

Featherstone Primary School

8th March 2024 - Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a busy newsletter today, with lots of updates and information for you.

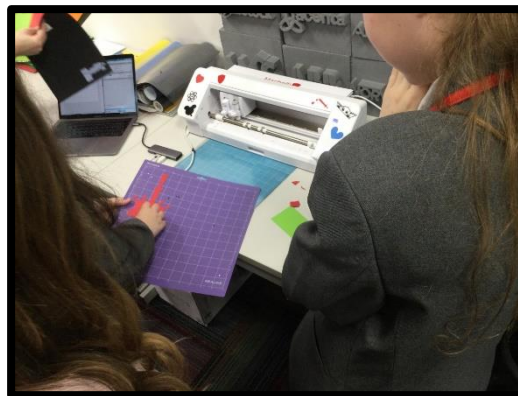
'Bring It On Brum!' Codes

Bring it on Brum! is running FREE activity clubs in Birmingham throughout the spring school holidays for children aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. You will need your Bring it on Brum! code to book your holiday activities through the Bring it on Brum! website or directly with the holiday club of your choice.

Please email enquiry@feathstn.bham.sch.uk for the code, if your child is entitled to benefits-related free school meals.

Make UK

This term, Year 6 have been visiting Make UK, an engineering apprenticeship firm about a 10-min drive from school. Whilst at Make UK, children had a tour of the facilities and had an insight into what life as an engineer apprentice could be like. They then became 'CAD' designers (Computer Aided Design) and 'CAM' machinists (Computer Aided Manufacturing). Visiting Make UK was extremely inspiring for the children and some of the products they designed and created for their DT projects back in school were brilliant. Well done, Year 6.





Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March, there will be a non-uniform day for children. Please pay £1 on Parent Pay to go towards Comic Relief or alternatively, children can bring their £1 into school to give to their teacher. As well as this, Year 6 will also be running activities such as sponge the teacher, penalty shootouts and carnival-style games. These range from 50p-£1. Please send cash in with your child (on Friday 15th) if they would like to take part. Thank you.

Penalty fines and tickets

This term, the Highways Ticketing Office and Police have worked with the school to ensure that drivers follow the highway restriction on Glenville Drive and Haywards Close. So far, the following has been given out to parents:

- £100 parking fines to many parents
- 3 points on driving licence
- Court for prosecution



Blue Badges

A blue badge named to the driver, a child or a passenger that they are travelling with, should not park on the zig-zag lines. Drivers must not use the blue badge for their own convenience.

Mother’s Day Assembly

Today, we had a fantastic turn out for Mother’s Day and a wonderful performance put on by all the children in infants. The children sang and read their scripts beautifully. A huge well done and thank you to Miss Lacey for organising this.

Dinner Money



For the Spring 2 half term, if your child would like a school meal every day, then the cost is £63.75.

For the Spring 2 half term, if your child would like a pizza dinner on a Thursday only, the cost is £12.75. All dinner money is to be paid on Parent Pay. Thank you.

Home/School Agreement

If not already done so, can parents kindly sign up to our [Home/School Agreement](#). This is something that you will have signed up to on paper when your child first joined the school; but, we’re moving everything to an online system now. Thank you, parents.

P.E Kit.

A reminder to all parents that the inform for P.E is as follows.

Top:	Plain White T-Shirt or a Plain white polo-top
Shorts	Navy blue/black shorts (Girls may wear blue or black leggings instead of shorts if required for religious reasons)
Outdoor	Black joggers
Footwear	Black pumps (KS1) / Trainers (KS2)
	PLEASE CLEARLY MARK ALL P.E KIT WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME
	PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN CHILDREN WITH FASHION TRACKSUITS!

When will my child need their P.E. kit?

