Foston Primary School

Weekly bulletin
6 November



Head of School Update
It has been a lovely first week back at school following the half-term break. The children have settled back into their routines brilliantly and have been excited to begin exploring their new learning topics. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement across the school.

Stay and Celebrate – Monday 9th November
On Monday 9th November, ahead of parents' evening, we warmly invite parents and carers into school between **3.30pm and 4.00pm** for our *Stay and Celebrate* session.
This is a lovely opportunity for you to spend time alongside your child, looking through their books and celebrating the wonderful learning they have been doing in school. The children are always so proud to share their work, and we hope you will enjoy seeing their achievements and hearing about what they have been learning.
We look forward to welcoming you!

Parents' Evenings – Next Week (Y3-6)
A gentle reminder to please book your parents' evening appointment for next week if you have not already done so. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress and identify their next steps in learning.
We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing how well your children are doing.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting and busy half term ahead!

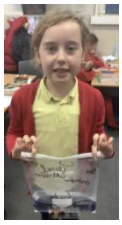
Katie Stringer
Head of School
Foston and Langton Schools

Wow Class work

EYFS/ KS1
What a brilliant first week back, Class 1! We have been loving our new topic, all about the Great Fire of London. In English, KS1 have been exploring poetry and using their senses to describe what life might have been like during this time. In EYFS, we have been busy learning all about Bonfire Night. We have created some fantastic firework pictures, experimenting with lots of bright colours and using glitter to create sparkling lines! It has been such a wonderful week full of creativity and learning. Well done, Class 1, we are so proud of you all!

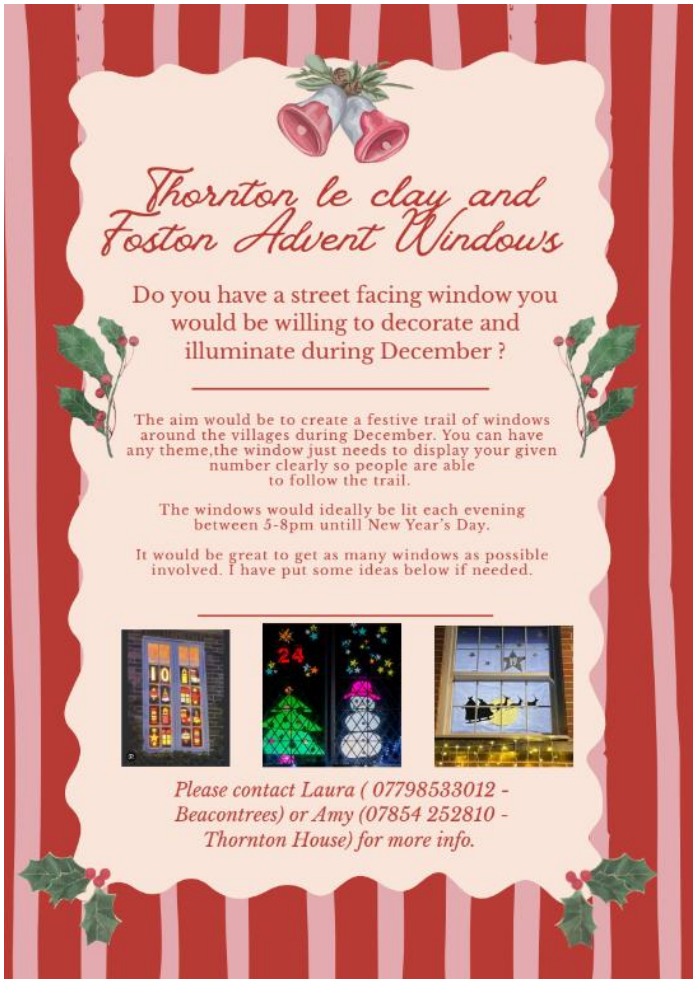
Y3 & 4
Welcome back, Year 3/4! We hope you all had a fantastic, relaxing half term. We'd like to start with sharing news from Fantastic Friday. The theme was Christianity around the world and we focussed on the use of stained-glass windows in churches.
We found out that not only are they beautiful to look at but they helped share stories of the Bible especially during times when most people couldn't read. It was lots of fun to create our own stained-glass windows with a special celebration in mind-can you guess which one? In science we have been exploring the water cycle, can your child tell you more?





Y5 & 6
It has been a lovely first week back for Class 3. We have been excited to read our class book in our English lessons, The Explorer, predicting what will happen and debating about the choices of the characters.





Parent News

Reminder – Toys in School

A polite reminder that children should **keep their personal toys at home** and should not bring them into school, including in their book bags.

Unfortunately, toys brought into school can sometimes lead to disagreements between children, and we are unable to take responsibility for any items that become lost, damaged or broken. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that toys remain at home so that we can maintain a positive learning environment and avoid any unnecessary upset. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.

School Tea Towel - LAST FEW REMAINING!

All the Children have done some gorgeous self-portraits that have been united on a school tea towel. The perfect Gift, a keep sake or even to use to dry up! £5 each (cash or card) available at most drop offs & pick ups, plus PAFFS & village hall events or see Ness.

