

Featherstone Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter



7th January 2022

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for whatever 2022 brings. After receiving some training and updates on Tuesday, we were certainly ready and excited to welcome the children back on Wednesday and, as usual, they settled quickly and made a good start to their learning.

COVID-19 Update

You may have heard a few changes to the government guidance this week regarding COVID-19. The main change is that, if you have tested positive for COVID-19, then on days 6 and 7 of your self-isolation, if you have two negative LFD tests on days 6 and 7 (24 hours apart), you can end your isolation early. It is very important that, if you or your child ever test positive for COVID-19 on one of these LFD tests, then do [report your result to the NHS Test and Trace](#). The reason for this is it can mean that the date of your isolation is sooner rather than later.

Parking on Glenville Drive

A reminder that whilst the vast majority of parents are following the time restrictions on Glenville Drive, some inconsiderate parents still choose to break the rules. Their vehicle registration and a photograph of their parking will be shared with the police and council. In future, we will also be sharing their details on this newsletter!



The following cars have access to park on Glenville Drive:

- Disabled Blue Badge Holder. This must be the blue badge holder present in the car. It must not be a person using another person's badge. If this is the case, we will report the person to the [misuse of blue badge](#)).
- A person who has been given a pass from Birmingham City Council or school for a specific reason (i.e. expectant mother in her last stage of pregnancy or a child that needs close access to the school). If the person holding this badge does not follow the rules, we will disqualify the pass from the school or in the case that Birmingham City Council has issued the pass, we will inform the council to consider next steps.
- Delivery person.
- A resident who has a yellow pass. Please note that this is for the resident and not for residents to share. If we identify that a resident is sharing a pass, we will notify the council.

Our site team will and are prepared to challenge you if you not a pass holder. On the whole, we know that the vast majority of our parents are in support of school managing this traffic.

Value of the Month: Self-discipline



A new month means that there is a new Value at school. The Value of the Month for January is Self-discipline. Self-discipline is a very appropriate Value for January because usually, it is when we all set new years resolutions, in order to make the best start to the new year. In school, children will learn that self-discipline is needed in order to keep trying when something goes wrong. Children learn how to control any negative feelings they have so that they can lead to positive outcomes. Ultimately, children learn how to use self-discipline to make positive, well-informed choices in school and life. Please take this opportunity to speak to your children about their understanding of this important Value.

Reception EYFS

The final closing date for Reception entry in September 2022 is **15th January 2022**. Applications can be made online through the Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Message from Mr. Douglas: 'Marathon Month Challenge'

As some of you may know already, I am completing the 'Marathon Month Challenge' for Cancer Research UK. ([More information can be found here](#)). Throughout the month of January, I will be running at least 26.2 miles to raise money for this brilliant charity so that they can continue their vital research into life-saving research. Cancer is a horrible disease that, sadly, affects at least 1 in 2 people in their lifetime. All the more reason to raise money for this cause. At the time of writing this, I have run 8.54miles this week (so 17.66miles left) and raised over £400! This is through the generosity of my friends, family, colleagues and you: parents and children. If you have not donated yet, you can do so on my [JustGiving Page here](#). Please give what you can – it would be amazing if £1,000 could be raised. Thank you so much. From Mr. Douglas 😊



Finally, have a brilliant weekend!

From Mr. E. Gaibee

Headteacher

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
15th Feb	Parents Evening	Wieczór Rodziców	أمسية الآباء	Fiidkii Waalidiinta	माता - पिता की शाम
17th Feb	Parents Evening	Wieczór Rodziców	أمسية الآباء	Fiidkii Waalidiinta	माता - पिता की शाम