Class	PE day
RA Mr Gravell	Friday
RB Miss Ahmed	Friday
1A Miss Lacey	Wednesday
1B Miss Creswell	Wednesday
2A Miss Waheed	Tuesday
2B Miss Robbins	Tuesday
3A Mrs Akhtar	Wednesday
3B Miss Begum	Wednesday
4A Miss Hughes	Swimming on a Thursday
4B Miss Lord	Swimming on a Thursday
5A Miss Ford	Thursday
5B Miss Williams	Tuesday
6A Miss Nicholls	Wednesday
6B Mr Hunt	Monday

Diary Dates

Friday 15.03.24	Comic Relief (Non-uniform day)
Monday 18.03.24	'Battle of the Bands' Day (with Silent Disco)!
Tuesday 19.03.24	EYFS/KS1 Sports afternoon
Wednesday 20.03.24	KS2 Sports afternoon
Friday 22.03.24	Attendance Shop
Friday 22.03.24	School breaks up for the Easter holiday
Tuesday 21.05.24	Year 6 music showcase to parents - 2.45pm

Best wishes & have a lovely weekend.

From Mr. E. Gaibee
Headteacher

What are Car Free School Streets?

Car Free School Streets is a pioneering approach to transforming road safety and air quality outside schools, where they are closed to motor traffic at the start and end of the school day. This helps reduce congestion and air pollution, making it easier and safer to walk or cycle to school and creating a more pleasant environment for everyone.

Why is this being introduced?

The Car Free School Streets scheme aims to:

- cut down on traffic and parking pressures outside schools;
- discourage car journeys to school and encourage walking and cycling;
- make the streets outside schools safer at the start and end of the day;
- improve air quality and create a more pleasant environment for everyone.

How does it work?

Identified streets around schools become a Pedestrian & Cycle Zone for agreed times (of between 30 minutes and 1 hour) at the start and end of the school day. This will only be enforced on weekdays during school term time; it will not be enforced at weekends or during school holidays. Signs at the entrance to the zone will inform people of these restrictions. Motor vehicles cannot drive in this zone between these times unless they have a permit.

What times do these restrictions apply?

The times vary at different schools due to different start and finish times; also some schools now finish earlier on certain days, e.g. Fridays. The times for each individual scheme will be included on the signs at the entrance to each zone and will be widely publicised locally. Details of the times and locations for the six pilot schools can be found online (see below).

Monday to Friday:

8.15 to 09:15

2.45 to 3:45

How will people know where this applies?

There will be gateway signs at the entrance and exit of each zone with details of the times that the restriction is in force, and violation of this is an offence.

How will it be enforced?

Driving in the zone is a moving traffic offence, so it is the Police who are the enforcing body. They are able to issue a £100 fixed penalty fine to anyone caught driving in the zone without permission when this restriction is in place. The council is working with the Police to agree how this will be enforced, as well as ensuring that everyone is aware of this new restriction.

What if I have to drive a child to school?

Parents and others who do have to drive are asked to park (legally) nearby and walk the last part of their journey.

Won't this just move parking problems somewhere else?

It is generally the area nearest to the school gates that sees the most problems with parking and it is hoped that this scheme will disperse cars over a wider area than at present and to more suitable locations. Also, by making it safer for people to walk, scoot or cycle to school there should be less people feeling that they have to drive for this journey.

Will residents be able to access their homes when the streets are closed?

Residents living on streets included in this scheme are able to apply, free of charge, for a School Streets permit. This will allow them to drive that vehicle in the area the restriction is in place.

Are any other vehicles permitted to access the zone?

Some vehicles belonging to identified groups or situations are automatically allowed to drive in a School Street without first obtaining a permit. These include emergency services; utility companies; refuse collectors; postal services providers; and any other exemptions stated in the Highway Code. Blue badge holders and health care professionals/practitioners are also exempt.

What about school staff and deliveries?

We are working with the schools involved to try to arrange for anyone that needs to drive to the school to do so outside of the times that this is in operation or to gain access via alternative routes where this is possible. Where there are valid reasons why this is not possible then these people can be issued with permits.