

Featherstone Primary

School

Weekly Home/School Newsletter



12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very grateful for the support that everyone has shown over the past half a term. Once again, it has not been an easy one at all, with lots of pressure being mounted on schools and other critical workers. That being said, the school staff, parents and children have pulled together to get us all through this difficult start to 2021. Thinking back, although this has not been the ideal start to the year, we have still achieved a lot. The biggest achievement of course being that every single child in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have had a Google Chromebook loaned to them from the school. This will have a real impact on future learning and not just in lockdown.

As always, this weekly home/school newsletter has some important updates and brilliant photos from our first #ScreenFreeFeatherstone and other home learning too.

Reporting COVID-19 to school

Having a positive case of COVID-19 in your household can be worrying and upsetting. Whilst it may not be your first priority to think of, if your child does currently attend school in our critical worker provision, and you have a positive case of COVID-19 in your house, please inform school as soon as possible. If this happens over the weekend or during a school holiday, you can email us at enquire@feathstn.bham.sch.uk

It is really important that you let school know as soon as possible after receiving a positive test result. Thank you.

E-Safety on Google Chromebooks

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Google Chromebooks are for schoolwork, learning, research and education purposes only. As part of our safeguarding software, everything that is done on the Google Chromebooks is tracked. This is to keep children safe. Sites such as YouTube can be viewed but again, only for learning, research and education. Children should not be using the Chromebooks for anything non-school related.

Google Classrooms have a messaging board where children can respond to their class teachers and peers. This board should only be used in between 8am and 4pm. Thank you.

February half-term Free School Meals (FSM) vouchers

All families who are entitled to benefits-related FSM will have received their eCodes earlier this week. These eCodes cover the February half term holiday. Remember parents, the February half term codes are NOT the usual supplier, Edenred, so redeeming them will be different. Mr. Douglas has emailed you the codes and instructions to redeem these vouchers. Any problems, please email him at n.douglas@feathstn.bham.sch.uk

After the half term break, families entitled to benefits-related FSM will receive codes from Edenred again. These codes will continue to provide funds for essential food for the children. More information to follow about this after the half term holiday.

Food parcels for working families only of EYFS/Y1/Y2

After half term, we are pleased to continue to offer food parcels for our working families of children in EYFS or KS1, who are all entitled to universal free school meals regardless of household income. This offer is different to the national voucher scheme and it is an agreement that we have with our catering service, who have kindly agreed to help out here, which is great.

If you would like to order a food parcel, then you must meet three requirements:

1. You **must not** be receiving the government's Edenred food vouchers for any of your children.
2. Your child **must** be in Reception (EYFS), Year One or Year Two (Key Stage One).
3. Your child must **not** currently be coming to school.

[Please follow this link](#) and complete the form if you would like to order a food parcel for next week. The form will close early on Monday 22nd February 2021 so please do get your order in before then. If you order a food parcel for after half term, you will need to collect this parcel from school on Friday 26th February 2021.

Live Sessions

Remember the times for the live sessions on Monday 22nd February 2021:

Year 6	9.15-9.45
Year 5	10.00-10.30
Year 4	10.45-11.15
Year 3	11.30-12.00
Year 2	1.00-1.30
Year 1	1.45-2.15
Reception	2.30-3.00

Please do ensure that your child is logged on, on time, to the live session.

Have a lovely half term. Please keep you and your family safe by following all of the government guidelines. Remember that we re-open to children of critical workers on Monday 22nd February 2021 at 08.45.

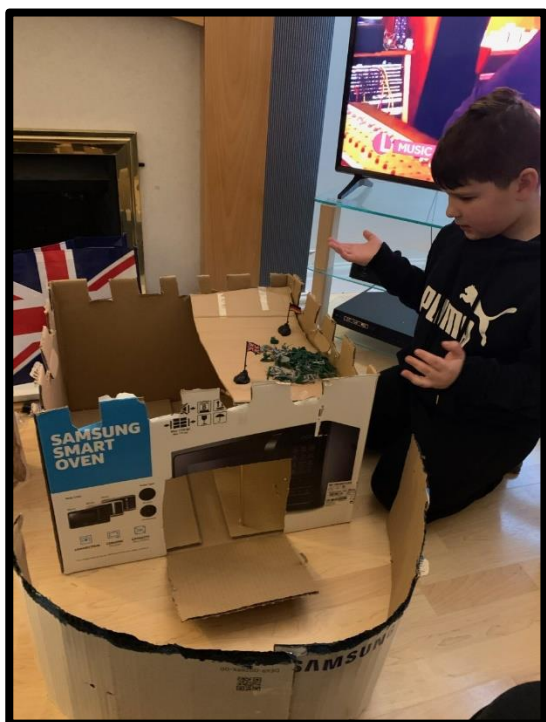
From Mr. E. Gaibee
Headteacher

#ScreenFreeFeatherstone

It was so great to see so many amazing activities for our first #ScreenFreeFeatherstone project yesterday. From the photos, it seemed as if families had loads of fun moving away from the screens for an afternoon to make, bake, create and write! Here are just a few of the photos that were sent to school and tweeted.



If you don't follow us already, please follow @FeatherstoneSch #ScreenFreeFeatherstone will continue to happen each Thursday afternoon whilst the school is shut to most pupils!



Alfie's castle for Lord Farquaad. So good!



Seb and Gabe have baked some super ginger bread men. I wonder if they shared?

Left: Ready, Steady, Bake! Good going, Khadija!





Shrek and Fiona hand puppets! Ava made these with her family sewing machine. They are awesome!



Family fun: Inaaya, Rida-alayna, Ayyanah and baby brother made yummy cup cakes!



Left and Right: Baking has been very popular during this screen-free week! This is Lola, who has baked an awesome-looking Shrek face! Has it all gone now, Lola?! Well done!



Left: Jessica has done two screen-free activities. Great baking and awesome top trump cards! You're so clever, Jessica!





Left: Who is this?! This costume is amazing and shows creativity, fun and skill! Well done Cason and family!

Right: Another great cupcake from Carly. Looks lovely!



HOME LEARNING



Left and Above: This is what #ScreenFreeFeatherstone is all about. Family, fun, teamwork, creativity and spending quality time together. This is Klarisa and Miklean with their younger sister eating Shrek-themed snacks that they made. So proud of you!



And in other home learning from this week, we have Ahyan from Reception making fruit smoothies (left) and Tymon doing some PE (right). Great stuff boys!

