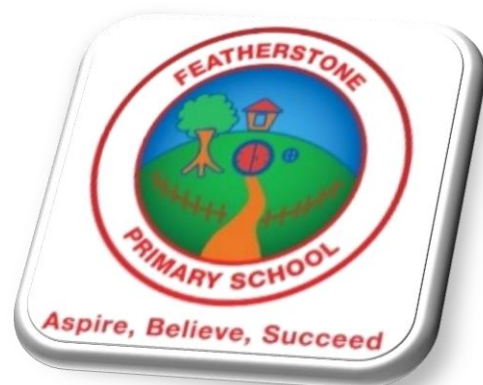


Featherstone Primary

School

Weekly School Newsletter



6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family have had a brilliant Christmas break, however you celebrate the festive period, and we are well-rested and re-charged ready for 2023.

OFSTED

As you know, school underwent a routine OFSTED inspection. From the last time that the school was inspected in Nov 2019, as part of their inspection timetable, OFSTED were due to return within 12 months as they were extremely happy with school. COVID meant a delay to this and so our latest routine inspection was in the very last week in the run up to Christmas!

Ofsted came in for two days with three inspectors and also a Quality Assurance inspector. As you'd expect, the children were extremely well behaved and showcased brilliant Values. Teachers taught excellent lessons like they usually do and the nativity even took place! Thank you also to all of the parents who spoke to the OFSTED inspectors or completed the parent questionnaire. We are currently waiting for the OFSTED report (hopefully won't be too long) and as soon as we have it, we will forward to it all of our parents.

Value of the Month

January's Value of the Month is 'Responsibility.' Being responsible is about controlling your words and actions, and acting in ways that are beneficial to the community where you live. In school, children learn how to be responsible online, by taking care of their own belongings, by helping others and acting sensibly. Please speak to your child about the Value of the Month and how they can be responsible.

Dates for your diary

Date	Year	What's happening?
16 th Jan all week	Whole school	Children doing tests this week – great attendance please!
6 th Feb all week	Whole school	Mental Health Week
14 th Feb	Year 3	Trip to Botanical Gardens
15 th Feb	Whole school	Parents Evening
16 th Feb	Whole school	Parents Evening
17 th Feb	Whole school	Attendance Shop
17 th Feb	Whole school	School finishes for half term break

KS2 Prosody

Please encourage your child to enter the latest prosody competition!



Mr. Douglas' Prosody Competition

Jan 2023 theme: Myths and legends!

Myths and legends are one of my favourite genres of stories. First told thousands of years ago, and passed on over time, myths and legends were often ways of ancient civilisations explaining events. January's prosody competition is all about re-telling me a myth or legend of your choice.



Come and read to me on any of these dates:

30th Jan, 31st Jan,
1st Feb!

What am I looking for?

I am looking for you to come and re-tell me a myth or a legend. Your re-telling must be well-rehearsed and something you have practised. I am looking for good levels of enthusiasm and excitement about your myth/legend, as well as...

Year 3: A re-telling that has a clear order and plot.

Year 4: A re-telling that has a clear order and plot. You give special attention to action parts and when characters speak: you use a very good tone of voice with expression throughout.

Years 5 and 6: All of Yr 3/4 expectations plus I expect you to tell me the *origins* of the myth/legend and any morals/meanings it has.

Have a nice weekend
From Mr Gaibee
(Headteacher)