

Featherstone Primary School



8th Dec 2023 - Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Christmas tree and decorations are all up in school and it certainly feels like the winter is here. Here is this week's newsletter, giving you a few updates and notices.

Value of the Month: Honesty



The Value of the Month for December is Honesty. Children learn the importance of telling the truth, even when it might be a bit difficult to do so. There are times when small lies ("white lies") might be acceptable...for example, when talking about Christmas presents and keeping small secrets about what you have bought for each other! But, children in school learn that lying is harmful to themselves and others, so the truth is always best. Please speak to your child about the importance of being honest. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everybody who supported Save the Children's Christmas jumper day on Thursday. The children looked all colourful and Christmassy in support of this great cause. When we have totaled up how much we have all raised, we will let you know. But thanks once again for your donations.



Bring It On Brum Holiday Codes

If your child is entitled to free school meals (FSM) and you'd like the holiday code for them to access a range of free activities over Christmas, then please contact the school office.

Competitions

It's not too late to enter Mr. Douglas' prosody competition or Miss. Ford's writing competition.

Miss Ford's writing competition!

Option 1:
Write a story or a setting description based on the wintery scene you see below...




Option 2:
Write a recount about your favourite Christmas memory!



Hand in your writing entries to your class teacher or Miss Ford on or before December 21st!

Your writing must showcase your year group's writing objectives and be in your very best handwriting. Stories that are printed are also fine! 😊






Mr. Douglas' Prosody Competition

Aut2 2023 theme: Winter Wonderland

Christmas will soon be here and so, this half term's prosody theme is *Winter Wonderland*. You have to choose between two choices if you'd like to enter the competition! See the details below and get practising!



What am I looking for?

1. Choice 1: Pick something that you would like for Christmas and practise a persuasive speech all about it. The aim of your persuasive speech is to persuade me that what you want for Christmas is the best present/gift ever! Make sure you choose something that you can describe really well to persuade and convince me that you're right!
2. Choice 2: Winter-themed poem. I am looking for you to use your voice in different ways to make me feel all jolly and bright just in-time for Christmas.

Whichever choice you make, prosody involves you reading and speaking with confidence, fluency, intonation and expression! Your entry must be well-rehearsed and something you have practised. Good luck!

Come and read to me on any of these dates:
18th Dec, 19th Dec, 20th Dec.

Year 2 Trip to the Old Rep

Today, our Year 2 children went to watch a performance at the Old Rep Theatre. The trip was to support learning in the classroom and the stories that the children learn. A lovely time was had by all and the children's behaviour was perfect.

Diary Dates

<i>Autumn Term</i>	
13.12.23	Christmas Dinner for Children.
14.12.23	Year 2/3/4 Christmas Carol Concert: 9.10am Year 2/3/4 Christmas Carol Concert: 2.40pm Parents welcome!
15.12.23	Year 5 History showcase 2.40pm: Parents welcome
18.12.23	Nutcracker performance for Y1: Parents welcome
19.12.23	EYFS Nativity: 09.30 EYFS Nativity: 14:45 Parents welcome!
20.12.23	Christmas Cards (Children can bring in cards to write out in class)
21.12.23	Class fun, quiz games and movie afternoon
22.12.23	Attendance Shop Awards
22.12.23	End of term - School finishes at 3.25pm
<i>Spring term</i>	
Monday 08.01.24	School closed to children
Tuesday 09.01.24	Children back to school

Best wishes,

From Mr. E. Gaibee
Headteacher