

Featherstone Primary School

School Newsletter



6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you enjoy this week's newsletter, which is full of information and school updates.

Filtering and Monitoring in school



The school operates a very robust filtering and monitoring system for when children use their Chromebooks in school or at home. The filtering and monitoring ensures that nothing inappropriate gets through to the children and on the very rare occasions that something may be accessed, school are informed and we then discuss this with the child and parent.

- Filtering: Any inappropriate websites/material are *filtered* so that children cannot access them.
- Monitoring: Any inappropriate websites/material are *monitored* and

DSLs are informed of these.

- Please note that our filtering and monitoring is active when the children use their Chromebooks at home. Please see letter sent home.

Value of the Month: Diversity

In school, we teach children that Diversity is a great thing. We celebrate all manner of Diversity: gender, age, religion, culture, beliefs, family types, preferences, skills and interests – plus lots more! Where there are differences of opinions, it's really important that we teach *Tolerance*, which is the ability to 'put up' with something and get along. Although *Tolerance* is not as good as the Value of Understanding, it certainly is better than *Intolerance!* Talk to your children about how important Diversity is, especially during October, which is Black History Month. When you see Diversity out and about during the weekends and evenings, talk to your children about how great it is to live in a country where people can be who they want to be.



Harvest

As part of the Harvest Festival, we are supporting Edington Food Bank. We want to help support our local community and show our Featherstone Values to the people outside of our school. We are asking for donations of the following items: tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit beans/lentils/pulses, pasta/rice, biscuits, UHT milk, tea/coffee and fruit juices. We will be collecting donations up until Wednesday 25th October 2023. If you would like to donate any food items, please send them into school with your child in the morning.

Playtime/Breaktime Snack

A reminder to all parents that the only snacks that school allow during the morning break is a piece of fruit or vegetables. Cereal bars/yoghurts/cheese/crisps are not allowed during the morning break.

School provide fruit for all EYFS/KS1 children. Toast, on Monday – Wednesday, is provided for all children.


Place2Be



Hayley from Place2Be is looking for your thoughts and ideas. If you have an idea or suggestion for Place2Be, or about mental health and emotional wellbeing, then use one of the slips that you can see in this photo and pop it into the suggestion box! Hayley is looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Remember that if you need to book an appointment to see Hayley for a Place2Talk session, you can do that by filling in one of the appointment slips and putting it in one of her red postboxes round school.

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



Mr. Douglas' 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



Year 5 Residential

Last week, 46 of the Y5 children went to the Peak District for a 2-night stay at Willersley Castle. They took part in zip lining, archery, rifle shooting, grass sledging, canoeing, climbing and kayaking! It was an absolutely brilliant trip and the children loved it and showed all of their Values. They were extremely tired by the end of the trip (so were the staff)! Thanks to Mr. Douglas, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Williamson,

Miss. Ford and Miss. Williams for taking the children. Take a look at some of the residential photos here, showing the amazing time the children had!



Diary Dates

Autumn Term	
24.10.23	Parents Evening Times TBA
26.10.23	Parents Evenings Times TBA
15.11.23	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