

Featherstone Primary

School

Weekly Newsletter

4th Dec 2020



Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, the Government made the following announcements regarding testing and exams at the end of Years 2, 4 and 6. In recognition of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gavin Williamson said the following:

Key stage 1 (End of Year 2) tests in English Reading, Mathematics and the English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test have been **removed**. However, teacher assessment in English Reading, Writing and Mathematics at Key Stage 1 will remain.

Phonics: Schools can take a flexible approach to the administration of the Y1 phonics screening check in June, by extending the original timetable by one week, until 25 June 2021.

Key stage 2 (End of Year 6): English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test (originally on the 10th May 2021) has been removed. Schools can take a flexible approach to the administration of the other Key Stage 2 tests by extending the original timetable by a week, until 26th May 2021. All other assessments at Key Stage 2 (English Reading and Mathematics) will **remain**.

Multiplication Check in Year 4:

To further support schools, the Government have delayed the statutory introduction of the multiplication tables check – schools may choose to take part on an optional basis.

Summary:

This means that the following statutory assessments will continue in 2021:

- the phonics screening check for Year 1 pupils (and Year 2 pupils who have not met the expected standard previously)
- KS2 English Reading and Mathematics tests
- KS1 and KS2 teacher assessment (excluding Science)

Re: Extra support for children who receive Pupil Premium (PP) Funding

For families who are on low income or receive benefit entitlement, or have done so in the last six years, school receives extra funding called 'Pupil Premium,' which is for disadvantaged children.

This year, as we know, there have been some real challenges for us all and we understand that for some of our families, purchasing books has not been the number one priority. Having said that, this is where we come in so that our disadvantaged children continue to have reading material that is not always affordable from parents.

As part of your child's Pupil Premium funding, Mr. Douglas has arranged for every Pupil Premium child to receive a wide range of high-quality books and workbooks. He will be liaising with the class teachers on the types of books that would be of interest to your child as well as enjoyable. The plan is for them to have story books, fact books, workbooks and a dictionary too! In total, we aim to spend approximately £60 per child.

In the last week of term, Mr. Douglas will make arrangements for your child to bring home a goody bag of books! Not only will these books and workbooks be really enjoyable to share as a family over the coming months, the books will help with some of the learning that:

- was missed due to school closures
- has been taught in school this year and so will be a great recap opportunity

As a great deal of time, energy and expense will be spared on this project, please do spend time over the coming weeks and months to share these wonderful books with your child. We know that your child/ren will enjoy reading, using and sharing the books with you. Please feel free to email Mr. Douglas at n.douglas@feathstn.bham.sch.uk with comments of your children enjoying and using their books; I am sure that he would love to hear these!

A huge thanks to Mr. Douglas for making this arrangement and also to the staff involved in sorting everything and getting the hundreds of books ready to take home just before Christmas.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Douglas. Meanwhile, please tell your child that they will be bringing home their books during this last week of term

Laptop Update:

The process of setting up the laptops for Key Stage Two is going well. Our first priority is to ensure that we have the correct settings with Google Classrooms before these can be distributed. Can I remind parents that the laptops are loaned items from the school and nearer the time when we are ready to distribute these, a contract will be drawn up. There is still a great deal of work to be done which includes all the safeguarding software that also needs to be installed.

Meet the School Councillors from Year 5 and 6:

Yesterday, the new School Councillors from Years 5 and 6 met with me for the first time. These Councillors will meet with me on a regular basis and help to make important school decisions. Welcome, School Councillors:



Y5 Councillors – Lizzie, Simon and Isabell



Y6 Councillors – Samuel and Timeea



Y3 Councillors – Jessica and Freya



Y4 Councillors – Hedas, Fatima, Teressa and Imagen





Christmas Cards



After much consideration, the school has given the go ahead for children (if they wish) to send cards to others within their year group bubble. Please do not write cards to people that are NOT in your bubble. These will not be handed out. Please do not lick envelopes but tape or fold them closed. Bring cards in between the 1st and 15th December. All cards received will be 'quarantined' by teachers before handing out. Class teachers will be sending out a class list (first names only) to support you in writing cards if you wish.

English	Polskie	عربي	Somali	Hindi
9 th December Christmas dinner	9 grudnia obiad świąteczny	ديسمبر 9 عشاء عيد الميلاد	9-kii Diseembar Cashada kirismaska	9 दिसंबर क्रिसमस रात्रिभोज
10 th December Nativity recording	10 grudnia Nagranie Narodzenia	ديسمبر 10 تسجيل الميلاد	10-ka Diseembar Duubista dhalashada	10 दिसंबर नेटिविटी रिकॉर्डिंग
11 th December Christmas Jumper Day £2 for Save the Children Charity (please pay on Parent Pay)	11 grudnia Boże Narodzenie Jumper Day 2 £ dla organizacji charytatywnej Save the Children (należy zapłacić z Parent Pay)	ديسمبر 11 يوم الطائر عيد الميلاد جنيه إسترليني لجمعية 2 Save the Children الخيرية (يرجى الدفع على (أجر الوالدين)	11-kii Diseembar Maalinta Ciida Kirismaska £ 2 ee Hay'adda Badbaadinta Carruurta (fadlan ku bixi Lacagta Waalidka)	11 दिसंबर क्रिसमस जम्पर डे £ 2 बच्चों को बचाने के लिए (कृपया पेरेंट पे पर भुगतान करें)
17 th December Christmas parties in class 'bubbles'	17 grudnia Wigilie w klasie „bąbelki”	ديسمبر 17 حفلات الكريسماس في "الفقاعات"	17-ka Diseembar Xisbiyada Kirismaska ee 'goobooyin' fasalka	17 दिसंबर क्रिसमस की पार्टियों में 'बुलबुले'

House Points:

House		Weekly	Total for this term
Phoenix		440	3,153
Pegasus		333	3,370
Unicorn		319	3,312
Griffin		464	3,112

Overall House Points

With just two weeks to go,
who is going to win for the
Autumn term?!

Please remember to follow your child's class twitter page to see more photos.

I hope that you have had a lovely weekend.

Mr. E. Gaibee (**Headteacher**)

