

Featherstone Primary

School

Weekly Home/School Newsletter



5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have had a very busy week on-site at school with giving out all of the KS2 Google Chromebooks. The teachers continue to work really hard for the children and I am grateful for the support of the parents in helping the children complete their home/remote learning. As always, here are some important updates for you, including a slight change to some of the home learning. This is called **#ScreenFreeFeatherstone** and is something that we are very excited about.

#ScreenFreeFeatherstone (from Miss Whitehouse)

At a time where classroom learning has had to change to remote learning at home, it can feel like you're spending more time looking at a screen. Starting next week, we are introducing 'Screen Free Featherstone,' a chance to spend some quality time in your families away from a computer screen.

Each week, on a Monday, we will share with you our whole school theme for the week. This will be accompanied by a list of suggested activities around the following themes: write it, cook it, enjoy it and create it. This isn't a complete list, you're welcome to come up with as many of your own ideas linked to theme of the week. To give you some time to take part in these activities, there will be no topic home learning sent home on a Thursday afternoon. This is so that, as a family, you can all spend some time away from a screen for at least one afternoon per week. Encourage siblings to take part together!

We're very much looking forward to seeing what you get up to. You can share your photos with your child's class teacher using the class email address and please do share on Twitter too by using the hashtag **#ScreenFreeFeatherstone**. Keep an eye on our school Twitter pages to see our school staff taking part.

Our first Screen Free Featherstone topic is: 'The greatest fairy tale never told.' More information to follow on Monday.

February half-term FSM vouchers (From Mr Douglas)

From last week's newsletter, you will already know that the Government have said that they will not be providing FSM vouchers. However, to help support the families, Birmingham City Council have agreed to provide a £15 FSM voucher per child for the week to cover essential food items. The money is being funded through the COVID Winter Grant scheme. This voucher will come from the company 'Sodexo,' and so the method to redeem the codes will be a bit different. Mr. Douglas will be sending these codes out from Monday next week with a letter that explains everything so please look out for these.

Remember that school will close to all children on Friday 12th February 2021, at 12.45pm. We re-open on Monday 22nd February at 8.45am to our critical worker children.

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

We are pleased to continue to offer food parcels for our working families of children in EYFS or KS1, 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, 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 so please do get your order in before then. If you order a food parcel for next week, you will need to collect this parcel from school on Friday 12th February 2021.

Google Chromebooks

A big thank you to Mr. Silvester, Miss. Whitehouse and the many other members of staff who went above and beyond this week to ensure that our KS2 families received their Google Chromebooks. I'd also like to extend a thanks to Avtar Dhillon from Entrust, who managed to source us all of the Google Chromebooks for our school.

We are really excited about the Google Chromebooks. Not only are they going to be a great deal of help for the rest of this lockdown, but when schools re-open to all children, they will change what some of our lessons look like in the classroom. Please do take the opportunity to thank Mr. Silvester, who has been the main driver behind these laptops j.silvester@feathstn.bham.sch.uk

Live Sessions

Remember the times for the live sessions on Monday:

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 2B	1.00-1.30
Year 1	1.45-2.15
Reception	2.30-3.00

Teachers will be using their live sessions to go into more detail about #ScreenFreeFeatherstone with the children so please do ensure that your child is logged on, on time, to the live session.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

