

Featherstone Primary School

26th April 2024 - Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Value of the Month: May

Throughout the month of April, children have been studying the Value of Patience. They have learnt to wait their turn, understand that we cannot have everything all at once, and have understood the meaning behind *All good things can come to those who wait*. Patience can be a tricky Value for children to appreciate in a world where everything is there at the touch of a button.

From next week, our Value of the Month is Self-belief. This is an extremely important Value to study as schools head into 'exam season' from May onwards. Year Six will sit their "SATs" exams and a few weeks later, Year One will do their Phonics and Year Four their times tables check. In school, children will learn to manage any negative feelings that they may have. Staff help children to build up their confidence, be determined, and link this back to the school motto of *Aspire, Believe, Succeed*.

Achievement Assemblies

There have been some brilliant English Achievement Assemblies recently, with children getting awards for brilliant Reading and Writing. Well done to all of the children who received an award, we are very proud of you! Thanks to parents for supporting your child by coming to see them receive their certificate.





Leicester Space Centre

Year Five thoroughly enjoyed their recent visit to Leicester Space Centre. As an extension to their learning in class, the visit to the centre showed the children what life as an astronaut is really like. They were able to see a real rocket, lots of satellites and investigate all of the planets and moons of the solar system. A brilliant day was had by all!



Homework & how you can help your child at home

A reminder that our new homework systems have been in place now for Years 3 to 6 for a few weeks. Please support your child to access their homework on the Google Chromebooks. We write to parents where we see that children are not completing their homework on-time. In addition, please do support your child with:

- daily reading for around 10 minutes
- practising spellings/phonics sounds
- practising number bonds/times tables
- half termly homework project

Do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries about homework. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Monday 06.05.24	Bank holiday Monday. School closed to all pupils and staff
Week of 13.05.24	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 21.05.24	EYFS/KS1 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 21.05.24	Year 6 music showcase to parents - 2.45pm
Wednesday 22.05.24	KS2 Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 22.05.24	EYFS Parent Workshop
Friday 24.05.24	Children break up for May half term
Monday 03.06.24	Children back to school
Tuesday 11.06.24	Reception visit to Ash End House Farm
Monday 01.07.24	Year 6 Trip to Drayton Manor Park
Wednesday 03.07.24	Transition Day
Thursday 04.07.24	Sports Day for the whole school
Thursday 11.07.24	Parents' Evening (drop ins)
Thursday 18.07.27	Year 1 visit to Tamworth Castle

Third-party reporting regarding driving and parking (Glenville Drive and Haywards Close)

Birmingham City Council are working with West Midlands Police, and as part of this are looking to undertake a third-party reporting trial. This UK police initiative 'Operation Snap', allows members of the public to submit dashcam footage showing allegations around dangerous and careless driving. This could include any moving vehicle offences committed by driving in a Car Free School Street during the hours of the restriction.

URL: <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/your-options/operation-snap-driving-standards>

Direct Link: [Operation Snap](#)

Parents and Residents can directly send video footage of vehicles that are in the restricted zone during the times below. Blue badge holders must ensure their badge is displayed on the dashboard or fascia panel where it can be clearly read through the front windscreen.