Wreath making

Wednesday 2nd Dec 7pm at Foston & Thornton le Clay Village Hall. £50, including a glass of mulled wine, plus cheese & biscuits! For booking & payments please see Ness



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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Building on September's momentum...

WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Who are Parent Carer Voice and what do we do?

We're a small team of parent carers dedicated to supporting and improving the lives of parents and carers across North Yorkshire and their children. Our remit is to ensure the voices of parents and carers inform SEND services development and practice during consultations with North Yorkshire Council and the Integrated Care Boards supporting our region. In addition to this, we provide training and information workshops, attend community events and carers groups and host wellbeing opportunities.

SEND EVENTS AND GROUPS ATTENDED THIS OCTOBER

- RAFT (Ryedale Autism & ADHD Families Together
- Homestart
- Home Ed Support Group
- Mencap Northallerton & Dales
- AWC Power Hour
- SEMH Network
- and more...

PARENT CARER CONVERSATIONS: YOUR SEND QUESTIONS ANSWERED...

The inaugural event on 21st October was well attended and a positive starting point on which to build. We received some great constructive feedback after outlining that these Parent Carer Conversations are a "work in progress" and we will be using this feedback in our discussions with NYC to shape the next session in Feb/March 27 (date tbc).

PCVs actions from this event: We're creating an action and accountability tracker to identify the Council's commitment to improving outcomes for our SEND families and the evidence needed to demonstrate the progress.

OCTOBER'S NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL, ICB & NNPCF MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

- Local Offer Co-production
- PCF & ICB - quarterly review
- Community of Interest workshop
- NYC Partnerships & Sufficiency
- SENDIASS Steering Group
- SENDIASS SEND Reform development
- SEND Reform PCF impact review

CONSULTATION & FEEDBACK - YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT!!!

HOLIDAY Clubs for SEND children and young people

- What SEND provision, activities, services, and support are already available in your local area AND what types of provision, activities, or support would you like to see offered during the school holidays in the future?

NYC want to improve the SEND Holiday Club offering, but need your help! Please complete the survey here: Here is the link.

Inclusive Mainstream Toolkit - Is your CYPs school using it? Are you using it with your CYPs school? The IMT is THE toolkit for reasonable adjustments to be used in all North Yorkshire mainstream schools. Please contact us if you haven't received our recent email. We need to know how it's being used to improve the support given to our children and young people!!!



UPCOMING ON-LINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

CAMHS - Share your experience to help shape the future of CAMHS. Date: 12th November Time: 12:30 & 6:30pm Follow us on FB for more info.

Digital EHCP - update and Q&A opportunity Date: Monday 30th November Time: 2pm & 6:30pm Follow us on FB for more info.

Unlocking Autism - NYES (North Yorkshire Education Service) FREE information and training to support neurodivergent children, young people and their families including ADHD, PDA, Selective Mutism, SEMH, Identity and more. LINK Unlocking Autism (NB. You need to create a free NYES account to access the courses and please direct any tech issues directly to NYES!)

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D.

TRAINING WE'VE UNDERTAKEN

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion - workshop with Contact. How to be more inclusive as a forum and how to engage with under-represented communities.

Anxiety Workshop - What is anxiety and how to recognise signs and symptoms. Tips to help manage support for ourselves and others we care for.

Making Surveys Count - better engagement and feedback - Contact Online learning session. We'll definitely be feeding the ideas into our SEND Reform engagement.

Easy Fundraising Discover Free Funding webinar - We've applied for funding, but there's only 15 x £1,000 grants and thousands of applications...

Disability Hate Crime - All the PCV team have now accessed this training highlighting the vulnerability of our children and young people. We will be offering this to everyone as soon as we have a date confirmation.

WHERE TO FIND US

info@parentcarervoiceuk.org

www.parentcarervoiceuk.org

And finally...

We want to pay tribute to Andrew Turner, the parent behind the major Child Trust Fund Victory which has led to the government legislating for a simpler way for young disabled people to access their Child Trust Fund Savings. Contact.org.uk sum it up: "His courage, dedication, and leadership have been the driving force behind this victory. Andrew's work demonstrates what can be achieved when parent carers stand up to demand fairness for their children."

We hope you found our newsletter informative - 'til next time!

Catherine, Donna, Helen, Janet, Janine, Rebecca and Sarah

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School wish list: If you have any of the following items we would welcome you bringing them in to enhance the children's learning!

- Clean, empty glass jam jars for pencil crayon storage in Class 2

What should I do if I am worried about a child?

If you believe that a child is immediate danger from significant harm, dial 999 to report it to the Police.

How do I make a referral?

Referrals can be made via the universal referral form or following an Early Help Assessment. Both can be located on North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website: https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/forms-and-tools/

Urgent referrals can be made via telephone to the Customer Resolution Centre on 0300 131 2 131 or alternatively call the NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 or email: help@NSPCC.org.uk

Dates for the Diary

Parents' evening	Tuesday 10 November	3.40-6.30pm appointments
Parents' evening	Thursday 12 November	3.30-5.30pm appointments
KS2 Christingle Service	Tuesday 8 December	2:30pm
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 8 December	4:00pm
Fantastic Friday	Friday 18 December	Christmas Crafts

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https://www.fstfederation.org.uk/