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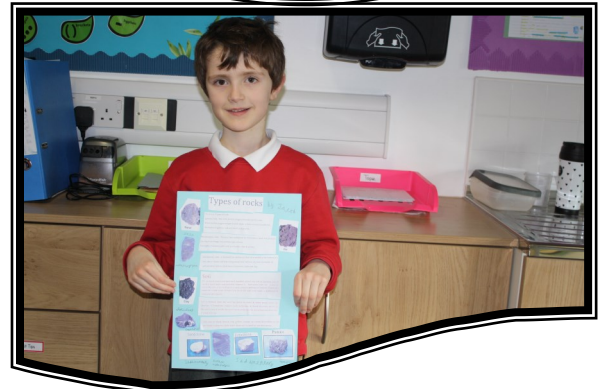
Weekly Newsletter – 2nd Feb 2018

National Outstanding Award 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

I want to start by saying that the children's behaviour in our school is overall exemplar, the children are a real credit to all our families.

As you know behaviour in our school is monitored by all and we have regular training for staff in this area. It is always important for parents to know how we monitor this and log information. Children's behaviour in class is closely monitored. Where children's behaviour is good this is acknowledged and rewarded. The children are given house points, and Marvellous Me texts are sent home. However they need to earn this, as it's not a given right! When there are concerns regarding a child's behaviour, parents are informed. In the first instance this is raised by the class teacher directly with you. Class teachers log all information regarding behaviour using internal systems, so that there is continuous monitoring to identify any patterns of behaviour or ongoing concerns and the intervention needed. It is always important to have a reminder on expectations on behaviour. Together with this newsletter I have attached the **Behaviour Policy** so that you may familiarise with the behaviour expectations. Our staff in school take a lead on behaviour and are always there to make sure that any issues in school are quickly reported back to parents so that we work hand in hand. Please do take a few minutes to look at the policy.



Year 3 have completed their homework topics on Rocks and Soil.

Year 4 have some creative models to show how the digestive system works.



We Love School!

Marvellous Me

Marvellous Me tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and pings you when they've been praised for good work or a great character skill. It makes you smile, feel proud, and inspires better home learning support and encouragement. Marvellous Me tell parents what their children are learning across the curriculum. All parents have a log in to receive updates from class teachers in how well their children are doing in class. If you have any difficulties please ask to speak to Mrs Wilson.



Bullying Concerns and online monitoring.

All staff closely monitor signs of bullying in school and any rare incidents of bullying are stamped out immediately. In the event of any incidents of bullying, teachers rapidly address this through class discussions and educating the children by encouraging positive relationships and the use of strategies to resolve or defuse issues.

All staff (teachers, teaching assistants and dinner staff) are trained to spot signs of bullying (including e-safety). At Featherstone Primary we have an e-safety monitoring system which allows for all internet usage in school to be monitored. Any pages visited by the user which are inappropriate are immediately flagged and this is then followed through by designated people. In most cases we have found that this is usually low level and just requires to give the children a gentle reminder about internet rules. All of our children are aware of this monitoring, know the rules and also how to report any concerns that they may have. Throughout school posters are visible in corridors and in classrooms so that children know who to go if they have a worry. We have found that our children are exceptionally confident in knowing who to go and talk to if they have a concern, or would just like a chat!



Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

Tuesday 6th is national safer internet Day. To help raise your awareness please visit the school website for e-safety information for parents which includes the following information. Mobile Phones, Online Games, Parent Control Tools, Risks you child may face online, Social Networking, Talking to People online, Snapchat and Instagram Safety.

CHILD PROTECTION / SAFEGUARDING

Who do I need to talk to if I am worried? All of our staff are Safeguarding trained.

Who can help you? We have Four Designated Persons for Safeguarding

Mr Gaibee Headteacher	Miss Hill Deputy Headteacher	Miss Harrington SENCo	Miss Lacey
			

Expectations and Reminders to all Parents

Homework. Please make sure your child completes their homework and hands it in on time. Support your child but please do not do it for them.

Spelling and Mental maths. Please remember to make time at home for children to practise their weekly spellings and mental maths. Children will be tested on Fridays.

School Uniform

Children should be wearing shoes to schools and not trainers (without flashing lights!)

Boys: School socks should be grey or black

Girls: Socks (White / Black) or Tights (Red/Grey)

No trainers!

Hair styles. A reminder that fashion haircuts are for holiday time and not for in school! No Mohican's or patterns.

Earrings: Plain, small studs only– no stones (diamonds), or hoops please.

Morning snack (Juniors). Please ensure that playtime snacks are healthy - no crisps or chocolate. **(Infants)** Reception, Year 1 and 2 do not need to bring snacks to school– they receive free fruit. Juniors are also offered free fruit.

Water. Please do not send children to school with diluted sugar drinks. Water is essential for all the obvious reasons. Should you have a concern over this request, please do not hesitate to email/write to school directly.

Supervision of children before and after school Please be mindful that the gardens and driveways on Glenville Drive are private property. Please support us by ensuring that your child does not run onto them on the way to or from school. Please do not park in front of our neighbours driveways, they need access at all times. We appreciate your support with this.

At Featherstone Primary School our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

Parent Code of Conduct. We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

Respect the caring ethos of our school

- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.

We have a Zero Tolerance Policy on school grounds. Any parent not complying with this will be asked to leave the school grounds. If we need to take further action through the local authority or police we will not hesitate to do so.

Social Media Sites






- The use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites. Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated in this school is found to be posting offensive or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site and also to the Local Authority.

Uniform Reminder

We instil in our children a sense of personal pride and the want to look smart so that they can care about their school and learning. Our Featherstone uniform ensures that all children feel a sense of belonging underpinned by our value of co-operation. With that in mind, a few polite reminders and your support, please. If children wear earrings, they should be plain gold studs only. Earrings should not be hooped or decorated studs. Necklaces are not allowed to be worn in school. Finally, please keep bows in hair to a proportionate size and nothing too large. Many thanks for your support.

Forthcoming Events – Key Dates

2nd Feb	Early Closure consultation closing date (5.00 p.m.)
5th to 9th Feb	EYFS parents in classrooms building junk models with children 2:00pm
8th Feb	Year 2 SATs meeting Time 4:00pm (Parents only no children please)
13th Feb	Year 2 Africa Performance for Parents– 2.40pm
13th Feb	Parents evening 4-6 (To be held in the hall) Please book using the new system.
14th Feb	Year 6 Shakespeare Showcase 2.15pm – 3.15pm (Year 6 classrooms)
15th Feb	Parents evening 4-6 (To be held in the hall)
16th Feb	End of half term
26th Feb	Children back to school
26th Feb to 2nd March	Book fair in school
1st March	World Book Day!

House		Weekly	Total for this Year
Phoenix		445	1777
Unicorn		390	1921 
Pegasus		501	1783
Griffin		415	1582

Dinner Money
Tues 9th Jan - Fri 16th Feb 2018
Full Term : £65.25
Fri Only: £13.50

We are proud of our attendance so far this year!

Class	For this year so far...
5W	97.7%
1B	97.2%
3V	97.5%

**Have a lovely weekend
Mr Gaibee and Staff**



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