, will use our reading book to explore flashbacks - what was his life before and what is it like now. Children will discover what they need to do to write a flashback and practice some of the key grammatical skills. In Maths, year six will be looking at measures. Children will learn how to convert them to support them in solving problems. In Science, year six will explore the heart, explaining how it pumps blood around the body. We will identify key parts of the heart and explain what they do. In Design and Technology, children will plan and create a waistcoat with the old t-shirt that they have brought in. Children can be creative with their designs however they must sew buttons and a pocket so it can be done up.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to this weeks Winners-

Little Learners- Elijah-Lee Brown

Nursery- Bobby-Lee Cowell

Reception- Divine Orji

Year 1- Isabel Dudley

Year 2- Danylo Mahalias

Year 3- Kai Doran

Year4- Nevaeh Hamilton

Year 5- Crystal Doran

Year 6- Ellie Brindle-Wilkes

Miss Tkaczuk-Assistant Headteacher- Demi Allen

Mrs Steatham-Deputy Headteacher- Ella Jones

Mr Gatrad- Headteacher- Sophia Humpage



Lunch Menu - w/c 04/03/24

Week 3 4th March		Featherstone Academy		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza V	Fish Fingers	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Beef Burger in a Bun	Sausages
Hashbrown Nuggets	Cheese Pie V	Quorn Fillet V	Veggie Burger V	Quorn Sausages V
Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Mashed Potatoes	Roast & Mashed Potatoes	Ballad Potatoes, Mixed Veg, Spaghetti Hoops	Chips, Baked Beans
Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Peas, Baked Beans	Carrots, Broccoli, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Garden Peas
Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings
Blueberry Ruffin Custard	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Jam Tart Custard	Selection of Sandwiches
	Chocolate & Vanilla Biscuits	Chocolate Sponge Custard		Ice-d Sprinkle Sponge Custard
AVAILABLE DAILY: Fresh Baked Bar, Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurts, Jelly Pots, Cheese & Biscuits				
ALLERGEN INFORMATION FOR ALL OUR DISHES IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING: 01902 726167				

Families Health and Wellbeing Service 0-19 Newsletter

Please see the Winter edition newsletter from the Staffordshire families health and wellbeing service. There is helpful information included regarding the changes to funded childcare for working parents from April 2024.

[1709288600.pdf \(featherstoneacademy.co.uk\)](https://featherstoneacademy.co.uk/1709288600.pdf)

Greenheart Learning Partnership

Please click on link to view letter from Director of Education for Greenheart Learning Partnership.

[1709294729.pdf \(featherstoneacademy.co.uk\)](#)

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