



# FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY

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## November 2017— AUTUMN TERM 2 — NEWSLETTER 4



### Remembrance Day Assembly

Year 4 pupils will be holding a remembrance service in school on Thursday 9th November at 10.30am, to which Year 4 parents are invited. Poppies supporting The Poppy Day appeal are available in school.

Also, we would like children from Featherstone Academy to take part in the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 12th November. We will be meeting at 10.30 at the Cenotaph where head girl/boy will lay a wreath at the war memorial.

We would also like as many children as possible to then attend the service at the chapel where Featherstone Academy will sing.

### PTFA Christmas Fayre

The PTFA are arranging a Christmas Fayre on 1st December at 3.30pm. We intend to have a Tombola and would appreciate any kind donations in order to raise funds for our school. We would also appreciate the following  
Chocolates and Sweets, Bottles (wine, champagne, beer, soft drinks etc.)  
Gifts (these could be bath sets, jewellery, perfume, aftershave, candles, toys, jigsaws, electrical items etc.).

### Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 28th November and Thursday 30th November. Your child will bring a letter home for you to book an appointment to see the class teacher.

### Friendship Friday— 10th November 2017

Friendship Friday celebrates the importance of friendship while raising vital funds for Kidscape.

Pupils can donate £1 to come to school dressed in yellow, the colour of friendship. This event will promote the lead up to Anti-Bullying Week.

[www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk)

### Shoe Box Appeal 2017

Thank you for to all the children who have kindly filled a shoe-box to send to needy children around the world. All the shoe boxes collected will be forwarded to the Samaritans —Operation Christmas Child.

### Wear It Pink!

Wear it Pink was a great success. We raised £400 for a good cause.  
We had a fantastic day and raised lots of money  
Thank you for all your continued support.



### Harvest Festival

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to our Harvest Festival appeal. All donations were passed on to the Local Food Bank to help families in need.

If anyone has any queries or questions please don't hesitate to call into the school office, where a member of staff will be happy to help during office hours 8:30a.m to 4:30p.m.



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**DIARY DATES**

**School Diary Dates for 2017/2018**

**Autumn Term 2017**

8th Nov	Year 3 trip to Lichfield Cathedral
9th Nov	Year 4 Remembrance Assembly
10th Nov	Friendship Friday
12th Nov	Remembrance Service (Chapel)
13th Nov	Anti Bullying week
23rd Nov	Croup Photos (retakes)
28th Nov	Parents Eve
30th Nov	Parents Eve
11th Dec	Foundation Stage Nativity PM
12th Dec	Foundation Stage Nativity AM
13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert
14th Dec	KS1 Christmas Concert
1st Dec	Christmas Fayre
19th Dec	School Closes

**Spring Term 2018**

3rd Jan	Inset day
4th Jan	School opens to pupils

**Golden Book**

**13th October & 3rd November 2017**

**RECEPTION**

Sylena Chall  
Freddie Downes

**CLASS 1**

Bradley Millard  
Ronan Liquorish  
Brandon Williams

**CLASS 2**

Amie-Leigh Guest  
Meadow Finnikin  
Freya Duffield

**CLASS 3**

Maisie Evans  
Sophie Lindsay  
Abigail Walker

**CLASS 4**

Henry Lewis  
Amy Lawrence

**CLASS 5**

Navdeep Singh  
Dion Nixon

**CLASS 6**

Lacey Everiss-Newton  
Maizey Corbett  
Charlie Nicholls

**MRS JOBLING**

Asher Wyles  
Jaden Turner

**Weekly/Cumulative Class Attendance**

	Week 5 %	Week 6 %	Week 7 %	TOTAL %
Reception	90.3	92.6	91.3	93.2
Class 1	95.2	94.8	94.2	95.1
Class 2	92.2	94.7	97.2	96.0
Class 3	91.0	95.2	96.6	96.1
Class 4	92.6	98.5	95.9	95.1
Class 5	94.2	97.1	98.6	95.4
Class 6	95.5	96.8	94.8	95.0
Total	93.0	95.6	95.5	95.1



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## School Term and Holiday Date 2017/2018

### Autumn Term 2017:

**INSET:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**SCHOOL OPEN:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Half Term:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**SCHOOL CLOSES:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Spring Term 2018:

**INSET:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

**SCHOOL OPEN:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

**SCHOOL CLOSES:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**INSET:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**INSET:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### Summer Term 2018:

**SCHOOL OPEN:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**May Day:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Half Term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

**INSET Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**SCHOOL OPEN Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**SCHOOL CLOSES Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

September 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Regarding Leave of Absence during Term Time.**

As you will be aware there has been some ambiguity over the regulations for Leave of Absence during term time, in light of the recent Isle of Wight case.

We strive to achieve high levels of attendance for our pupils, with as few missed educational opportunities as possible, in order to maximise your child's educational opportunities. Consequently we hope your child can achieve 95% or more school attendance over the academic year.

Regarding holiday requests during term time, or other requests for leave of absence, it remains the case that Headteachers may only authorise such absences if there are '**exceptional circumstances**'.

### **PENALTY NOTICE INFORMATION**

Please see the following statement from Staffordshire County Council regarding Penalty Notices...

*Attendance at school is extremely important and being regularly absent will affect your child's ability to learn and do well.*

*You may be aware of a recent court case which focused national attention on the fining of parents for taking their children on holidays in school term time.*

*As a result of this, the county council are reviewing the rules around unauthorised absence and issuing penalty notices to parents.*

*Whilst the review is ongoing, head teachers will continue to review all requests for leave in term time and report all unauthorised absences to the county council.*

*As a temporary measure when a child has more than 10 days or more unauthorised absence over two half terms in a row, then a penalty notice may be issued to the parents/carers of that child.*

*If you have any questions with regards to this, please contact your Local Support Team. Contact details can be found online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/LST](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/LST)*

*July 2016*

*Staffordshire County Council.*

### **WHAT IS A PENALTY NOTICE?**

A fine of £60 per parent / carer (per child) if paid within 21 days from the date of issue. If this Penalty is not paid, the amount rises to £120. If after 28 days of the date of issue the £120 is not paid the Local Authority will prosecute you under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. This will lead to a hearing in the Magistrates Court and may result in a fine of up to £1000.

We request that any applications for leave of absence (holiday) are required to be put in writing to the Head teacher, at least 2 weeks in advance.

Kind regards,

Mrs Caroline Jobling,

Headteacher.

