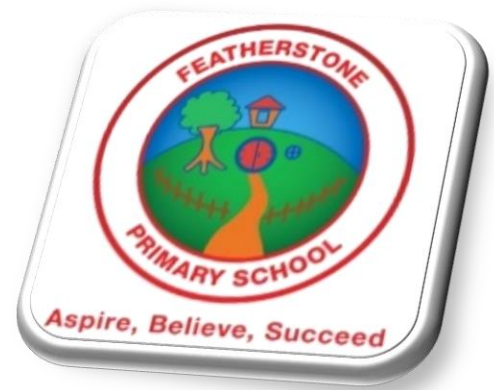


Featherstone Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter



22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Ciaran (Place2Be)



I start this week's newsletter with some sad news. Ciaran, our school-based manager for Place2Be, is leaving us on the 12th November. Ciaran is taking up a new post away from Place2Be where his role will still be based on helping children manage their emotions and make sense of their feelings. Ciaran joined us in September 2017 and has helped us shape our approach to mental wellbeing care and being a 'mentally healthy school.' It goes without saying that Ciaran will be greatly missed by children and staff alike but, of course, we wish him all the very best with his new ventures. Goodbye and good luck, Ciaran. We are closely working with Place2be area managers in selecting a new a Mental Health Lead to join us soon.

Parents' evening

Thank you to all those parents who made an appointment and attended parents' evening this week. We had a high turn out and it was great to hear so many happy and proud parents. Our next parents' evening will be in the Spring term, after Christmas.

Parent showcases



Year 5 put on a spectacular 'This Is Me' showcase on Wednesday, where they showed off their super singing and Design & Technology products. Well done Year 5! Earlier this morning, Year 3 showed off all their knowledge and learning about the Ancient Egyptians. It is so great to see all the children enjoying their learning and a big thanks to the parents who came along to support and took part in the Egyptian Facts Test!

Poppy Sale

Poppies will still be on sale in school for the children to buy after the half term holiday. Cost of one poppy is 20p. Cost of other items (poppy reflectors/zip poppy etc.) range from 50p to £1. Some of the Year 6 children will be going round classrooms for children to purchase these items.



Attendance

I am very proud to say that the attendance for this half term for the whole school, from September to now, stands at 96.07%. This is a great achievement. The top three classes for best attendance in the whole school are Class 2K, with 97.21%, and then in joint second place Class 1R and RDG, with 97.10%! Well done to these classes! Next half term, I want to see even higher figures. Remember parents, children need to be in school every day unless they have a genuine illness and need to take the day off to recover.

Operation Encompass



Featherstone have signed up to be an 'Operation Encompass' school. Operation Encompass is an information sharing and early help initiative, set up to help children who may witness domestic violence in the home. In the event of a domestic violence incident where police are called, school will be notified so we can put in early help and support for the child and family. More information about Operation Encompass can be found [here](#).

Free School Meals

On Wednesday, Mr. Douglas wrote to families who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. These families will receive a £15.00 voucher (per eligible child) to their inbox to help support with food shopping over the half term holiday. Families who are entitled, please check your email to find the information you need.



KS2 school dinners

If your KS2 child has a dinner in school each day, the cost of this is £85.75 for the Autumn 2 term. Thursday pizza day is £15.75 for the half term. Please arrange payments via Parent Pay, as usual. Thank you.

Celebrating attendance – Attendance Shop!

Today, 241 children visited the attendance shop! This is for children who have 97% attendance and above, and it is our way of saying 'well done' and 'keep up the good work!' Children loved their time choosing prizes from the attendance shop and we hope to see many more in December's attendance shop. After the half term holiday, every child has a chance to visit the attendance shop. Although we monitor attendance from September, each half term is a fresh chance to get 97%+ for the half term and visit the shop. Get to school on-time each day for a chance next half term!



ATTENDANCE SHOP!

A big *well done* to Year 3, who raised £170.83 for the charity 'Save the Children.' An excellent amount to a great cause.

Check out these great homework projects



Dates for your diary

	Forthcoming Events – Key Dates	Nadchodzące wydarzenia - daty kluczowe	أحداث قادمة - التواريخ الرئيسية	Dhacdooyinka soo dhoweya - Taariikhaha Muhiimka	आगामी घटनाओं - प्रमुख तिथियाँ
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4th Nov	Nasal Flu immunisation	Uodpornienie na grypę nosa	تحصين أنفلونزا الأنف	Tallaalka Hargabka sanko	नाक फलू टीकाकरण
8th Dec	Christmas Dinner (staff and children)	Kolacja wigilijna (personel i dzieci)	عشاء عيد الميلاد (الموظفون والأطفال)	Cashada Kirismaska (shaqaalaha iyo carruurta)	क्रिसमस डिनर (स्टाफ और बच्चे)
15th Dec	EYFS Nativity: 09.30 and EYFS Nativity- 2:30pm	Szopka EYFS: 09.30 i Szopka EYFS – 14:30	ميلاد EYFS: 09.30 و EYFS Nativity- 2:30 مساءً	Dhalashada EYFS: 09.30 iyo Dhalashada EYFS- 2:30 pm	EYFS जन्म: 09.30 और ईवाईएफएस नेटिविटी- दोपहर 2:30 बजे

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