

Featherstone Primary

School

Weekly Newsletter

11th Dec 2020



Message from the Headteacher

We have very nearly come to the end of the term, with what has been, well what can I say, a very interesting term! With all the restrictions in place, and challenges that everyone has faced, a huge well done to the Featherstone pupils for coping and managing these, particular to Year 3 who have had three lock downs. Our children are fantastic, in the way that they managed these changes, and I am exceptionally proud of them all.

Parents, thank you for your support, for also checking on us daily (yes...thank you Sienna's Gran – Flo...! You kept us going each day). Thank you parents/carers for all the support you have given the children and staff throughout the term. A huge thanks to my fantastic team at school who have been dedicated, strong and as always, going out of their way. Every single one of you have been great – what a great team!

Below are some important details, so please take the time to read through these. Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2021. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021. Take care.

School Day and timetable.

Through the autumn term, we have managed staggered school times for different year groups and have monitored this throughout the entire term. Our findings were, most parents preferred a set time and the break in between different year groups was causing more challenges to them, particularly in waiting around for siblings.

The times for the school day will be as follows from 5th January 2021.

MONDAY TO THURSDAY				
Year group	Doors open	Drop-off Point	Home time	Collection Point
Rec	08:45	Reception gates	3.25	Reception gates
1	08:45	Back of school	3.30	Back of school
2	08:45	Back of school	3.30	Back of school
3 & 4	08:45	Back of school	3.30	Back of school
5	08:45	Side entrance near bike shed	3.30	Back of school – hall
6	08:45			Side entrance near bike shed

The timings for the school day on a **Friday** are as follows

Year group	Arrive time	Home time
Reception	08:45	12.50
Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	08:45	12:55

Christmas Parties

These will be held on Thursday 17th December. Children may come to school dressed in their own clothes ready for their party, but please ensure they are still suitably dressed for outdoor playtimes.

Party food will be provided and paid for by the school so that we are able to manage this due to COVID.

This year, Father Christmas is also shielding and will be doing a virtual hello to the children!

School will be open on Friday 18th December 2020

The DfE announced that schools can use Friday 18th December for staff training. The Department has been clear that teaching time must be made up at another point in the academic year. **We will not be closing and will remain open as normal, so that there is no disruption to the plans that parents have made.**

Books

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

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.

Next week your child will be bringing home their free books from school. 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!

New Reception Intake - September 2021

The application process has now opened online for the new Reception September 2021 intake. If your child will be four years old, during the 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021, please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions (or whichever council you pay your council tax to) and submit an online application by **15th January 2021**.

Please note that children attending a nursery school, still have to apply for a Reception place, there is no automatic transfer. We are currently unable to show families around school. Please click on the link below to watch a virtual tour of the school:

[Welcome and Information](#)
[Virtual Tour](#)
[School Prospectus](#)







Meet the School Councillors from Year 2



Y2 Councillors – Aria and Gurpal

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House Points:

House	Weekly	Total for this term
Phoenix 	346	3,499
Pegasus 	342	3,712
Unicorn 	355	3,667
Griffin 	313	3,425

Overall House Points

The winner of the Autumn Term house points is...

PEGASUS!

Treat to follow...

Covid-19

A reminder, pupils are not permitted to attend school if they or a household member has any of the following symptoms.

- a high temperature (37.8 degrees+);
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours;
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

The person displaying symptoms must get a test for Covid-19. To request a test for your child, or a member of your household, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Please inform school immediately if your child has a positive test for Covid-19. If your child has a negative result, please also let us know.

If possible, please email us the negative result (enquiry@feathstn.bham.sch.uk). As soon as your child is well enough, they may return to school. They do not need to self-isolate if the test is negative and they have not had a temperature for 48 hours.

An important reminder, your child is not allowed to attend school whilst a household member is awaiting the results of a test. If the test result is negative, your child may return to school. However, if it is positive, your child must self-isolate for 10 days from the household member's onset of symptoms. Thank you

Track and Trace during the holiday period.

- For the first **6 days after** of the holiday period, **from 18th Dec to 23rd Dec 2020**, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), and have developed symptoms within 2 days of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. **If your child or a staff member tests positive within this time period please email:** enquiry@feathstn.bham.sch.uk
- We will make arrangements to notify pupils who have been in contact with the positive case, as part of track and trace.

Best wishes

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

