



FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY

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January 2018 – Spring 2 – NEWSLETTER 8

Dance Festival 2018

Well done to all those children that took part in this Year's Dance Festival. Dance groups from Cheslyn Hay Primary, Glenthorne Primary, St John's and Havergal attended and did their schools proud.

Nursery 2018/2019

If you have a child born between 2nd July 2014 and 1st July 2015 you can now apply for a nursery place. Please apply online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Applications need to be received by 5th March 2018 at the latest. If you need a paper copy, please ask at the school office.

Year 6 SATs

Please note that the SATs will take place during the week commencing Monday 14th May. Please ensure that your child attends school all of this week.

Year 2,3,4 and 5 will have their assessments in June.

Please refrain from holidays during this month please.



Polite Notice— Parking

As you are aware we have ongoing problems with parking outside the school. To assist the Crossing Patrol in crossing your children safely could we remind all parents that they must **not** park on the yellow lines outside the school at any time.

In response to parents concerns regarding KS1 entrance, children are now entering school via the main gate. We have had positive comments from parents and we would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

The school car park is for **staff only** and is not to be used by parents bringing children to and from school.

Child Protection

Parents should be aware that school has a legal requirement to refer concerns they have about the safety of children in their care to Social Services.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Plas Gwynant

A reminder for Year 6 children to bring a £50 deposit in to school before Friday 16th.



Monday 12th February

5.30—6.45pm

Details to follow!

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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Featherstone Academy



DIARY DATES
School Diary Dates for 2018

Spring Term 1 2018

- 1st Feb - Y6 Parents informed of High School Offers
- 16th Feb - School Closes

Spring Term 2 2018

- 26th Feb - School Opens
- 28th Mar - Year 2 Trip to Tamworth Castle
- 29th Mar - School Closes
- 16th Apr - School Opens (Thurs 12th & Fri 13th April Inset Days)

Summer Term 2018

- 7th May - May Day (school closed)
- 25th May - School Closes
- 5th June - School Opens
- 20th July - School Closes

Golden Book
12th & 19th Jan 2018
PUPIL OF THE TERM

RECEPTION

William Brownbill
Alsa-Rose Lloyd

CLASS 1

Hugo Chambers
Thomas Richards

Gracie Orme

CLASS 2

Isabella Gibbs
Meadow Finnikin
Caide Seddon

Evan Howell

CLASS 3

Niall Openshaw-Jones
Rhys Bassett

CLASS 4

Vincent Virketis
Kiona Campbell

CLASS 5

Navdeep Singh
Mason Palmer

CLASS 6

Oliver Romney-Parsons
Marshall Openshaw-Jones

MRS JOBLING

Demi Jones
Zach Jones

Weekly/Cumulative Class Attendance

	Week 14 %	Week 15 %	Week 16 %	TOTAL %
Reception	97.3	98.4	98.4	94.9
Class 1	97.8	95.2	96.8	95.6
Class 2	97.9	98.4	96.9	96.5
Class 3	95.4	91.4	91.7	96.0
Class 4	95.2	98.2	96.9	96.2
Class 5	92.2	96.7	94.0	95.9
Class 6	96.8	91.9	93.5	95.6
Total	96.1	95.8	95.5	95.8



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School Term and Holiday Date 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017:

INSET: Monday 4th September

SCHOOL OPEN: Tuesday 5th September 2017

Half Term: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2017

SCHOOL CLOSES: Tuesday 19th December 2017

Spring Term 2018:

INSET: Wednesday 3rd January 2018

SCHOOL OPEN: Thursday 4th January 2018

Half Term: Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February 2018

SCHOOL CLOSES: Thursday 29th March 2018

Easter Holiday: Monday 2nd April - Wednesday 11th April 2018

INSET: Thursday 12th April 2018

INSET: Friday 13th April 2018

Summer Term 2018:

SCHOOL OPEN: Monday 16th April 2018

May Day: Monday 7th May 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

INSET Monday 4th June 2018

SCHOOL OPEN Tuesday 5th June

SCHOOL CLOSES Friday 20th 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

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.