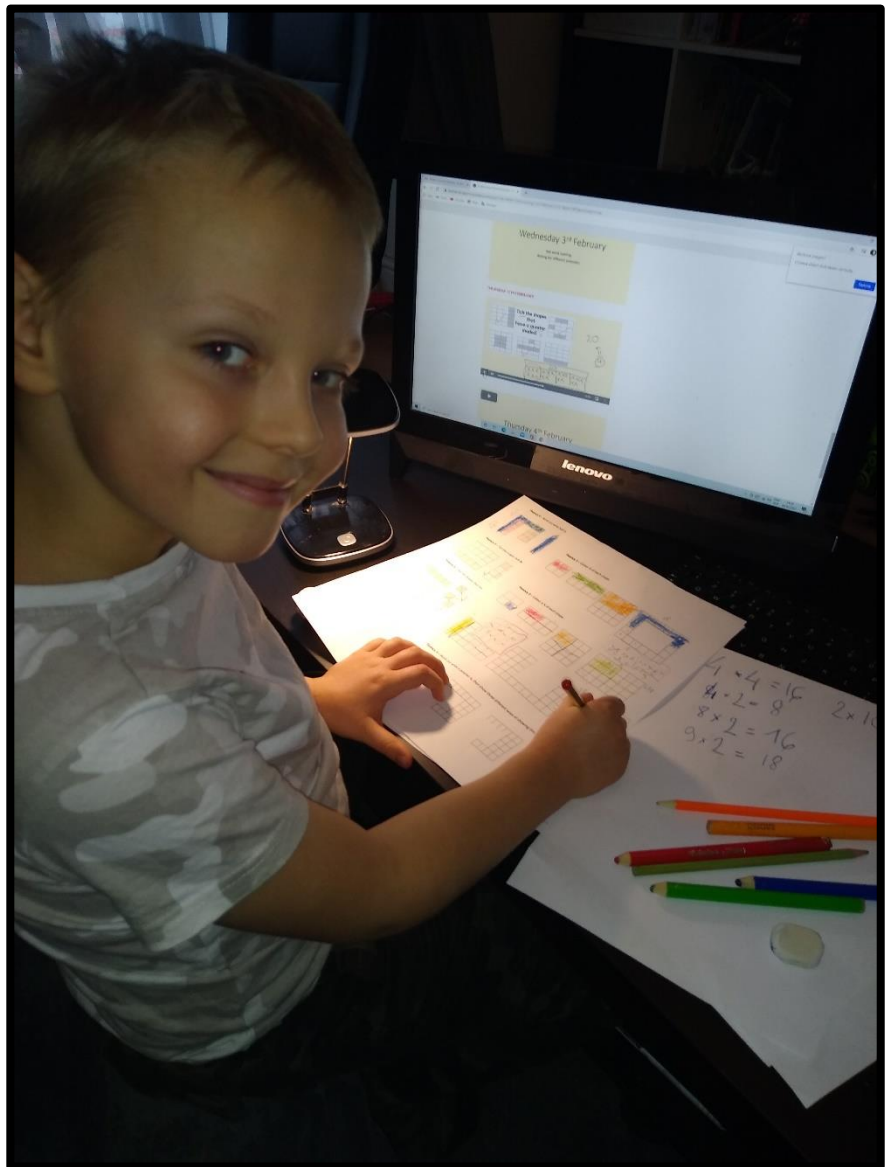
From Mr. E. Gaibee

Headteacher

Here are some home learning photos from this week:



Great gardening skills!



Tymon has a very organised workdesk for all of his home learning!



Brithany is working hard, as always!

Alan practicing his letter formation!



Well done to all of our children who are working hard at home!

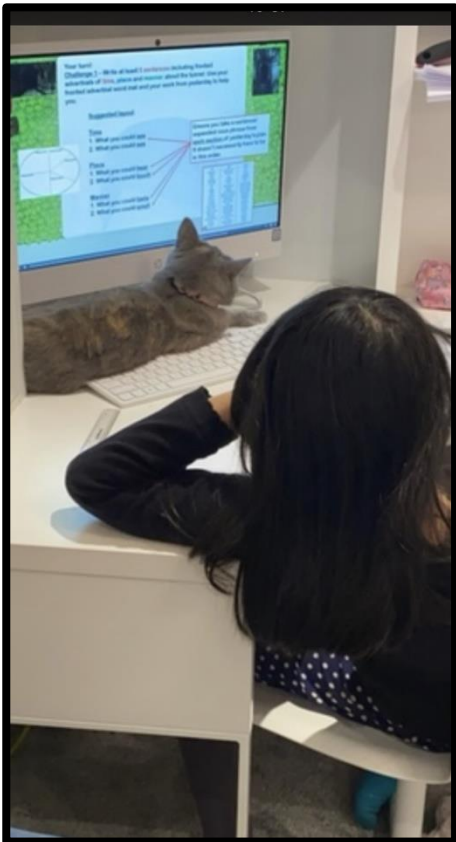


Just look at this! Ahyan from Reception has worked really well by creating a cardboard box robot using his knowledge of patterns. Ahyan chose the colours for the arms and stomach of the robot and created a pattern using foam cut-outs. He then carefully stuck the patterns on. Wow!



Look at sisters Gracie and Demi-Leigh enjoying the mud and fresh air! What a great opportunity to get outdoors safely during lockdown. We're glad you had fun, girls!

Eila is enjoying her home learning. She was making sure that Luna the kitten was working hard also! I wonder if Eila wants to be a teacher when she grows up?! Well done Eila. We are proud of your hard work.



Here is Fatima looking very grown up and working hard on her home learning. Keep up the hard work!

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