

Featherstone Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter



8th Nov 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Farewell Mr. Douglas!

Mr Douglas has been a member of our strategic staff since September 2016. We are grateful for his valuable support as Deputy Headteacher of the school, including in management of pupils' attendance, the curriculum and also pupil premium funding. Mr Douglas has served this community with his heart, always giving his time for children and families. I know that many of you will miss his company and particularly his love for dogs and pringles!

Mr Douglas will be leaving at the end of this term, in December, and although we still have time left, I am letting you know in advance so that you can have the opportunity to say your individual farewells to him.

Assistant Headteachers

From this September, the following members of staff have taken a promotion in their roles:

Miss. Lacey (Assistant Headteacher) – Overseeing Attendance, Phonics, EYFS and Years 1 – 3

Mrs. Leonard (Assistant Headteacher) – Overseeing Maths, Assessment, Curriculum and Years 4 – 6.

Miss Beach (Assistant Headteacher) – Overseeing SEND Provision and Health in school.

SPRING LANE PLAYING FIELD AND RESOURCE FOR SPORT

Spring Lane CIO are planning to develop Spring Lane Playing Fields as a resource for Sport, Education and Wellbeing for the community of Erdington and its surrounding areas.

The video below gives an overview of our vision for the site. Please use the contact form if you would like to comment on our plans or if you would like to help us on our journey to create a Community Oasis.

Here is a link to a short clip of the aspirations Spring Lane CEO have for their playing fields. This survey is about the nature area which they hope to create

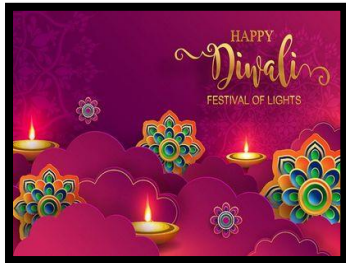
<https://springlane.uk/>

If you live in ERDINGTON please can you complete the survey below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/4NvX4AzW3E>

If you work in an educational setting in Erdington please can you complete this survey <https://forms.office.com/r/NRuCqbz3DY>

Happy Diwali to all of our families and staff celebrating this festival. We hope you have some time to spend with your families and loved ones. On Wednesday the children enjoyed a very delicious Diwali lunch.



Lest We Forget

On Monday, at 11am, children and staff will observe the 1-minute Remembrance silence, as part of Remembrance Day. Class teachers will speak to their classes about why people wear poppies this time of year, and also why it is important to reflect in silence. Thank you to all parents who have supported the Poppy Appeal in school; we sold many poppies! All money raised goes to the Poppy Appeal charity.

Educational Visits

Some of the Year 5 children visited the National Memorial Arboretum today (the rest of the year group are visiting over the coming weeks) on our school minibus. This links to their learning on World War 1 and why people wear the poppy.



There are more trips happening next week too!

Diary Dates

Autumn Term	
15.11.24	Y5 visiting Buddhist Temple
18.11.24	Flu spray for all children
21.11.24	EYFS Bedtime Story Workshop 5pm until 6pm
28.11.24	Y3 visiting Hindu Temple
11.12.24	Christmas Dinner for children
16.11.24	Y6 visiting Synagogue
20.12.24	Attendance Shop for children with 96%+ attendance
20.12.24	End of term – break up for Christmas

Have a nice weekend

Mr E Gaibee
Headteacher