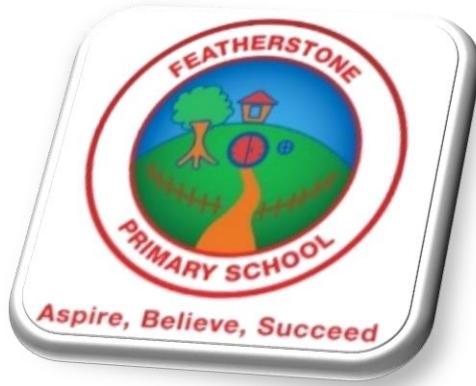


Featherstone Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter



10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming all of our children back this week! After a very turbulent 18 months, it is very nice to return to some level of normality. The children have got stuck in straight away to all their lessons and they have behaved and settled excellently. As always, we are very proud of all the children.

Enjoy reading this first newsletter of the new school year, which includes many important updates and reminders.



Value of the Month – Respect

Featherstone Primary School is a Values-based school. We received the Values-based Education (VbE) Quality Mark Award in June 2021 to acknowledge our great work that we do with our Values.

The Value of the month for September is Respect. We teach and discuss Respect first because it underpins all of our other Values.

By the end of Year 6, we want children to understand that Respect is, *"A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something based on their abilities, qualities or achievements."* We teach children to have respect for other people, who may be different to them. Everyone has an ability, a part of their personality or something they have done well that deserves our respect.

A very important Value to start the year.

Place2Be

We are proud to continue working with Place2Be, our brilliant mental health and emotional wellbeing charity, who operate on-site five days a week. Place2Be offer two main services for children: (i) self-referral drop-in services for children, who can go and chat to Ciaran (our Place2Be Manager) about anything that's on their mind; (ii) clinical counselling for those children who are identified as maybe benefitting from it. Ciaran is on the school door every morning – pop by and say hi or email him on ciaran.brady@place2be.org.uk



Attendance and Punctuality

We take attendance and punctuality very seriously at Featherstone Primary School because children who are on-time for school and attend regularly, will do much better and be much happier than children who are not. We will be re-launching the Attendance Shop to celebrate good attendance. However, if we have concerns about your children's attendance, we will be in touch with you to discuss our worries. Separate letters were sent out earlier this week: one about in-school procedures and one from Birmingham City Council.

St. Edmund Campion Open Evening

St Edmund Campion's Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 21st September. Prospective pupils and their parents are invited to visit to tour the school and meet the staff between 6.30 pm and 8.15 pm. Mr Grant, Headteacher, will give talks at 6.30pm and 7.30 pm. Parents are also invited to see the school in operation on Thursday 23rd September between 9.45 am and 11.15 am. Please note that Year 6 pupils should not attend Open Morning as they will need to be in their Year 6 lessons.

Road Update

You will have noticed the double verge curb on Marsh Lane to stop drivers parking on the grass. This has had a significant impact during the morning and afternoon drop off/collection times and has made the school run safer, in addition to Glenville Drive being closed.

There are plans for more work to be carried out. Please see the signs on Marsh Lane for more details (16th and 17th Sept – Road Closed)



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Just a quick reminder about COVID-19.

If your child has COVID-19 symptoms, they must self-isolate and we would strongly encourage them to get a PCR test. If the test is negative then they can come back to school. If it is positive, then the advice from the NHS confirmation text message needs to be followed.

If someone in your household has symptoms but your child does not, your child CAN come to school but the person would need to self-isolate and get tested. More information can be found by reading the [COVID-19 Stay at Home Guidance](#).

Keeping up-to-date with school – Twitter

We have a whole-school Twitter account, which is [@FeatherstoneSch](#)

We also have a Twitter account for each of the year groups across the school. Please do follow our Twitter accounts so that you can see the exciting learning that is happening in the classrooms.

Downloading Twitter is really easy, simply:



- Go to your app store and search for Twitter.
- Sign up with your email or phone number.
- Set an account name.
- Search for the Featherstone accounts you wish to follow and click 'Follow.'

Teachers and children really like it when you tweet us too.

EYFS	@FeatherstoneEYFS
Year 1	@FeatherstoneYR1
Year 2	@FeatherstoneYR2
Year 3	@FeatherstoneYR3
Year 4	@FeatherstoneYR4
Year 5	@FeatherstoneYR5
Year 6	@FeatherstoneYR6

Have a lovely weekend!

From Mr. E. Gaibee (Headteacher)

