

# Featherstone Primary School

## Weekly Home/School Newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this home/school newsletter finds you safe and well. Following the Prime Minister's announcements on Monday evening, I am thrilled to say that Featherstone Primary School will be opening its doors to **all children** once again on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, at 08.45**. The safety of children and staff remains our highest priority and although the children have been doing excellently at their home learning, we cannot wait to have the children back, see their smiling faces and continue with our brilliant learning in school. Please read this newsletter for usual important updates and don't miss out on the final few pages to see this week's **#ScreenFreeFeatherstone**.

### **Value of the Month for March: Co-operation**

We all hope by now that the most difficult of times are behind us. However, there may still be some difficulties left to face. The Value of the Month for March is **Co-operation**. Co-operation means *working together to reach the same goal*. Please share this Value with your children ready for their return on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and discuss with them how they can work with you, with their friends and with the teachers to make the best start possible to their return to school. In class, children will learn about how this Value can help them achieve what they want to. Thank you for your support.

### **School attendance**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020, school attendance for all school-aged children is once again compulsory. Therefore, we expect to see all of our children in school, on time, from Monday. We will be following usual attendance policies for children whose attendance is not high enough, which can result in a fine. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **High Achievers**

You will have received some emails yesterday from High Achievers explaining that they too are re-opening from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. [Please follow this link](#) if you would like to book a place for your child/ren at High Achievers and Nicki or one of her team will be in touch.

### **World Book Day**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, it is World Book Day. Of course, we will not be celebrating this in our usual way. However, something special will be shared next week to celebrate World Book Day and so watch this space. Miss. Lacey, our English Leader, loves books and so if you would like to share any photos of your children reading or celebrating World Book Day please do email her at [j.lacey@feathstn.bham.sch.uk](mailto:j.lacey@feathstn.bham.sch.uk) You can always tweet us too [@FeatherstoneSch](https://twitter.com/FeatherstoneSch)

## Family Support

You will know by now that we have a full-time, Family Support Worker who works in school called Fern Sleeman. Fern is here to support families in any way that she can; she is always at the end of the phone, email or video call to offer an ear, help or advice. Fern will be writing to families separately next week but this is just a reminder that Fern is here for you. She can be reached at [f.sleeman@feathstn.bham.sch.uk](mailto:f.sleeman@feathstn.bham.sch.uk)

Of course, we also work very closely with Place2Be, our mental health and emotional wellbeing organisation, and Ciaran is our School Based Manager who runs Place2Be in school. He can be reached at [ciaran.brady@place2be.org.uk](mailto:ciaran.brady@place2be.org.uk) should you need him.

## Food parcels for working families only of EYFS/Y1/Y2

Next week will be the final week that we offer a food parcel for our working families of children in EYFS or KS1. This parcel will be for working families who are all entitled to universal free school meals regardless of household income. This offer is different to the national voucher scheme and it is an agreement that we have with our catering service, who have kindly agreed to help out here, which is great.

If you would like to order a food parcel next week, then you must meet three requirements:

1. You **must not** be receiving the government's Edenred food vouchers for any of your children.
2. Your child **must** be in Reception (EYFS), Year One or Year Two (Key Stage One).
3. Your child must **not** currently be coming to school.

[Please follow this link](#) and complete the form if you would like to order a food parcel for next week. The form will close early on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 so please do get your order in before then. If you order a food parcel for after half term, you will need to collect this parcel from school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

## Live Sessions

Remember the times for final the live sessions on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021:

Year 6	9.15-9.45
Year 5	10.00-10.30
Year 4	10.45-11.15
Year 3	11.30-12.00
Year 2	1.00-1.30
Year 1	1.45-2.15
Reception	2.30-3.00

Please do ensure that your child is logged on, on time, to the live session.

Take care and best wishes,  
From Mr. E. Gaibee  
Headteacher

# #ScreenFreeFeatherstone

It was so great to see so many amazing activities for our second #ScreenFreeFeatherstone project yesterday, which was all about planets, space and aliens! From the photos, it seemed as if families had loads of fun again moving away from the screens for an afternoon to make, bake, create and write! Here are just a few of the photos that were sent to school and tweeted.



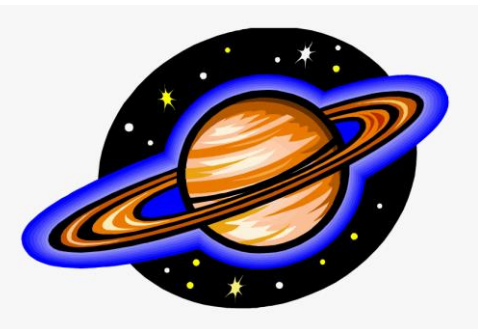
If you don't follow us already, please follow @FeatherstoneSch #ScreenFreeFeatherstone will continue to happen each Thursday afternoon whilst the school is shut to most pupils!



