

Featherstone Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

13th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had another fun and exciting week in school. Please find below some updates.

Laptops: Thank you to the Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) parents for filling in the laptop questionnaire. This will help us to identify those families that need a laptop but also help us with our planning stage of remote learning. Once we are in a position to share further information, more details will go out. Currently, this offer is only for Key Stage 2 children.

Toast: We are pleased to say that, from Monday 30th November, school will be providing a slice of toast for every child in school. The children will have their toast in-time for their morning playtime. This will be a good boost of energy for them until their lunch later on. There is no cost to parents for the toast as school will pay. Children are still allowed to bring in another snack from home should they wish, i.e. a piece of fruit, a vegetable.



The Value of the Month – Friendliness: This photo really does summarise what we are about at Featherstone Primary School. Here we have children from Year 3. They are from different backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities but they are all having fun on our Diwali Day! In their Healthy Mind, Healthy Body lessons, these children were showing kindness by 'giving.' They had to make a friendship bracelet about someone else in their class and say nice things about them. What wonderful children we have in our school!

Diwali Celebration: A huge thanks to our kitchen staff for cooking the Diwali dinner. It was delicious!

Parents' Evening: Running and managing school must continue despite the difficulties that COVID-19 brings. Thank you, parents, for taking the time to talk to the class teachers over the phone this week. It is important that you receive updates about your child's learning. Remember that every Friday we email you a weekly parent update to let you know what is going on in the classroom for the following week.

Additional Staffing:

We would like to welcome the following Teaching Assistants who will be in addition to our team of existing TAs.

Miss Spencer – EYFS

Miss Lea-Redmond – Year 1

Miss Lowndes – Year 3

Mr Hopkins – Year 4

Miss Hughes – Year 5

Mrs Mohammed – Year 6

Catch Up Learning / Lost Learning

In addition to extra staff, we also have been allocated 'Catch Up' funding to help pupils with lost learning as a result of the COVID Lockdown. This scheme is directly funded by the government and allows for schools to hire tutors. The following teachers are in everyday working with children across school.

Miss Thethi (Year 2)

Mrs Greaves (Year 3 and 4)





Mrs Perryman (Year 5 and 6)

Mrs. Harrington-Taylor: It is with sad news that I write to you that, Mrs. Harrington-Taylor, our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENDCo), is leaving Featherstone at the end of the term. Mrs. Harrington-Taylor has been at Featherstone for over five years, and has given a great deal of support to our families in her time. I would like to personally thank her for her hard work and dedication to Featherstone. Mrs. Harrington-Taylor has recently relocated to a different part of the country and so has sought a new job closer to home. We wish her all the very best in her next adventure. An Interim SENDCo, Miss. Slater, will work with Mrs. Harrington-Taylor over the next few weeks and then continue to work with us from January 2021. A warm welcome to Miss. Slater and all of our new staff.

What's happening in school?

English	Polskie	عربي	Somali	Hindi
9 th December Christmas dinner	9 grudnia obiad świąteczny	ديسمبر 9 عشاء عيد الميلاد	9-kii Diseembar Cashada kirismaska	9 दिसंबर क्रिसमस रात्रिभोज
10 th December Nativity recording	10 grudnia Nagranie Narodzenia	ديسمبر 10 تسجيل الميلاد	10-ka Diseembar Duubista dhalashada	10 दिसंबर नेटिविटी रिकॉर्डिंग
17 th December Christmas parties in class 'bubbles'	17 grudnia Wigilie w klasie „bąbelki”	ديسمبر 17 حفلات الكريسماس في "الفقاعات"	17-ka Diseembar Xisbiyada Kirismaska ee 'goobooyin' fasalka	17 दिसंबर क्रिसमस की पार्टियों में 'बुलबुले'

House Points:

House		Weekly	Total for this term
Phoenix		240	2,154
Pegasus		372	2,318
Unicorn		275	2,335
Griffin		302	2,141

Overall House Points

Unicorn is still in the lead! But all other houses are very close behind! Pegasus, can you catch up?

Please remember to follow you child's class twitter page to see more photos.

Happy Diwali to those families who are celebrating The Festival of Light!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr. E Gaibee

Headteacher

