

# Featherstone Primary School



## Weekly School Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our thoughts are with nation on the passing away of Queen Elizabeth II, who is the UK's longest-serving monarch. Our children in school have had the opportunity with their class teachers to have reflective time on her life and legacy.



### Welcome back

A warm welcome to all our parents and particularly to the new families who have joined us this year. We hope that the start of this journey is an exciting one and during your child's education at Featherstone Primary School, they go from strength to strength.

### Hall Build

The building work of the school hall is coming to a final end. The completion of this is planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. At the back of the school, we now have two pathways for parents plus a new gate being installed. Thank you to all the parents that have supported us with the current access way through the school.

### Weekly Parent Updates

Just a reminder that every week, we send, by email, weekly snapshots of what learning has taken place in class. These will be sent every Friday to show you what the children are doing in their English, Maths and Topic learning. The aim of this is to share current learning so that you are also able to support and extend your child's learning at home. Next week, we will also be sending across the curriculum coverage to give you a wider picture of what is being covered across the academic year.

### Spanish

Mr. Douglas has emailed all parents in Year 1 – 6 Spanish Vocabulary Packs so that you can help your child with their Spanish learning at home. Please speak a bit of Spanish with your child each week to help them remember the key words and phrases.



### Value of the Month – Kindness

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 Kindness.

By the end of Year 6, we want: *“Children are independently kind without being asked; kindness is natural and automatic to Year Six. For example: basic manners are a given, children clean up mess even when it's not theirs and rewards are not necessary. Overall, Year Six are considerate and pleasant to be around.”* In each year group, children build up to this overall aim. A very important Value to start the year so please talk to your child about the Value of Kindness.



## **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 Miss Hayley Lake (our Mental Health Leader) about anything that's on their mind; (ii) clinical counselling for those children who are identified as maybe benefitting from it. Hayley is on the school door every morning – pop by and say hi or email her on [hayley.lake@place2be.org.uk](mailto:hayley.lake@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 continuing with 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. An [attendance letter](#) was emailed to you all earlier this week. Please do give it a read.

## **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

## **Parking on Glenville Drive**

Access to Glenville Drive in the mornings and afterschool will still continue to be restricted. Those who have a Disability Badge in their name will be granted access. All temporary passes have now been reviewed and applications for September can be made.

## **Diary Dates**

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
20.09.22	School Photographs
19.10.22	Parents Evening Times TBA
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02.11.22	Diwali Dinner for Children

03.11.22	September 2023 intake - Open Day 09.30am / 1.30pm / 5.30pm
07.12.22	Christmas Dinner for Children (staff and children)
09.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day
12.12.22	Year 1 Carol concert – 2.30pm
13.12.22	Year 6 Parent Showcase 2.45pm
14.12.22	EYFS Nativity: 09.30 RDG EYFS Nativity: 2:30pm RMA
16.12.22	Attendance Shop
16.12.22	End of term

<b>Term Dates</b>			
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2022</b> Term Starts: Monday 5 September 2022  Half Term: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022  Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2022	<b>SPRING TERM 2023</b> Term Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2023  Half Term: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 24 February 2023  Term Ends: Friday 31 March 2023	<b>SUMMER TERM 2023</b> Term Starts: Monday 17 April 2023  Half Term: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023  Term Ends: Tuesday 25 July 2023	<b>Teacher days</b>  Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> July

From Mr. E. Gaibee,  
**Headteacher**