

Featherstone Primary School School Newsletter



15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Award Assemblies

Starting from 25th Sept 2023, we will be inviting parents into school to attend their child's special award assembly. If your child has been nominated by their teacher for Reading, Writing or the Special Award Assembly, an invite will be sent to you in advance. It would be lovely to see you there.

Special Awards

We would love to celebrate any children who have gained any awards out of school i.e. football, dance, martial arts or any charitable work they have been awarded for. Please let their teachers know or feel free to email the school. Parents will be invited to the Special Award Assembly.



School Pledge

Last year, we introduced "My School Pledge," a two-part promise that all children signed in order to make Featherstone and our local/national communities the best places that they could possibly be. Mr. Gravell, Miss. Lacey, Miss. Beach and Mr. Douglas have been visiting classrooms reminding children about the important of this pledge and ways that we can all uphold and stick to it. Here is a copy of "My School Pledge."

Part 1: School Rules.

Pupils Pledge to uphold the school rules by:

1. Respect everyone's feelings.
2. Respect everyone by calling them their given name.
3. Respect others' education by allowing them to listen and learn.
4. Respect and follow instructions given by any member of staff.
5. Respect others by being courteous and honest at all times.
6. Respect others' personal space by keeping hands, feet and objects to yourself.
7. Respect others' belongings.
8. Respect the school environment by keeping our school clean, tidy and safe.



Part 2: Commitment to British Values and Society. Pupils pledge to:


1. Uphold the values of Great Britain.
2. Use my democratic freedom to make the right choices.

3. Appreciate the importance of the Monarchy, its Parliament and their roles.
4. Be a responsible citizen in my community.
5. Stay safe online and use technology responsibly.
6. Treat everyone equally and respect their choices.

Value of the Month: Respect

The Value of the Month for September is Respect. This is one of Featherstone's most important Values because it links to so many others. This week, children have been thinking about how Respect can be shown at lunchtimes, by really thinking about their lunchtime manners. They have also thought about how every single person deserves a chance at Respect, no matter who they are. Please do support this very important Value at home by discussing it with your child.

Prosody Competition (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)



Mr. Douglas's Prosody Competition

Autumn 1 2023: Spooky Stories

B-b-back by popular d-d-demand! This first half term's prosody competition has g-g-got a spooky feel to it! In the run-up to Hallowe'en, I want you to come and read me a spooky story! (Not too spooky though – I'm a scaredy cat)! Over the next few weeks, practise and rehearse reading a story that could include ghosts or ghouls, vampires or zombies...anything with a scare! Your story can be a real book or written by you!

What am I looking for?

Remember, prosody involves you reading with confidence, fluency and expression! With a spooky story, I am looking for you to come and read to me. Your entry must be **well-rehearsed and something you have practised**. I am looking for you to use your voice in different ways to spook and scare me!


Year 3: A loud, clear, well-expressed story, with pauses at full stops and commas.

Year 4: A loud, clear, well-expressed story, with pauses at full stops and commas. Can you re-tell some of your story whispering or even shouting?

Year 5: All of Yr3/4 expectations, plus, spooky ways of reading brackets and exclamation marks.

Year 6: Using your voice in the widest of ranges to entertain and spook me.

Come and read to me on any of these dates:
23rd, 24th or 25th
October 2023



Weekly Parent Updates

Just a reminder that every week, we send, by email, weekly snapshots of what learning has taken place in class. These will be sent every Friday to show you what the children are doing in their English, Maths and Topic learning. The aim of this is to share current learning so that you are also able to support and extend your child's learning at home. Next week, we will also be sending across the curriculum coverage to give you a wider picture of what is being covered across the academic year.

Parking on Glenville Drive

Access to Glenville Drive in the mornings and afterschool will still continue to be restricted. Those who have a Disability Badge in their name will be granted access. Please note that as the time restrictions have now been changed, ticketing wardens will be making visits. We will also be sending out weekly photographs of cars who choose not to follow the rules.

We Love School!



Diary Dates

Autumn Term	
19.09.23	School Photographs
19.09.23	School Photo Day – Individual and Sibling Photographs
24.10.23	Parents Evening Times TBA
26.10.23	Parents Evenings Times TBA
15.10.23	Diwali Dinner for Children
15.11.23	September 2024 intake - Open Day 09.30am / 1.30pm
16.11.23	September 2024 intake - Open Day 09.30am / 1.30pm
13.12.23	Christmas Dinner for Children (staff and children)
20.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day
19.12.23	EYFS Nativity: 09.30 EYFS Nativity: 2:30pm
22.12.23	Attendance Shop
22.12.23	End of term

Best regards

From Mr. E. Gaibee
Headteacher