

# Featherstone Primary School



## Weekly School Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to this week's newsletter. I'd like to start off with a few reminders.

### School gates

Each morning, the school gates open at 8.30am. Then, each afternoon, they open at 3.20pm. Please can I ask that you don't come onto school site before these times. Thank you.

### Play areas

Can I please request that children do not play on the grass/slate area directly outside the school office. It is a small space and we don't want any accidents. Thank you.

### Jewelry

Parents, a reminder that children should not be wearing hooped earrings, large stud earring, rings, bracelets or nail varnish. Thank you.

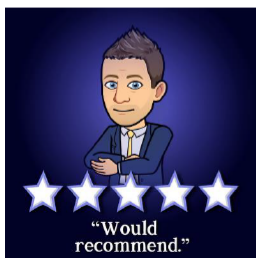
### Prosody

Next week, Mr. Douglas is looking forward to hearing the KS2 entries for September's prosody competition. So, there are just a few more days to practice so that you're ready!

## Mr. Douglas' Prosody Competition

### September 2022 theme: recommend me a book!

Of course, we read lots of books in school but hopefully we do at home too! The first prosody competition of this year involves you coming and talking to me about a book you've recently read...and why you think I should read it next! So, have your book and reasons ready...



#### What am I looking for?

Remember, prosody involves you talking with confidence, fluency and expression! Based on a book you have read, I am looking for you to come and tell me all about why I should read it next. Your entry must be well-rehearsed and something you have practised. I am looking for good levels of enthusiasm and excitement about your book, telling me:

Year 3: The title, the author, a summary and why I should read it.

Year 4: The title, the author, the genre, a summary and why I should read it.

Year 5: The title, the author, the genre, a summary of the plot and characters and why I should read it with clear, well-explained reasons.

Year 6: The title, the author, the genre, a summary of the plot and characters and why you fully recommend the book with clear, well-justified reasons.

### **Book Swap Shop**

The Book Swap Shop will be returning to school from next week. On Thursdays, after school, the Book Swap Shop will be open at the front of the school. Simply bring an unwanted children's book into school to swap it for a different one. Then, once you have read that, feel free to bring it back and keep swapping! The first Book Swap Shop is Thursday 29th September. Children: remember to bring a book to swap!

### **Photos**

The children had their school photographs this week and it was lovely to see them all looking smiley and smart for them!

### **Hall expansion**

The hall expansion is very nearly completed (at long last)! A massive thank you to all parents for your patience and co-operation in managing this. Details to follow in due course on what the collection arrangements will be once the hall is finished.

### **Winter is coming!**

The days are getting darker and the temperature is dropping. The summer seems like a very long time ago! As we approach the colder months, please ensure your child is wearing an appropriate coat and for when it is very cold, maybe hat, scarves and gloves. Please make sure that all items of clothing has your child's name inside.

### **Medical**

If your child has any medical needs, or changes to their medication (i.e. asthma) please ensure the school office is informed. Thank you.

### **Diary Dates**

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
19.10.22	Parents Evening Times TBA
19.10.22	Harvest Festival (EYFS/KS1) 9am
20.10.22	Parents Evenings Times TBA
02.11.22	Diwali Dinner for Children
03.11.22	September 2023 intake - Open Day 09.30am / 1.30pm / 5.30pm
08.11.22	September 2023 intake - Open Day 09.30am / 1.30pm / 5.30pm
07.12.22	Christmas Dinner for Children (staff and children)
09.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day
12.12.22	Year 1 Carol concert – 2.30pm
13.12.22	Year 6 Parent Showcase 2.45pm
14.12.22	EYFS Nativity: 09.30 RDG EYFS Nativity: 2:30pm RMA
16.12.22	Attendance Shop
16.12.22	End of term

### Term Dates

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2022</b>	<b>SPRING TERM 2023</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM 2023</b>	<b>Teacher days</b>
Term Starts: Monday 5 September 2022	Term Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2023	Term Starts: Monday 17 April 2023	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan
Half Term: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022	Half Term: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 24 February 2023	Half Term: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> July
Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2022	Term Ends: Friday 31 March 2023	Term Ends: Tuesday 25 July 2023	

From Mr. E. Gaibee,  
**Headteacher**