

Featherstone Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter

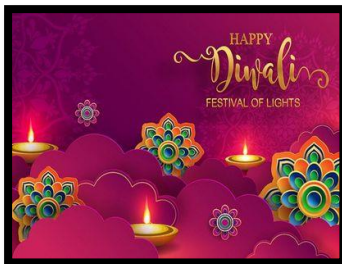


5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you and your families had a restful half term. Welcome to this week's newsletter.



Diwali

First of all, Happy Diwali to all of our families and staff celebrating this festival. We hope you have some time to spend with your families and loved ones. Have a brilliant Diwali weekend. Next week on Wednesday, the children will be having a Diwali lunch in school.

Of course, this week is also Bonfire Night commemoration. Have fun with the fireworks if you are out and about and of course, stay safe.

Value of the Month for November

The Value of the Month for November is *Friendliness*. Friendliness has a lot of links to other Values, for example, *Respect* and *Courtesy*. With Friendliness, children are taught in school how to be friendly. In reception, this will mean children learn how to share and use friendly language whilst older children will learn how to challenge unwanted behaviour in a Values way. We also teach the difference between being friendly and being a friend. Please help your children understand the Value of Friendliness at home.

Children in Need

Over the next two weeks, there will be various things happening to raise money for Children In Need.

Cake Sale (Different prices)

Colouring Competition: 50p to enter

'Designing a Bandana' Competition: 50p to enter

Pyjama Day/Non-Uniform Day: £1

There will be more details to follow next week.



Ciaran (Place2Be)



A reminder that, Ciaran, our school-based manager for Place2Be, is leaving us on the 12th November. This means that next week will be his last week in school. Ciaran is taking up a new post away from Place2Be where his role will still be based on helping children manage their emotions and make sense of their feelings. Ciaran joined us in September 2017 and has helped us shape our approach to mental wellbeing care and being a 'mentally healthy school.' It goes without saying that Ciaran will be greatly missed by children and staff alike but, of course, we wish him all the very best with

his new ventures. Goodbye and good luck, Ciaran. We are closely working with Place2be area managers in selecting a new a Mental Health Lead to join us soon.



Poppy Sale

Poppies will still be on sale in school for the children to buy next week.

Cost of one poppy is 20p.

Cost of other items (poppy reflectors/zip poppy etc.) range from 50p to £1.

Some of the Year 6 children will be going round classrooms for children to purchase these items.

We shall be observing the 1-minute silence at 11am on Thursday 11th November.

Natwest Money

Natwest Bank have produced Money Sense, a free financial education programme for 5 to 18 year olds. The programme has loads of resources, videos, games and advice on how to teach your children about the value of money and also how to look after their money (including the importance of saving). [More information can be found here](#).



Do take a look as there are lots of fun things on the website that you can do with your children to help them gain an understanding of money.

Driving up Glenville Drive

There have been some dangerous driving up Glenville Drive this week, including from people with Blue Badges and parking permits. Cars should not be coming up Glenville Drive. Those with passes and permits: please be more considerate. We continue to pass details onto the DVLA and local police. We have also had reports regarding behaviour of some parents towards our site staff which is unacceptable. We will not tolerate this and will just inform the police to follow this up.

Sad news

It's with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Mr. Anand Chandan who died on the 26th October 2021. Mr. Chandan was involved with Featherstone from 1985 until 2017, during which time he served as Chair of Governors for many years and latterly as Governor. He lived on Glenville Drive for some years with his wife and children, Anu and Anna, who both attended our school until the family moved house. I personally received great support from Mr. Chandan when I joined Featherstone as Deputy Headteacher in September 2010 and Jill Smith, who was our previous School Secretary, pays the following tribute to him:

"Mr. Chandan was indeed a true gentleman, who gave invaluable support to everyone involved with Featherstone, children, staff and parents alike. Being a local Estate Agent, his support also extended to assisting parents with accommodation issues and he never failed to show great care, interest and kindness to the 'Featherstone family' and also the local community. I know that many people who had the pleasure of knowing him will have their own personal reasons to be grateful to him, as I myself do. "Mr. C" was a delightful man and a real stalwart and will be missed by all who knew him. I join Mr. Gaibee and everyone associated with Featherstone in sending our kind thoughts and sincere sympathy to Mrs. Chandan, Anu, Anna and grandchildren at this sad time." --Jill Smith.

Flu vaccination

Unfortunately, the school nurse team cancelled the flu vaccinations that were meant to happen yesterday. When we have a new date for you, we shall let you know.

TT Rockstars: Years 3-6



For Maths Week, England we are taking part in a friendly competition across all schools in English. This is through the online platform we use in school, TT Rockstars.

For every correct answer, you child will earn a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average and the winning classes in the school and across the country will win a prize.

This event is running from Monday 8th November - Thursday 11th November between 7.30am and 7.30pm. To support player wellbeing and limit screen time, children will only be able to earn competition points for up to 60 minutes a day.

In the spirit of competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them at home. Let's get Featherstone in the top 5 in the country!

What goes in in school?

I'm sure you know by now that Featherstone School is a busy and lively school with lots going on all of the time. Take a look at some of these photographs that snapshot a typical week at school.



Dates for your diary

	Forthcoming Events – Key Dates	Nadchodzące wydarzenia - daty kluczowe	أحداث قادمة - التواريخ الرئيسية	Dhacdooyinka soo dhoweya - Taariikhaha Muhiimka	आगामी घटनाओं - प्रमुख तिथियाँ
Date	English	Polskie	عربي	Somali	Hindi
19th Nov	Children in Need	Dziecko w potrzebie	الأطفال المحتاجون	Carruurta Baahan	जरूरतमंद बच्चे
8th Dec	Christmas Dinner (staff and children)	Kolacja wigilijna (personel i dzieci)	عشاء عيد الميلاد (الموظفون والأطفال)	Cashada Kirismaska (shaqaalaha iyo carruurta)	क्रिसमस डिनर (स्टाफ और बच्चे)
15th Dec	EYFS Nativity: 09.30 and EYFS Nativity- 2:30pm	Szopka EYFS: 09.30 i Szopka EYFS – 14:30	ميلاد EYFS: 09.30 و EYFS Nativity- مساءً 2:30	Dhalashada EYFS: 09.30 iyo Dhalashada EYFS- 2:30 pm	EYFS जन्म: 09.30 और ईवाईएफएस नेटिविटी- दोपहर 2:30 बजे

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Have a lovely weekend!
From Mr. E. Gaibee (Headteacher)