



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Weekly Newsletter – 12th Jan 2018 - Value of the month: Self-Discipline



National Outstanding Award 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. We started this year off with 30 of our fantastic children who participated in the Young Voices choir performance at the NEC. It's the largest Children's choir in the world, Young Voices provides a great opportunity for primary school children to perform all sorts of music, from folk to classical and everything in between! It was truly amazing to hear over 6500 children perform. Well done to all the children involved and thank you to Miss Joiner who arranged this.

Some Important news—Early School Closure Consultation (with effect from April 20th 2018)

Many schools are making the decision to close early on Friday afternoons for a number of reasons. Featherstone Primary would also like to consult parents on this decision and the reasons for this. On Monday 15th Jan 2018 a consultation information pack will be sent home with your child. The information pack will give you the reasons for this, questions and a consultation form for you to give your views. A meeting date has also been arranged for you to attend. Please keep an eye out for this information as your involvement in this process is vital for the Governing Board to be able to make the final decision.

Changes to the Attendance Policy– with effect from 1st Jan 2018

Featherstone Primary is a good school and part of that criteria is to ensure that attendance of pupils is good. We thank all of the parents who are dedicated to ensuring that their children have good attendance and for communicating well when their children cannot be at school. From Jan 2018, Featherstone will be using the new Fast-Track to Prosecution process, which is recommended by Birmingham Local Authority. This will replace the Spotlight procedure. Please see attached, the new Attendance Policy on the school website (Attendance Policy approved by Governing Board 6th Dec 2017).

WE LOVE SCHOOL!







We are proud of our attendance so far this year!

Class	For this year so far...
5W	97.9%
3G	97.5%
5S	97.0%

Well done 5W – you are the best attenders in the school so far!!

Overall House Points

House		Weekly	Total for this Year
Phoenix		312	312
Unicorn		298	298
Pegasus		375	375
Griffin		269	269

Forthcoming Events – Key Dates

23rd Jan	RR Reading Workshops for parents to come in to school to work with their child—09:00
23rd Jan	Year 5 Reading Workshops for parents to come in to school to work with their child—09:00
24th Jan	Year 4 Reading Workshops for parents to come in to school to work with their child—09:00
25th Jan	RR Reading Workshops for parents to come in to school to work with their child—09:00
30th Jan	Reception Eye Tests All Day
30th Jan	Year 1 Reading Workshops for parents to come in to school to work with their child—09:00
31st Jan	Year 3 Reading Workshops for parents to come in to school to work with their child—09:00 am
1st Feb	Year 2 Reading Workshops for parents to come in to school to work with their child—09:00
5th to 9th Feb	EYFS parents in classrooms building junk models with children 2:00pm
8th Feb	Year 2 SATs meeting Time 4:00pm (Parents only no children please)
13th Feb	Parents evening 4-6 (To be held in the hall)
15th Feb	Parents evening 4-6 (To be held in the hall)
16th Feb	End of half term
26th Feb	Children back to school
26th Feb to 2nd March	Book fair in school
1st March	World Book Day!

Warm wishes from Mr Gaibee and Staff