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# Weekly Newsletter – 6th September 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year - I hope you all had a peaceful and restful holiday! We were pleased to see that the children have returned to school safe and well and have obviously enjoyed their long break! All our children look superb in their school uniform and in particular, those wearing their new smart ties which school has given out to all Year 6 children. A special warm welcome to all our new parents and children. We hope you enjoy a long and happy association with Featherstone and that your children will succeed to the very best of their ability during their time at our school.

This year, we have introduced a number of new aspects to the school curriculum. A glimpse of some of these include:

**Phonics (Read, Write, Inc.):** We have reviewed our current scheme on the teaching of phonics and have launched a new scheme called 'Read, Write, Inc'. Miss. Lacey has worked exceptionally hard in setting this up and will send further information explaining all this in the English Newsletter.

**Reading in school:** We are passionate about reading and that every child must be able to read before leaving school. We believe that if you can read, you can do anything! It's also important that children hear what good reading is and as part of the school day, to share our love of reading and provide additional models for the children, they will be read to at the end of the school day by members of staff.

**100 Book Challenge:** Last year, we introduced a goal to encourage every child to read 100 books before leaving their primary school. This year, we need a real push from our parents to make this even more of a success. Please see the list that has been sent out so that you can continue to make sure that your child gets to read all the books that have been selected for their year.

**Homework:** Homework plays an important part of school life but importantly it needs to be manageable, fun and engaging for parents too. For a number of years, we have listened to parents' and children's views and have made vast changes in the way forward. Further information regarding homework will be sent to you over the next week so watch this space.

**Real life experiences (trips):** To make our school curriculum even more engaging and fun, we are extending this further outside the walls of the classroom. We will be using our mini-bus and taking the children out to local venues. Some of these will include: museums, parks and libraries etc. There will be no extra cost to parents for these visits.

**Maths:** This year, children in Year 4 will be tested on multiplication (times tables) and it's important that they develop rapid recall skills. Miss. Whitehouse will continue to promote 'Rock Star Maths' and 'Mythical Maths' so that children's confidence in maths skills develops.

**Language Functions:** Last term, we asked for you to complete a short questionnaire regarding spoken language at home. Thank you for completing this questionnaire. As a result of this, we have now developed a new approach within lessons to further develop children's spoken language and improve the quality of talk, through a planned structured approach. We aim to provide opportunities for the children to use new language and expand their vocabulary; as a result, we hope this will help children to be more able writers.

Again this is an overview of some of the changes. Please see the Curriculum, English, Maths and EYFS newsletters for further details.

### **Behaviour in School.**

As you know, behaviour in our school is monitored by all staff and we have regular training for staff in this area. It's always important for parents to know how we monitor this and log information. Children's behaviour in class is closely monitored. Where children's behaviour is good, this is acknowledged and rewarded. The children are given house points, Marvellous Me texts sent home and enrichment time on Friday. However they need to earn this, as it's not a given right! When there are concerns regarding a child's behaviour, parents are informed. In the first instance, this is raised by the class teacher directly with you. Class teachers log all information regarding behaviour using internal systems, so that there is continuous monitoring to identify any patterns of behaviour or ongoing concerns. Behaviour at Featherstone is excellent and with parental support, we can maintain this.

### **Bullying Concerns and Online monitoring.**

All staff closely monitor signs of bullying in school and any rare incidents of bullying are stamped out immediately. In the event of any incidents of bullying, teachers rapidly address this through class discussions and educating the children by encouraging positive relationships and the use of strategies to resolve or defuse issues.



All staff (teachers, teaching assistants and dinner staff) are trained to spot signs of bullying (including e-safety). At Featherstone Primary, we have an e-safety monitoring system which allows for all internet usage in school to be monitored. Any pages visited by the user which are inappropriate are immediately flagged and this is then followed through by designated people. In most cases, we have found that this is usually low level and just requires to give the children a gentle reminder about internet rules. All of our children are aware of this monitoring, know the rules and also how to report any concerns that they may have. Throughout school, posters are visible in corridors and in classrooms so that children know who to go if they have a worry. We have found that our children are exceptionally confident in knowing who to go and talk to if they have a concern, or would just like a chat!

### **Marvellous Me**

Marvellous Me tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and pings you when they've been praised for good work or a great character skill. It makes you smile, feel proud, and inspires better home learning support and encouragement. Marvellous Me tells parents what their children are learning across the curriculum. All parents have a log in to receive updates from class teachers in how well their children are doing in class. If you have any difficulties, please ask to speak to Mrs. Wilson.



### **Medication**

From time-to-time, your child may need to take prescribed medication which falls during the school day. If this is the case, please complete the medication consent form in the main office. We have designated staff that are certified to administer medication. All medication is kept in a supervised area.

