

# Featherstone Primary School

## 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Featherstone Fivers

The children in school are really enthused and excited when they achieve Featherstone Fivers for great teamwork, co-operation, behaviour, attendance and punctuality. Classes are still doing really well saving up for their 'treats' that they would like to buy. This week, 4A have purchased a movie and snack afternoon with their £200 of school currency. 6B have bought a scavenger hunt with their £100 of school currency.



### Attendance (Message from Mr. Douglas)

Attendance this week has been excellent (see our Weekly Attendance Update sent out). There are so many unmissable things happening in school over the next few weeks that children will miss out on if they are absent. Do keep up this amazing streak of attendance so all children can enjoy and learn from what is happening in school. I am very proud of you all.

### Black Country Living Museum

Year 5 children visited the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley last week to experience what life would have been like as a Victorian child. (In short, life would have been very hard)! Children visited draughty Victorian houses, a very strict school and also a blacksmith, who was forging metal. As always, staff received lots of compliments about the children's behaviour and conduct around the museum. Our children always behave impeccably when out on trips. Well done, Year 5.

### Featherstone 'Hub' visits the Sea Life Centre

Children from our 'Hub' had a wonderful time on Thursday this week when they visited the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. They all took the minibus to the centre and saw all sorts of ocean animals such as sting rays, sharks, clown fish, star fish and even penguins! Again, the children were impeccably behaved.



### **Enrichment deadline reminder**

A reminder that any Enrichment forms must be handed into school (FAO Mr. Douglas) on or before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. That way, any Enrichment activities that your child has done outside of school can be counted towards their award. Any forms handed in after Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July will not be counted.

### **Toys from home**

A reminder to parents that toys from home (i.e. games, teddies, colouring books, figurines, collectable cards) are not permitted in school. Please ensure that your child leaves all of their toys at home. Thank you.

### **Achievements out of school**

A lot of our children do some wonderful and enriching things outside of the school week. Last weekend, Horus finished the Nuneaton and Bedworth End of Season swimming challenge. He had a great swim and came away with Gold in 100m butterfly, Silver in 200m butterfly, Silver in 200m Breaststroke, Bronze in 50m freestyle and Bronze in 50m breaststroke. Horus has qualified for and will be competing at the Warwickshire County Championships 2025. Well done, Horus, we are extremely proud of you.

Meanwhile, Shay and Rio completed 'The World's Biggest Inflatable 5K'. Despite Rio being ill, he still managed to get through it. A 'normal' 5K run is hard let alone this! Well done, boys, a great achievement!



## International Festival Days



We have over 50 nationalities at Featherstone Primary School. To celebrate our diversity, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July are our *International Festival Days*. Children will be visiting a range of classrooms to learn about the cultures, countries and festivals of many countries that are represented within Featherstone's community. On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, children are able to come into school dressed in their own cultural clothes from their community or from one of the countries they are studying. We look forward to these days!

## Diary Dates

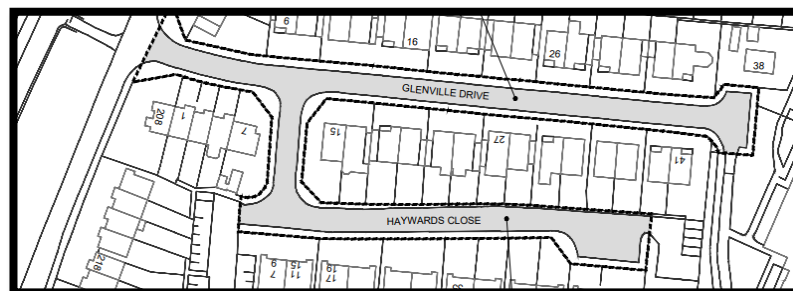
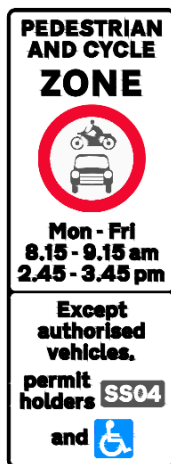
Monday 01.07.24	Year 6 Trip to Drayton Manor Park
Monday 01.07.24	Featherstone's World Book Day (No dressing up)
Wednesday 03.07.24	Transition Day (children visit new classes)
Thursday 04.07.24	Sports Day for the whole school
Monday/Tuesday 08/09.07.24	International Days (cultural non-uniform 09.07.24)
Wednesday 10.07.24	Years 4, 5 and 6 Music Performance – 9.15am
Thursday 11.07.24	Parents' Evening (drop ins)
Friday 12.07.24	Whole school picnic
Tuesday 16.07.24	Year 4 Greek Festival Day



Wednesday 17.07.24	EYFS Graduation – 9.00am
Wednesday 17.07.24	Year 6 Production ('The Lion King') for parents – 5.30pm
Thursday 18.07.24	Year 6 Graduation – 9.15am
Thursday 18.07.24	Year 1 visit to Tamworth Castle
Friday 19.07.24	School closes for the summer holiday at 3.25pm

## PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Parents and Residents can directly send video footage of vehicles that are in the restricted zone during the times below. Blue badge holders must ensure their badge is displayed on the dashboard or fascia panel where it can be clearly read through the front windscreen.



### Number of Penalty Notice Fines and Penalty Points issued by West Midlands Police:

- 4 drivers have received a £50.00 fine each
- 5 drivers have received a £100.00 fine
- 4 drivers have received three points on their licence (plus a £100.00 fine)
- 1 driver prosecuted in court
- 1 driver has received 6 points on their licence (plus a £100.00 fine)




### Third-party reporting regarding driving and parking (Glenville Drive and Haywards Close)

Birmingham City Council are working with West Midlands Police, and as part of this are looking to undertake a third-party reporting trial. This UK police initiative 'Operation Snap', allows members of the public to submit dashcam footage showing allegations around dangerous and careless driving. This could include any moving vehicle offences committed by driving in a Car Free School Street during the hours of the restriction.

URL: <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/your-options/operation-snap-driving-standards>

Direct Link: [Operation Snap](#)

## Be Empowered Workshops



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**Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers**

### Be Empowered Workshops

The final (Face to Face) workshop of this academic year  
Mondays 10am – 1pm (for 6 weekly sessions)  
Starting Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mon 10<sup>th</sup>, Mon 17<sup>th</sup>, Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June, Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jul, and  
finishing Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**At Oasis Community Learning (The Midlands Office), Woodview Drive,  
Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2HU.**

Are you a parent of a child with special or additional needs?

Do you want to meet with other parents and learn more about local and national services and what they can offer?

Do you want to feel more confident about working with practitioners and making decisions about your child's journey?

We warmly invite you to a series of workshops that have been written by and are led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, with or without a diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

**TO BOOK – Complete the booking form and return to:**  
[BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk)

For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762 056

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING COMPLETED BOOKING FORMS IS WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2024!**

**N.B We are unable to provide creche facilities.**

Have a lovely weekend!  
From Mr. Gaibee  
(Headteacher)