

# Featherstone Primary School

## Weekly School Newsletter



18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Hall Expansion Build – Parent Access on to school site from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Following from my last communication, we have now finalised the programme works. The hall expansion work will start on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022** and last approximately 24 weeks, ending in August 2022.

The company we have chosen to carry out the work is Zone Cee Ltd. They will be working very closely with us in managing this project. The area that they will be working in will be fenced off, and not accessible for anyone other than Zone Cee staff, or other contractors.

Through the time of the project, there will be minimum disruption in the day to day routines at school. The existing school hall will still continue to be used for lunch, assemblies and any P.E lessons. The school field can still be used by the children and there will be no disruption to any of their sports lessons.

The only change that will take place is the drop off and collection points for parents at the start and end of the school day, which will be as follows from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March:

#### **MORNING DROP OFF POINTS**

**EYFS:** Use the same entrance as normal

**Year 1, 2, 3 and 4:** Use the entrance located by the school office

**Year 5 and 6:** Use the entrance by the bike shelter

**High Achievers – Before school childcare:** Parents dropping off for High Achievers in the morning, the EYFS gate will be open from 7.30am. Please walk through this area, around the classrooms to the back of the school to the portakabin. Please remember to walk your child/ren round and not send them alone.

#### **SCHOOL FINISH COLLECTION POINTS:**

**EYFS:** Use the same entrance as normal

**Year 1, 2, 3,4 and 5:** Parents will need to use the entrance located by the school office, walk through the atrium, and into the playground. Each class will have a designated area, which will be labelled so that you know where to collect your child/ren from. The doors will be supervised by our site staff and will be open at 3.25pm Monday to Thursdays and 12.50pm on Fridays. Once parents have collected their child/ren, they can leave from the same atrium entrance.

**Year 6:** Year 6 children will come out from the entrance by the bike shelter.

**High Achievers – Afterschool Childcare:** Parents collecting from High Achievers at the end of the day, the EYFS gate will be open. Please walk through this area and walk round to the portakabin.

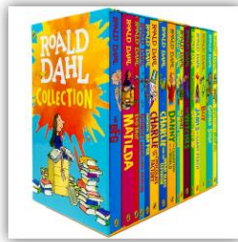
We are aware that there will be some challenges, but we ask that you co-operate with us so that this can be managed smoothly.

# Book Swap

Book Swap for **Year 3** will take place on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** at playtime.

If you have a book that you would like to swap, then bring it in and choose another.

Let someone else enjoy your old book for free!



Year 4	18 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5	25 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6	1 <sup>st</sup> April
Year 2	7 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 1	29 <sup>th</sup> April
EYFS	6 <sup>th</sup> May



**The Book Swap Shop** has been running for two weeks now – it has been great to have Years Three and Four come along and swap an unwanted book for another! Year Five: it's your turn next week!

**Reading Buddies** have started this week. Older children really enjoyed the opportunity to share a book with a younger child.

**Reading Den** – Dreamy Hollow has had a magical makeover to create a calming, peaceful reading den during lunchtime. With comfy corners, pillows and a great array of books, children have the opportunity to relax in the reading den during their lunch time and get lost in the magic of a good book.



Expressive reading competition (“prosody”) – organised by Mr. Douglas



## Mr. Douglas’ Prosody Competition

March 2022 theme: poetry!

I am looking for children to practise reading a poem, that you really enjoy, out loud! When you have practised, and the poem sounds really great out loud, come and read it to me to be in for a chance to earn some house points and get yourself famous on Twitter!



### What am I looking for?

Year 3: Reading out loud with good expression and pausing in the right place.

Year 4: Reading out loud with good expression and pausing in the right place, plus good volume and a few actions too!

Years 5 and 6: Reading your chosen poem out loud with everything that I expect from Years 3 and 4...plus, with a voice that matches the mood of your poem.

Each month, children will have the opportunity to practise their reading expression (“prosody”). Every month will have a different theme. The theme for March is poetry. All children have to do is practise their favourite poem and perform it to Mr. Douglas at the end of March. Winners will get house points, a small treat and the opportunity to go on Twitter too!

### Bed Time stories for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Reception really enjoyed their Bed Time story workshop on Thursday. The children came back to school in the early evening and enjoyed an array of stories...as well as hot chocolate and biscuits of course Year One: yours is next week!





## Who has been showing great resilience this week?

RCP	Hassan Rajput
RDG	Renee King
1C	Aria Avery
1R	Aaicha Arar
2M	Ethan Maher
2H	Rayan Omar
3H	Maya Khan
3M	Amelie Harris
4D	Hadiyah Sohail
4Q	Walter Mullen
5H	Rakheem Aziz
5M	Umar Kayani
6S	Adrian Krolkowski
6N	Reuben Higgins

Well done to all of these children for their resilience this week! You bounced back from setbacks really well.



## Diary Dates

<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Forthcoming Events – Key Dates</b>
22.03.22	Y4 visiting Gurdwara (Smethwick)
24.03.22	Year 1 Bedtime story hour 5-6pm
30.03.22	Year 2 Bedtime story hour 5-6pm
07.04.22	Easter Bonnet parade 9am on the playground (weather permitting). Parents welcome to watch
08.04.22	School closed for Easter
<b>Summer Term</b>	
25.04.22	Back to school – School open
04.05.22	Y5 to Birmingham City University (afternoon)
23.05.22	Y3 to Lunt Roman Fort
26.05.22	Y2 to West Midlands Safari Park
14.06.22	EYFS to the Think Tank
06.06.22	Y5 to Black Country Living Museum
20.06.22	Y1 to Tamworth Castle
29.06.22	Y1 to Stratford-Upon-Avon
06.07.22	Transition Day- with new class/Reception stay and play.
07.07.22	Y6 to Drayton Manor

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