### **Place2Be**

Children's emotional and social wellbeing are important if they are to feel happy, safe and confident in themselves as individuals and in their sense of belonging. Ciaran, our Place2Be Manager, has been working with us for a couple of years now and has got to know the children well. Ciaran will now be working with us five days a week. Children in school are able to see Ciaran about any part of their school life by going to 'Place2Talk' as well as counselling sessions too.



At Featherstone Primary School, our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons, we continue to welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

**Parent Code of Conduct. We expect parents, carers and visitors to:**

Respect the caring ethos of our school

- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.

We have a Zero Tolerance Policy on school grounds. Any parent not complying with this will be asked to leave the school grounds. If we need to take further action through the local authority or police we will not hesitate to do so.

**Social Media Sites**

- The use of social media websites being used inappropriately is unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community.
- Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. Social media must not be used to comment on school matters in negative ways under any circumstances.
- In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated in this school is found to be posting offensive or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site and also to the Local Authority.
- In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites.

**Emails / Mobile Number**

Please remember to update school with contact details as we send most information by email.

**House Teams**

Every child is in a House team and will be reminded of their House and or allocated to one if they are new to school. The House that has the highest score is rewarded with a treat at the end of each term.

**Dinner Money Autumn Term 1**

**Dinners : £89.30**

**Fri Only Dinners: £18.80**

All payments must be made on Parent Pay, Reminder that dinner money must be paid on the first day of term.





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# Featherstone's Attendance Shop is back!

**Celebrating good attendance**  
**(96.6% and above)**



After the success of the attendance shop last year, we will be continuing to promote attendance in the same way this year. The attendance shop rewards children on a half-termly or termly basis for their attendance in school for that period (except the Summer term where this is based on the full Year). This means that all children have a fresh start each term if they have been unwell or had to miss school due to medical or personal circumstances. The children receive a voucher for attendance above 97% that they can exchange in a pop-up shop for a prize of their choosing. Bonus vouchers are also available for children with improved attendance each term.

At the end of each term (key dates to be announced), every child's attendance will be calculated. If their attendance falls into one of the brackets below, they will be given their **Attendance Shop Voucher** and their class teacher will present them with a certificate.

Attendance	Attendance Shop!
100%	Attendance Voucher to choose a prize from any table
99.0 to 99.9%	Attendance Voucher to choose a prize from Table 2
98.0 to 98.9%	Attendance Voucher to choose a prize from Table 3
97.0 to 97.9%	Attendance Voucher to choose a prize from Table 4
96.6 to 96.9%	Attendance Certificate

The first Attendance Shop will be held on 24th October 2019! I hope to see all the children there!

