

# Featherstone Primary School



## Weekly School Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### ITV News came to Featherstone

On Thursday, reporters from ITV news came to school, looking at the impact of the Glenville Drive road closures. The reporters were really interested to know if the road closure was helping the air quality, decreasing pollution and was generally healthier for everyone. The reporters spoke to a few of our pupils about their thoughts. These pupils (Umar, Wojciech, Jessica, Saliha and Rio) all spoke with confidence to the reporter and became famous on TV! We are really proud of how well these children did. Well done all. And, thanks to all the parents that continue to support the road closure. Here are some behind-the-scenes shot of the filming of the child stars!



## Place2Be BAFTA Roadshow – Mental Health Awareness

What a week it has been here at Featherstone! On Tuesday, we had two celebrities visit the school as part of the BAFTA Roadshow, organised by Place2Be. Kia Pegg, a CBBC actor, and Ben Shires, a CBBC Presenter, led a brilliant assembly and then visited classrooms throughout the day. The children really enjoyed it and could see that if they aspire and work hard, then one day, they can be what they want to be too – just like the two celebrities!



## Dinner Money: Spring 1 Term

Here are the costs for next term's dinner money, which can be paid through Parent Pay.

- School meal Everyday - £82.50
- Thursday meal only £17.50

# Special Educational Needs at Featherstone Primary School

## What is SEND?

**‘SEND’ is the acronym for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.**

The SEND register is a document held by all schools, outlining which children may need additional support above that of their usual classroom teaching. In order for a child to be placed on the SEND register, they need to meet the criteria of needing support which is ‘in addition to or different from’ that of their peers, as outlined in the SEND Code of Practice, across one or more of the broad areas of SEND - Cognition and Learning, Communication and Interaction, Physical and Sensory or Social, Emotional and Mental Health. To identify which children may need support in addition to or different from that of their peers, we use a variety of approaches including: observations, book looks and meetings with parents and/or class teachers.

Further information about this can be found in our SEND Information Report on our school website. It is important to remember that the SEND Register is a fluid document which is regularly analysed, evaluated and updated. Some children may be on the SEND register throughout their school journey whereas others may be removed. Having your child on the SEND register may seem daunting and it can be an emotional experience, however it is definitely not a negative one! It is a fantastic way to ensure that your child is receiving the best support and that every adult involved with your child’s education is aware of how to provide the most positive experience for them whilst at school.

You are welcome to Miss Beach who is the Special Educational Needs Coordinator at Featherstone if you require any additional information. She is always on duty at the back of the school during morning drop off and afternoon collection. Alternatively, you could call the office on 0121 675 9740 and ask to speak to her or you could email the school at [enquire@feathstn.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquire@feathstn.bham.sch.uk)

### **Snow: A reminder**

In the event of school needing to close due to bad weather, an announcement will be made to parents via text and email.

Please can I ask parents not to call school to ask if we are open— **if you do not get a text from Groupcall Messenger, then school is open as normal.**

The closure of school is not an easy decision to make; several factors have to be taken into account, i.e. safety for parents to get children to school, accessibility onto school site, heating conditions, staffing numbers in school and also assessing if the weather is going to worsen during the day. All these factors have to be considered before the final decision is made by 7:00am. If school is open and it has snowed, we can only grit the pathways on school grounds. The Council is responsible for gritting the road and not the school.

## Diary Dates

12.12.22	Year 1 Carol concert – 2.30pm
13.12.22	Year 2 Featherstone Celebration – Parents invited 09.30am
14.12.22	EYFS Nativity: 09.30 Mr Gravell’s Class EYFS Nativity: 2:30pm Mrs McNamee’s Class
15.12.22	<p><b><u>Non-Uniform Day – Christmas Film and snacks afternoon</u></b></p> <p>Children are welcome to bring a small snack to eat at their Christmas party/movie afternoon. This could be a small cake, small bag of popcorn or biscuit. Children to bring their snack in a small bag.</p> <p>As we are a nut free school, please ensure that the snack you send does not contain nuts. The children are allowed to wear non-school uniform on this day.</p> <p>The children will watch a film and also teachers will plan some fun games.</p>
16.12.22	Attendance Shop
16.12.22	End of term



Have a nice weekend  
From Mr Gaibee  
**(Headteacher)**