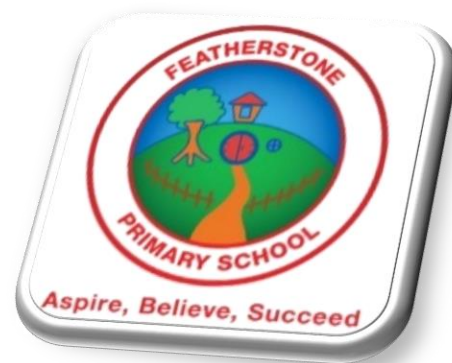


Featherstone Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

11th Spetember 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

A warm welcome to all our parents and particularly to the new families who have joined us this year. We hope that the start of this journey is an exciting one and during your child's education at Featherstone Primary School, they go from strength to strength. This week has been an exciting and successful week, with the launch of the school re-opening. We had celebration balloons at the front of the school to welcome all the staff, children and parents back to Featherstone. Thank you to Michelle from 'Beau's Balloons' who set this up on Sunday.

With the start of the new term, the newsletter also has had a new look. As well as communicating what is happening in school, there will also be any new updates relating to COVID-19 and any changes to school routine.

The newsletter will aim to cover the following:

- ❖ What has been happening in school this week?
- ❖ Phase Updates
- ❖ COVID update for parents

What has been happening in school this week?:

This week, the children have settled in exceptionally well. I personally delivered a welcome back assembly to each year group 'bubble,' explaining the changes in school, COVID rules on social distancing and the importance of washing and keeping hands clean. I felt this was an important welcome back to the children as although some year groups and key worker children were able to return in the summer term, for the vast majority of the children, this Monday would have been their first day back since the March lockdown. It was great to see all the children back again!

The following teachers were also welcomed to the school: Miss Dodd, who is new to our school was also introduced to her class (4D) and Miss Beach who has returned from maternity leave (2B).

Going around school this week has been wonderful and from looking on the class Twitter page, it is clear to see all of the brilliant stuff that has been going on.

Welcome
Back!



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Phase Updates

EYFS: Children in EYFS have settled in well and although we do not usually do such a long transition for them, already they have started to settle into school life. We had lots of parents that came for the stay and play sessions and these went well.

Infants: Year 1 children are currently going through their transition and Mrs Cozens and Miss Cresswell have made opportunities for learning and play to form a part of this transition. The jump from EYFS to Year 1 alone is huge for these children and particularly when they have already missed out on a term of learning. This approach we feel is important for the children and their development. Life in Year 2 has kicked off with a bang! Miss Beach and Miss Lacey have set their classrooms up and the children have again settled in.

Junior's dinner times and sandwiches

To manage the staggered lunch times, we have now arranged for the children in Juniors who have sandwiches to have their lunch in their bubble classroom. This is so that there is no overcrowding in the hall but also so that there is social distancing in place. Our teaching assistants are currently being used to supervise the children in the classrooms. So far, this is working exceptionally well and the children are enjoying eating their packed lunch and chatting to their friends. This solution is helping with children keeping in their bubbles and also their lunch boxes staying in their classrooms.

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.

Marvellous me.

Unfortunately, we will no longer be subscribing to Marvellous Me. Parents can still follow their class Twitter page to keep up to date with what is happening.

Not only do we have a whole-school Twitter account, which is [@FeatherstoneSch](https://twitter.com/FeatherstoneSch) but we also have a Twitter account for each of the year groups across the school. Please do follow our Twitter accounts so that you can see what the teachers are posting when the school is closed. Messages, learning ideas and challenges have been posted this week. Oh, and we love it when you tweet back!

EYFS	@FeatherstoneEYFS
Year 1	@FeatherstoneYR1
Year 2	@FeatherstoneYR2
Year 3	@FeatherstoneYR3
Year 4	@FeatherstoneYR4
Year 5	@FeatherstoneYR5
Year 6	@FeatherstoneYR6

COVID UPDATE FOR PARENTS

Start of school day

The staggered starts meant that we were managing the number of children and parents in one place at one time. However, because we are using more entrances than normal, we are now confident that, from **Monday 14th September**, we can return to our normal school opening times. Doors will open at **08.45** and will close at **08.55**. Children can be dropped off at school at any time during these 10 minutes. Any children who arrive after 08.55 will receive a 'late' mark, and will need to enter school via the school office.

From the period of 08.45 – 08.55, year groups will enter via these entrances:

EYFS	EYFS gates
Year 1	Back of school
Year 2	Into the Year 2 classrooms
Year 3	Back of school
Year 4	Back of school
Year 5	Entrance by the bike shed
Year 6	Entrance by the bike shed

End of school day

The staggered times at the end of the day will also be changing from Monday 14th September. Years Reception, 1, 2 and 3 will finish school at **3.25pm** and Years 4, 5 and 6 will finish at **3.30pm**. The exits will remain the same as they have been since re-opening.

EYFS	EYFS gates
Year 1	Year 1 classrooms/steps
Year 2	From the Year 2 classrooms
Year 3	Back of school
Year 4	Back of school
Year 5	School hall
Year 6	Entrance by the bike shed

Friday

On a Friday, Years Reception, 1, 2 and 3 will finish school at **12.50pm** and Years 4, 5 and 6 will finish at **12.55pm**. The exits are the same as above.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. We only make changes where they are needed for the smooth running of the school and of course, the health and safety of everyone. We have tried to keep the timings close so that any siblings can be picked up without too much waiting around. Please remember that these changes begin on Monday 14th September.

Best wishes
Mr E Gaibee
Headteacher



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Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - SCHOOL NAME child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.

	<p>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</p>	
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>). 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
<p>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p><i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i></p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>