



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Weekly Newsletter – 1st December 2017 Value of the month: Honesty



National Outstanding Award 2014

Behaviour in School.

As you know behaviour in our school is monitored by all staff and we have regular training for staff in this area. It's always important for parents to know how we continue to monitor this and log information. Children's behaviour in class is closely monitored. Where children's behaviour is good this is acknowledged and rewarded. The children are given house points, Marvellous Me texts sent home and golden time on Friday. However they need to earn this, as it's not a given right! When there are concerns regarding a child's behaviour, parents are informed. In the first instance this is raised by the class teacher directly with you. Class teachers log all information regarding behaviour using internal systems, so that there is continuous monitoring to identify any patterns of behaviour or bullying concerns. Behaviour at Featherstone is good and with parental support we can maintain this.

Bullying concerns and online monitoring.

All staff closely monitor signs of bullying in school and any rare incidents of bullying are dealt with immediately. In the event of any incidents of bullying, teachers rapidly address this through class discussions and educating the children by encouraging positive relationships and the use of strategies to resolve or defuse issues.

All staff (teachers, teaching assistants and dinner staff) are trained to spot signs of bullying (including e-safety and Prevent). At Featherstone Primary we have an e-safety monitoring system which allows for all internet usage in school to be monitored. Any pages visited by the user which are inappropriate is immediately graded flagged and this is then followed through by designated people. In most cases we have found that this is usually low level and just requires to give the children a gentle reminder prompt on internet rules. All our children are aware of this monitoring, know the rules and also how to report any concerns that they may have. Throughout school posters are visible in corridors and in classrooms so that children know who to go to should they have a worry. We have found that our children are exceptionally confident in knowing who to go and talk to if they have a concern, or would just like a chat!

E-Safety and Social Media

Over the next few weeks children across school will be learning how to keep safe online. Mr Silvester our Computing Leader will be delivering lessons to all classes on staying safe online and how to report any concerns or worries that they may have. Parents please keep an eye on your child online activity, which includes mobile phones. We are finding no good comes from WhatsApp and other social media. School staff are having to deal with matters arising from home which takes up teaching and learning time. **Please kindly monitor your child's social media activities.**

Value of the month– Honesty

Being honest and telling the truth are very important values to have because someone who is dishonest may not be trusted or believed when they are telling the truth! So, being honest is about telling the truth for the good of everyone even when it might be difficult.
Honesty is always the best policy!

Staffing update: Mrs Choudry will be leaving us at the end of this term to spend time with her family. Mrs Choudry started her NQT Year at Featherstone and continued to progress to lead on History. We send our best wishes and will miss her. Miss C Kaur who is an experienced Year 4 teacher will continue to teach the children until the end of the academic year.







We are proud of our attendance so far this year!

Class	For this year so far...
4C	98.16%
5W	98.44%
3V	97.95%

Well done 4C– you are still the best attenders in the school so far!!

Overall House Points



House		Weekly	Total for this Year
Phoenix		268	1382
Unicorn		371	1384
Pegasus		285	1149
Griffin		278	949

Forthcoming Events– Key Dates Autumn 2

7th Dec	Year 4 trip to Cadbury’s World
8th Dec	2.00pm Christmas Musical Performance KS1 and 2—Parents Welcome
12th Dec	NHS- Eye sight Testing for Reception children
13th Dec	Christmas dinner for the children
15th Dec	Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3 Circus Performance for children (Visiting theatre group)
15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day! £1 donation for Save the Children Charity
19th Dec	Non Uniform Day– Donations for Christmas Fayre please! EYFS/ KS1– unopened cakes/ biscuits/ chocolate please! KS2– Full, unopened bottles please!
19th Dec	EYFS Nativity 9.30am -Parents Welcome
20th Dec	EYFS Nativity 1.30pm -Parents Welcome
21st Dec	Choir performing at Boldmere Court Care Home at 11:00am
20th Dec	Christmas Fayre– 3.30-5.00pm— All welcome!
22nd Dec	Last day of term 3.15pm finish
Monday 8th Jan	Teacher Day—school closed for children.
Monday 8th January	Young Voices Choir. NEC Arena (Selected Children to join us on this day)
Tuesday 9th January	All children back to school

WINTER WEATHER—School Closure

In the event of school needing to close due to bad weather all announcements will be made on:

School Website

Birmingham City Council’s website

Radio: Heart FM, Free Radio and Radio WM

School will also send a text out to parents that have registered their mobile number with school.

Passwords

Can I remind all parents that we are very strict when it comes to children being collected by another person that is not on pupil’s school records.

Please do the following:

1. Call school office to let us know if someone other than the specified people already mentioned on record is coming to collect your child.
2. Ensure that the person has the password. Without the password, we will not release your child.

