

# Featherstone Primary School

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2023 - Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that I am sending you not only the final newsletter of the term, but the final one of 2023. Time really does go very quickly in school. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff here in school: teachers, support staff, office, site and kitchen. Everyone works really hard to ensure that children get the best possible learning and experiences whilst they're in school so a big thanks to them all. Thank you also parents for your ongoing support of school. Your children have been a credit to you this year. Enjoy this newsletter, which is full of news and updates as usual.

### Headteacher Award Assemblies

The second round of Headteacher Award Assemblies took place last week, with many children receiving an award for achievements outside of school. There were awards for swimming, martial arts, music, football, dance and even Values. We are very proud of all of the children who received an award. The next Headteacher's Award Assembly is in February 2024. Nominate your child by sending an email to [enquire@feathstn.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquire@feathstn.bham.sch.uk)



Award for	Class
Sophie	RB
Madinah-Noor	RB
Hellus	1A
Edith	1A
Sebastian	1B
Maryam	2A
Artur	2B



### Concert



Parents of Years 2, 3 and 4 enjoyed an excellent Christmas Carol Concert last week, where they sang seven Christmas hits to parents and families. Some of the songs were really tricky to sing but the children did a fantastic job! There was a great turn out and a brilliant time was had by all. Thank you, parents, for supporting this event.

### Nutcracker Performance

On Monday, the Year One children performed their 'Nutcracker' performance, all about a toy Nutcracker who comes to life one cold and frosty Christmas Eve. The children's acting, dancing and singing were all top notch! We were very proud of them and left feeling extremely Christmassy afterwards! Well done, Year One!

## Nativity



The children of Reception put on a brilliant Christmas nativity on Tuesday. With amazing singing, dancing and acting, the children retold the story of Baby Jesus. We had a brilliant parent turn out (some parents even came to both performances)! Well done, Reception! Thanks to all of the parents that came to support.



## Synagogue

It is really important for children to experience a wide range of faiths, cultures and beliefs whilst they are at school, because Erdington and the UK are such wonderfully diverse places. It is for that reason that school continue to fully fund educational visits to places of worship. On Monday, Year 6 visited the Jewish Synagogue at Singer's Hill. The children enjoyed learning all about the Jewish community by listening to Geoff, who told them all about the synagogue, the Torah, daily life for boys and girls, and also what 'Shabbat' (the Jewish holy rest day) actually involves. These RE trips are really important for developing children's understanding of world faiths; and, as Geoff himself said: "We have so much more in common than we have differences." It goes without saying that the children's behaviour was perfect.



## Year 5 and 6 Music Concert



The Year 5 and 6 children, who work really hard with their music with Miss. Hopper, put on a fantastic performance on Wednesday. They certainly demonstrated the Values of Self-belief and Aspiration as they performed solo and group numbers. We're really proud of these young musicians and are excited to see how their skills continue to grow next year. Great job!

### Homework project

Just look at this homework project completed by Sophie in Reception! The Reception children have been learning all about space and Sophie's project really is out of this world! What an achievement. Big thanks to Sophie's parents, who supported her learning at home with this.



### Mrs. Dunn



You will remember that Mrs. Dunn retired from Featherstone Primary School after 25 years of service as a lunchtime supervisor. A number of parents were really grateful to Mrs. Dunn for her outstanding services to the school and families. She worked really hard for 25 years, feeding the children of Featherstone and keeping them safe and happy during lunchtime. Therefore, parents kindly contributed to Mrs. Dunn's retirement and bought this gorgeous vase for her. Mrs. Dunn popped back to school today to say hello and collect her present. She has asked us to pass on her thanks to the parents. Happy Retirement, Mrs. Dunn!

### House Points

A huge well done to **Phoenix**, who are this half term's house point winner! Those children who are in Phoenix, and whose behaviour is excellent, received a house treat yesterday! Let's see who wins next half term...



Phoenix	2494
Griffin	2246
Pegasus	2112
Unicorn	2099



### Father Christmas – the man himself!

And finally, today, Featherstone was lucky enough to have a visit from Father Christmas himself! The children really enjoyed meeting him and singing a few songs together.

Children: be good for your parents to remain on Father Christmas' nice list! Use your Values!

## **Diary Dates**

Monday 08.01.24	School closed to children
Tuesday 09.01.24	Children back to school
Wednesday 07.02.24	Year 3 Geography trip to Birmingham City Centre
Friday 09.02.24	Year 5 Science parent workshop
Tuesday 20.02.24	Year 3A History trip to Lunt Fort
Wednesday 21.02.24	Year 3B History trip to Lunt Fort
Tuesday 27.02.24	Parents' evening from 3.45pm
Thursday 29.02.24	Parents' evening from 3.45pm
Friday 08.03.24	Year 6 History/Geography trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon
Friday 08.03.24	Mothers' Day Assembly (EYFS/KS1)
Friday 15.03.24	Comic Relief (Non-uniform day)
Tuesday 19.03.24	EYFS/KS1 Sports afternoon
Wednesday 20.03.24	KS2 Sports afternoon
Friday 22.03.23	Attendance Shop
Friday 22.03.23	School breaks up for the Easter holiday

Merry Christmas and a very happy new year!  
See you on the **9<sup>th</sup> January 2024!**

From Mr. E. Gaibee  
**Headteacher**