From Mrs. Harrington-Taylor

## Autumn Term Diary

	<b>Forthcoming Events – Key Dates</b>	<b>Nadchodzące wydarzenia - daty kluczowe</b>	<b>أحداث قادمة - التواريخ الرئيسية</b>	<b>即将举行的活动 - 关键日期</b>	<b>Dhacdooyinka soo dhoweya - Taariikhaha Muhiimka</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Polskie</b>	<b>عربي</b>	<b>中文</b>	<b>Somali</b>
26th Sept	Year 6 to Harry Potter World	Rok 6 do świata Harry'ego Pottera	السنة 6 إلى عالم هاري بوتر	6年级到哈利波特世界	Sannadka 6aad ilaa Harry Potter World
17th Sept	School Photos	Zdjęcia szkolne	صور المدرسة	学校照片	Sawirada Iskuulka
3rd Oct	Year 1S group 1 to Birmingham Library	Grupa 1S rok do Biblioteki w Birmingham	المجموعة 1 إلى S السنة 1 مكتبة برمنغهام	1S年第1组到伯明翰图书馆	Sanadka 1S kooxda 1 ee Maktabada Birmingham
10th Oct	Year 1S group 1 to Birmingham Library	Grupa 1S rok do Biblioteki w Birmingham	المجموعة 1 إلى مكتبة 1S برمنغهام	1S年第1组到伯明翰图书馆	Sanadka 1S kooxda 1 ee Maktabada Birmingham
15th Oct	Year 4 Trip Sandwell Nature Centre	Wycieczka do 4 roku Sandwell Nature Center	رحلة Sandwell السنة الرابعة إلى Nature Center	4年级旅行桑德威尔自然中心	Xarunta Dabecadda Sanadka Sandwell Sanadka 4aad
17th Oct	Trip: Year 1C group 1 to Birmingham Library	Grupa 1C rok do Biblioteki w Birmingham	السنة 1C رحلة: مجموعة 1 (إلى مكتبة برمنغهام)	1C年第1组到伯明翰图书馆	Safarka: Sannadka 1C kooxda 1 ee Maktabadda Birmingham)
18th Oct	Harvest at 9:00am KS1 – 09:00 / KS2 10:00	Zbiór o 9:00 rano KS1 - 09:00 / KS2 10:00	الحصاد في 9:00 صباحا KS1 - 09:00 / KS2 10:00	早上9点收获 KS1 - 09:00 / KS2 10:00	Goos goos gooska 9:00 aroornimo KS1 - 09:00 / KS2 10:00
22nd Oct	Open Day for 2020 intake 10.00 and 1.30	Dzień otwarty na 2020 r. Spożycie 10,00 i 1,30	يوم مفتوح لعام 2020 تناول 10.00 و 1.30	2020年开放日入场时间分别为10.00和1.30	Maalinta furan ee 2020 qaadashada 10.00 iyo 1.30
22nd Oct	Parents evening 3.30 – 6.30	Wieczór rodziców 3.30 - 6.30	مساء أولياء الأمور 3.30 - 6.30	父母晚上3点30分至6点30分	Waalidka fiidka 3.30 - 6.30
24th Oct	Open Day for 2020 intake 1.30 and 6.30 pm	Dzień otwarty dla 2020 spożycie 13:30 i 18:30	يوم مفتوح لعام 2020 تناول 1.30 و 6.30 مساء	入境时间为下午1点30分和下午6点30分	Maalinta furan ee 2020 qaadashada 1.30 iyo 6.30 pm
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24th Oct	Year 3 – So What Presentation! 2pm	Rok 3 - Co za prezentacja! 14.00	السنة 3 - فما عرض تقديمي! 02:00	3年级 - 那么什么演讲! 下午	Sannadka 3aad - Marka Maxay Soo Bandhigtay! 2-da galabnimo
24th Oct	Trip: Year 1C group 2 to Birmingham Library	Wycieczka: Grupa 2 rok 1C do Biblioteki w Birmingham	المجموعة 2 الرحلة: السنة 1C إلى مكتبة برمنغهام	旅行: 1C年第2组到伯明翰图书馆	Safarka: Sannadka 1C kooxda 2 ee Maktabadda Birmingham
25th Oct	Diwali Celebrations and school dinner (Details to follow)	Uroczystości Diwali i szkolny obiad (szczegóły do naśladowania)	احتفالات ديوالي والعشاء المدرسي (التفاصيل الواجب اتباعها)	排灯节庆祝活动和学校晚宴 (详情如下)	Dabaaldegyada Diwali iyo casho iskuulka (Faahfaahin lasoco)
28th Oct to 1st Nov	Half term	Pół semestru	نصف الفصل الدراسي	半学期	Waqti badh
5th Nov	Year 3 RE Trip to Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple Tividale	Rok 3 RE Wycieczka do świątyni Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Tividale	السنة 3 رحلة إلى شري فينكاتيسوارا (بالاجي) معبد Tividale	3年级到Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple Tividale的RE之旅	Safarka Sanadka 3aad ee loo yaqaan Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple Tividale

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9th Dec	NHS Nasal Flu immunization for all Reception to Year 6 children	Szczepienie przeciw grypie nosowej przez NHS dla wszystkich dzieci w wieku 6 lat	التحصين ضد الإنفلونزا لجميع الأطفال في NHS استقبال 6 سنوات	NHS鼻流感免疫接种所有接待6年级儿童	Tallaalka Fasaxa sanko ee NHS ee dhammaan soodhaweynta Ilmaha Sanadka 6-aad
12th Dec	Christmas Dinner for Children	Świąteczna kolacja dla dzieci	عشاء عيد الميلاد للأطفال	儿童圣诞晚餐	Casho Kirismaska Caruurta
16th Dec	Reception and Y1 Nativity (09:20)	Recepcja i narodziny Y1 (09:20)	المهد (Y1 استقبال و (09:20)	接待和Y1诞生 (09:20)	Soo dhaweynta iyo dhalashada Y1 (09:20)
17th Dec	EYFS and Y1 Nativity (09:20)	Recepcja i narodziny Y1 (09:20)	المهد Y1 الاستقبال و 09:20	接待和Y1诞生 (09:20)	Soo dhaweynta iyo dhalashada Y1 (09:20)
18th Dec	Christmas Choir Show (09:20)	Christmas Choir Show (09:20)	عرض جوقة عيد الميلاد (09:20)	圣诞合唱节目 (09:20)	Showga Kirismaska (09:20)
19th Dec	Year 6 music performance AM (time 9.45)	Spektakl muzyczny z 6 roku AM (czas 9,45)	الأداء الموسيقي للعام 6 صباحا (الوقت 9.45)	6年级音乐表演AM (时间9.45)	Bandhig faneedka sanadka 6 AM (waqtiga 9.45)
19th Dec	Christmas Parties pm.	Przyjęcia świąteczne	حفلات عيد الميلاد	圣诞节派对。	Xafladaha kirismaska pm.
20th Dec	End of term—Close at 2pm	Koniec semestru - zamknij o 14.00	نهاية المدة - إغلاق في 2 مساءً	期末 - 下午2点关闭	Dhamaadka waqtiga-Xir 2pm