

Featherstone Primary School

Newsletter

20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the final newsletter of 2024! There is plenty for you to read and enjoy!

Reindeer visit

Last week, we had Comet and Dasher visit school! The children loved saying “hi” to two of Father Christmas’ reindeer. The children (and reindeer!) were really well behaved and it was the perfect way to enjoy a cold December day!



Music Electives Showcase

The Year 5 and 6 Music Electives (those children who learn a musical instrument in their spare time) gave us a great performance last week. With their flutes and clarinets, the children really showed off their talents and were well-supported by Miss. Lord's amazing choir! Well done to all involved and thanks to parents for supporting this showcase.



Years 2, 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert

The school hall was packed for the two showings of Years 2, 3 and 4's Christmas Carol Concert! The children sang a range of songs that really got everyone in the Christmas spirit! Well done to all the singers in these year groups.



EYFS Nativity

EYFS brought the Christmas Cute Factor in abundance on Wednesday this week! The children confidently sang a range of Christmas songs and told us about Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Well done to all of the EYFS children – you did brilliantly!



Y1 Nutcracker Dance Performance

It's been Christmas galore this week! Well done to the Y1s, who answered the question: *Will the nutcracker ever dance again?*

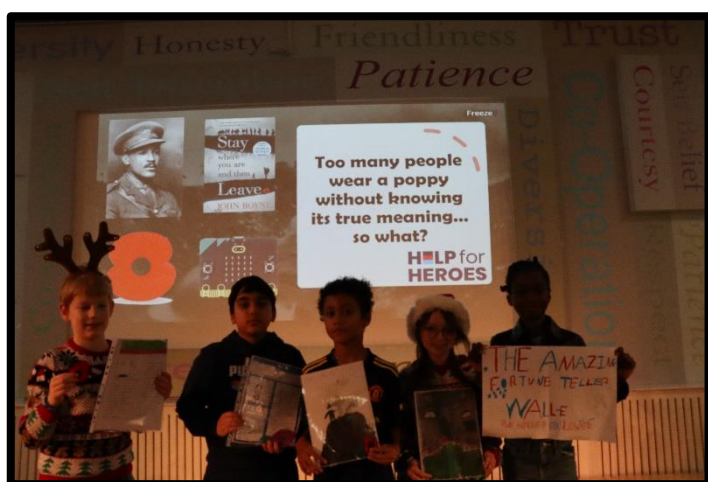


Y6 Trip to Synagogue

In school, children learn about many world faiths taught from the Agreed Syllabus for Birmingham. To enrich their learning, this week, Year 6 took a trip to Singers Hill Synagogue in Birmingham. Here, they spoke with Brian, a member of the Jewish community, and learnt all about the synagogue's history, the main beliefs of Judaism and daily life at the synagogue (which they explored). As a school, we always fully fund our R.E. trips as we think it is important that children learn to understand many world faiths so that they can respect those around them.

Y5 Help for Heroes Showcase

Year 5's topic has involved raising money for the brilliant charity, Help for Heroes. On Thursday this week, parents came into school to see and hear all of the brilliant work that Year 5 have been doing all about WW1. Children sang, spoke about their history topic and showed parents their writing, DT work and Computing work. Well done, Year 5!



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Shop

All those children with 96%+ attendance for this half term visited the attendance shop today, on the last day of term. Thank you to all those parents who consistently support very good attendance.

Dinner Money: Spring 1 Term

School meal everyday: £75.40

Thursday only (pizza): £15.60

Please pay for school meals on Parent Pay, in advance, thank you.

Finally, we wish Mr Douglas all the best as he leaves us today.

Have an amazing winter break.

School reopens to children on Tuesday 7th January 2025, at 08.45.

Happy New Year to you all!

Mr E Gaibee

Headteacher

SEND Occupational Therapy Newsletter

Spring Term 1

PARENT OFFER

Sensory Circuits at Home:

This online webinar explains the benefits of using a sensory circuit and how to implement at home to support with regulation.

Book via Eventbrite

Wednesday 29th January 13.00 – 14.00

Coming Soon: Face to Face Parent Sensory Circuits at Home



SEND Occupational Therapy Webpage:

We are developing our website on Birmingham's LOCAL OFFER, this will allow you access to our OT newsletter, FREE advice videos on different topics including dressing skills, sleep, P.E, sensory and many more!

Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Parents, professionals and educational staff can contact the OT advice line to gain advice and signposting on a child's need.

Monday- Friday, 09:00- 16:00.

0121 683 2325

Interpreting Advice Line information is found on our website via the QR code.



Community Paediatric Occupational Therapy Webpage:

A variety of advice packs (self-care, school skills, sensory) are available on the Occupational Therapy website.



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Diary Dates

Spring Term 2025	
Tuesday 7 th Jan 2025	School Open: children back to school
Wednesday 12 th February 2025	RA Junk modelling workshop for parents
Thursday 13 th February 2025	RA Junk modelling workshop for parents
Friday 14 th February 2025	Attendance shop for children with 96% attendance in Spr1 term
Tuesday 25 th February 2025	3A Trip to Lunt Fort
Wednesday 26 th February 2025	3B Trip to Lunt Fort
Tuesday 4 th March 2025	Parents' evening
Thursday 6 th March 2025	Parents' evening
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Eid dinner for children
Wednesday 9 th April 2025	Easter bonnet parade
Thursday 10 th April 2025	Attendance shop for children with 96% attendance in Spr2 term
Thursday 10 th April 2025	Year 2 and 3 Trip to the Alexandra Theatre
Thursday 10 th April 2025	School finishes for the Easter holidays; children break up