

Featherstone Primary School



Weekly School Newsletter

17th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another very busy half term has gone with lots of busy and exciting things happening in school. Year One had a great time at the National Sealife Centre; Year Three were very busy at the Botanical Gardens; Year Five did a super science showcase; Year Six worked very hard on mock tests and we had the Attendance Shop today for all children with very good attendance in the Spring term so far. A big thanks for all the parents who supported us at Parents' Evening this week. We had a good turn out and it was nice to talk to you about how well your children are getting on.

Communicating with school

School understand that sometimes, parents may have a small worry on their mind about something school-related. Each day after school, our class teachers are available, once all of the children have been dismissed, for a chat. In the first instance, parents should speak to class teachers about school matters. Please do take this opportunity to talk to teachers at the end of the day. Can I also remind parents that if you have a worry about another child's behaviour, please don't approach the parent of the child; instead, take the matter up with the class teacher, who will look into this for you. Should parents have something that is a bit more worrying, such as a safeguarding concern, then these types of matters should be raised with one of the Senior Member of Staff (Mr. Gaibee, Mr. Douglas, Miss. Beach, Miss. Lacey or Mr. Gravell).

Reporting your child's absence

If your child is absent from school, please call school on 0121 675 9740 and select Option 1. Then, leave a message on the absence line. Please clearly state your child's full name, class and a detailed reason for absence. If you have left a message on the absence line, it WILL be picked up by the office; there is no need to ring the school office as well.

Attendance

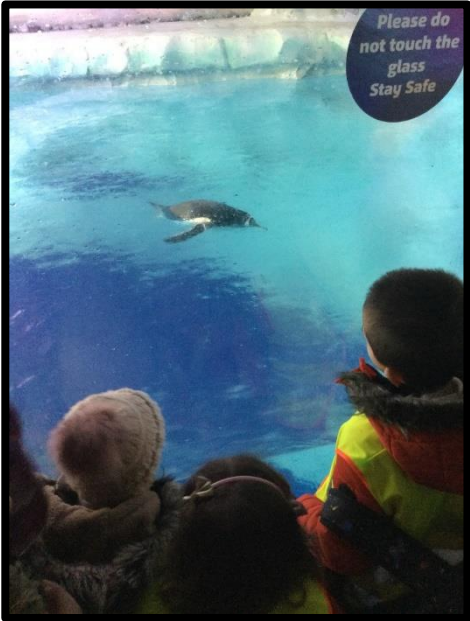
It saddens me to say that parents still choose to take their children on unauthorised Leave In Term Time (LiTT). Taking children on unauthorised holidays means that they fall very far behind in their learning. Since January:

- One family were fined £120.00.
- One family were fined £60.00.

Dinner money for next half term

If your child wants a school meal everyday, the cost is £62.50. A Thursday only (pizza) is £12.50. Please note that school meals must be paid for in advance on parent pay – thank you.

Look at what's been happening in school



Dates for your diary

Feb 27 th Feb – Back to school	March 6 th March – Book Fair in school hall 31 st Spring pantomime show Y2 to Y6. 31 st March End of term	April 17 th April – Back to school. 26 th April – Eid Dinner for the children
May 1 st May – Bank Holiday 8 th May – Bank Holiday 9 th to 12 th May – Year 6 SATs 19 th May – Attendance Shop 26 th May – End of Half term	June 5 th June – Start of Term 5 th June – Phonics Screen Check for Year 1 5 th June – Start of Multiplication Check for Year 4	July 5 th July – Transition day 10 th July – International Festival Week 13 th July – Parents’ Evening 17 th July – Y6 Production 19 th July – EYFS Graduation 21 st July – Break up for Summer

Have a nice weekend

From Mr Gaibee

(Headteacher)