Above: Ground Control to Major Tom! Check ignition! This is a brilliant astronaut and rocket, so cool!



Just look at the size of that rocket! It's bigger than you! What great skills you have to build it. Well done.



Left: Ahyan has made a fruit alien and rocket ship. Looks tasty!  
Right: Tymon has gone for a sleek silver design for his very well-made rocket. Great stuff!





Left and Above: We really love Jessica's screen-free time. She has made an amazing rainbow rocket complete with hand print aliens. How brilliant!



Above: I hope the Shelbeebo comes in peace! Great way to spend an afternoon away from the screen!



Above: After feeling a bit under the weather, Emma is now over the moon – and so are we – with this excellent picture of space. Lovely design!



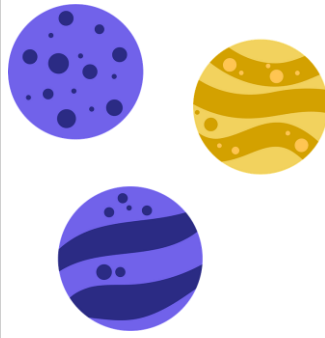
Left: Who is this life form? We think it's Mason and his Uncle. 😊

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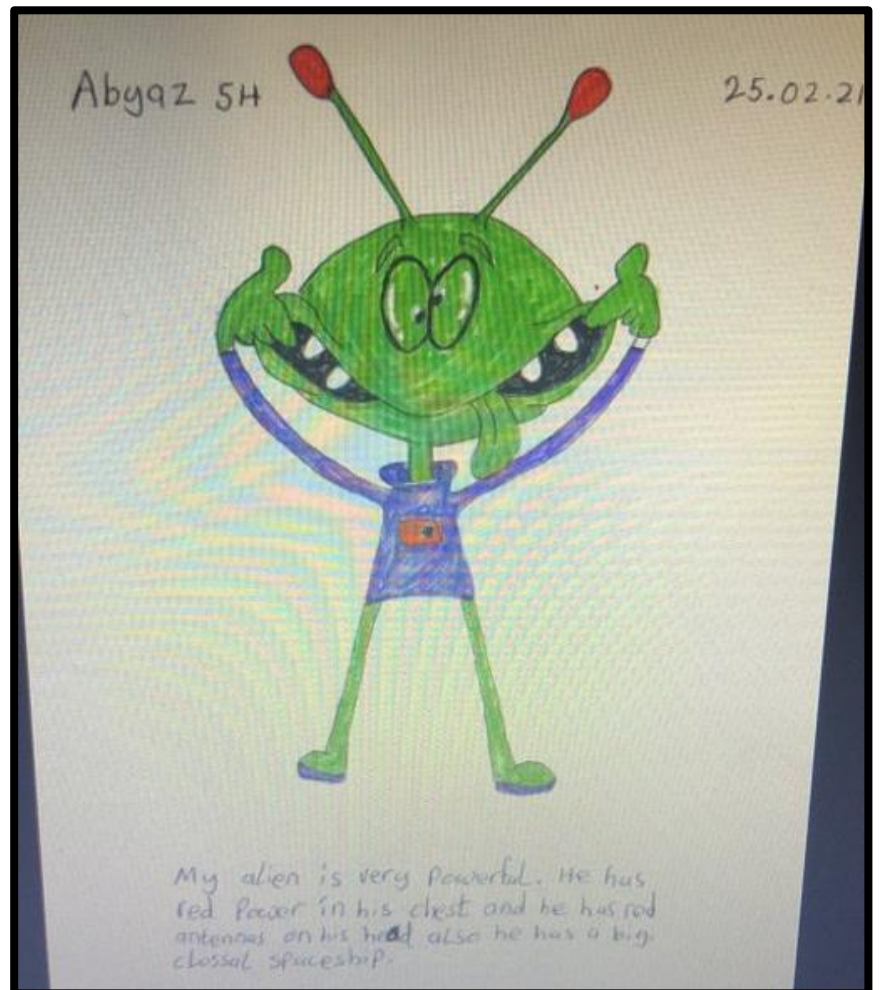
5, 4, 3, 2, 1, lift off for Cason! This is an awesome rocket!



This rocket ship by Maximus will reach for the stars, for sure.



Left: Loving these rock-painted planets from birthday girl, Lola. Happy Birthday and well done.  
Below: An excellent picture from Abyaz, with a great description too.



My alien is very powerful. He has red power in his chest and he has red antennae on his head also he has a big classal spaceship.

The final #ScreenFreeFeatherstone next Thursday will be a World Book Day special. So, please do get involved once again!