

Featherstone Primary

School

Weekly School Newsletter



6th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to this week's newsletter, which has plenty of school updates as usual.

Christmas!

Christmas cheer has certainly arrived at Featherstone School with many festive decorations being placed around the school. A big thanks to the site team, Mrs. Blair and our Values Ambassadors, who all ensured that the school looks wintry and Christmassy in the run-up to the 25th December.



Reindeer!



On Tuesday 10th December 2024, reindeer are visiting school! They are travelling a very long way to get here and all children in school will have the opportunity to say hi to them! What an exciting Tuesday that will be! (We'll be checking to see if a certain reindeer is there, with his red nose)!

Awards Assemblies

The Awards Assemblies for Phonics, Reading and Writing are a great way to celebrate the children's achievements in English and it's always great to see parents come along to these too. Teachers always have a tricky job choosing whose work to celebrate as there is so much to choose from. Well done to these children, who are some of the many children to have recently received an award.



EYFS Bedtime Story Workshop

We had a really great turn out of children and parents last week, who came back to school in the evening for our bedtime story workshop. Children shared lots of stories with their parents and school staff. Before long, it was time for bed!



Value of the Month: Independence

The Value of the Month of December is 'Independence.' In school, children will learn how to be independent in ways such as: getting things done by themselves (and celebrating their achievements). They will learn the benefits of 'being in charge of their own actions.' Children learn how lots of positive things can happen by being independent, maybe learning new things and then passing the skills along. Older children in school compare Independence to an opposite Value, Co-operation, and learn the differences between when one is needed more than the other. Speak to your child about Independence at home, and encourage them to be so.



Reminder: Bring it on Brum!

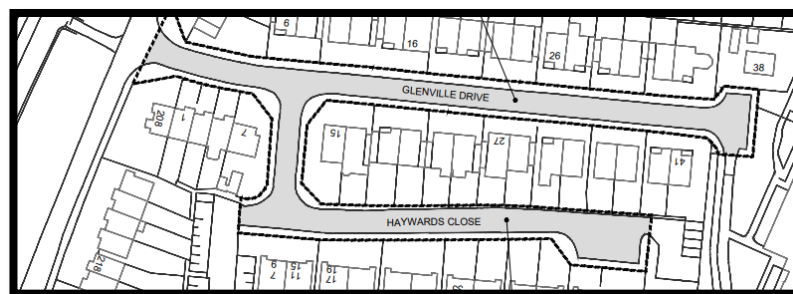
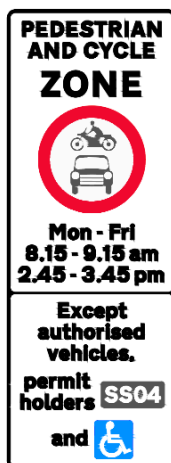
Bring it on Brum! is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Birmingham to have healthy, active, fun-filled school holidays. Bring it on Brum! believe that everyone deserves a good break and that school holidays are better when children and young people are active, having fun, being entertained and learning new things.

If your child is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, then they are entitled to access the Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs for free! There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes vary depending on the type and location of each local club and each holiday club will give your child a nutritious meal too!

Contact the school office for the Bring it on Brum! code. [Book activities here.](#)

Parking and driving on Glenville Drive

School have received complaints this week from parents and residents, about the driving and parking on Glenville Drive. Here is another reminder of the restricted parking.



Birmingham City Council are working with West Midlands Police, and as part of this are looking to undertake a third-party reporting trial. This UK police initiative 'Operation Snap', allows members of the public to submit dashcam footage showing allegations around dangerous and careless driving. This could include any moving vehicle offences committed by driving in a Car Free School Street during the hours of the restriction. LINK: [Operation Snap | West Midlands Police](#)

Parents and residents can directly send video footage of vehicles that are in the restricted zone during the restricted times above. Blue badge holders must ensure their badge is displayed on the dashboard or fascia panel where it can be clearly read through the front windscreen. Thank you to the majority of our parents who follow the Highway Code for the safety of the children and parents.

Athlete visit

School were lucky to have a visit this week from an athlete called Bartholomew. He came into school to inspire the children and show them that anything is possible, if they put their mind to it. Born with Arthrogryposis (weak muscles and stiff joints), doctors said that Bartholomew would never walk and may never sit up independently. However, despite these odds, Bartholomew started walking aged 3 and growing up, he has been able to take part in many sports and activities including playing the piano and drums. Bartholomew is now 42 years old and in the last 5 years, he has completed a 5km swim and 6 triathlons! He drives an adapted car and am able to lead a normal life. Year 4 were particularly lucky as they got to do a workshop with Bartholomew after his assembly. Thanks for visiting!

Diary Dates

Autumn Term	
10.12.24	Reindeer Visit
11.12.24	Christmas Dinner for children
13.12.24	Christmas Carol Concert 09:10 for 2A / 3A and 4A 2.40 for 2B / 3B and 4B Parents are welcome.
16.12.24	Y6 visiting Synagogue
17.12.24	Year 1 Christmas performance 2:45pm
18.12.24	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.15 & 2.15 Parents are welcome.
19.12.24	Non-uniform day – Christmas jumper/festive colours/party wear
20.12.24	Attendance Shop for children with 96%+ attendance
20.12.24	End of term – Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 7 th Jan 2025	School Open: children back to school

Have a nice weekend

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