

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Message from the Head of School

I am absolutely delighted to share the news that Stillington Primary School is **securely good school in all areas**. We are so proud of our federation of small schools and the fantastic education and opportunities we are able to provide for all our children. A huge thank you to many of the staff members at Foston who have also been part of the Stillington journey.



Nursery & Reception

This week in Nursery and Reception we have been continuing our learning about 'People Who Help Us' this week focussing on doctors and nurses. The children have loved learning about how doctors and nurses help us and the names of some of the different equipment they use. We have had some wonderful role-play across the week and perhaps have some budding doctors and nurses amongst us!



Year 1 & 2

We are really enjoying our new focus text *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl. We've been using it as the basis for English lessons, helping us to develop an awareness of different sentence types and to make interesting vocabulary choices in our own writing. Maybe your child can tell you some of the similes they used to describe the main character feels a tingle in her magic finger "As hot as a thousand chillies." was one idea!

Year 3 & 4

It's been a great week for Class 3. We been learning how to use speech marks in English and how to insert dialogue into a piece of writing. In science, we have learnt about plants and its many parts. We learnt about water transportation of a plant and placed a flower and its stem into red water to observe how this happens.



Year 5 & 6

This week in Class 4 we have been researching and learning all about plants in our science lesson. We produced some fantastic work and showed some great collaboration skills. In RE we are learning about Pentecost and the significance this has on Christians. Well done Class 4!

Malton Sports

On **Wednesday 24th of April**, the children in year 1 and 2 will be taking part in a football event at Malton Sports Centre. The year 1 and 2 children are asked to come into school in their uniform and will get changed at school into their PE kits (they will not need shin pads or football boots). Children will also need to be wearing their school jumpers. They will have lunch at school as normal.

A member of staff will accompany the children on a bus, which will take them to Malton in the afternoon. The children should arrive back in time for the end of the school day.

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Proposal to change the length of the school day

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of a proposal to change the school finish time here at Foston, from 3.15pm to 3.30pm, for all classes with effect from September 2024.

This change will ensure that the school meets the DfE expectation for all state-funded mainstream schools to deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours, by September 2024 at the latest. (*DfE - Length of the School Week Non-Statutory Guidance July 2023*). It will also bring the finish time at Foston into line with Terrington and Stillington.

In maintained schools, the governing board is responsible for setting the length of the school day. Although there is no specific, or formal process schools need to follow to alter their school day, FST Governing Board would like your input in order to understand how this proposed change might affect our stakeholders.

You can contribute your views, or comment on the proposal by:

- e-mailing a response to consultation@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk
- completing the Forms Questionnaire here: <https://forms.office.com/e/ydwn48NfwU>
- dropping a written response, marked 'FST GB', into the school office.

Responses received before 12md on 10 May 2024 will be considered by Governors at our Full Governing Board meeting on 20 May 2024, before a final decision is made.

Thank you
Corinne Cross
FST Chair of Governors

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Dance Club

The children attending dance club will be doing a short performance at the village hall on their last session, Tuesday 21st May. Parents and siblings of the children attending are welcome to come and watch.

School Meals (reminder from last week)

Our school meals are made on site using fresh, local ingredients wherever possible, and each term there is a different 3 week rolling menu for the pupils to enjoy a range of meals. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently eligible for a free school meal, but we would like to offer every child in the school the opportunity to try a meal free of charge on **Thursday 16th May**. The menu on that day will be:

A choice of margherita/vegetable/pepperoni pizza

Chips

Veg sticks (carrot/pepper/cucumber etc.)

A choice of ice cream with jelly or biscuit

If you would like to take advantage of this please can you let the school office know by 1st May at the latest using the link below: <https://forms.office.com/e/5HMKw1gpbX>

Keeping Children Safe Online

It has come to our attention, that at one of our schools some children have access to WhatsApp and are using this platform to be unkind to other children. Please can we remind parents to check your children's phones and devices regularly and that WhatsApp has an age restriction of 13+ for a variety of reasons. Please find attached an information sheet explaining the risks involved when using the app.



North Yorkshire Council Ofsted

North Yorkshire Council SEND Department currently has Ofsted. The inspection will run for the next 3 weeks. North Yorkshire Council would really appreciate it if you could please complete a survey to provide information to Ofsted. **You can provide your views by completing an online survey. What you share will be treated in confidence:**

Parent/Carer - <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer/10299835>

Parent/Carer easy read version – <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer-EasyRead/10299835>

The survey will close at 9am on 23rd April 2024.

Your views are important and will help Inspectors to understand your experience of the SEND arrangements in North Yorkshire.

A paper copy of the survey is available (see attached). Please send any completed paper copies to da.ta.areaSEND@ofsted.gov.uk by 3pm on 22 April 2024. Please include the Local Area name (North Yorkshire) in the email header.

Home to School Travel Consultation

The Council is currently consulting on changes to the North Yorkshire (NY) Home to School Travel Policy. This is available via the NY website [Home to school travel policy - consultation | North Yorkshire Council](#). Please note the deadline for the consultation including any responses has been extended to 26th April 2024. If you have any queries or would like to request data in relation to your school please email H2Stransportreview@northyorks.gov.uk alternatively please contact Lisa Herdman, Lead for Admissions.

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Diary Dates

KS2 Swimming	Friday 12th April—Friday 24th May
PAFFS Family Quiz Night	Sunday 21st April, 4.30-6.30pm
KS1 Malton Sports	Wednesday 24th April
Height & weight visit—Reception & Y6	Tuesday 30th April
KS2 Howsham Mill Trip	Wednesday 1st May
May Day bank holiday	Friday 3rd May (last day at school) Tuesday 7th May (first day back)
Multi-faith Day	Wednesday 8th May
Y6 SATS	Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May
Free School Meal (complete forms link by 1st May https://forms.office.com/e/5HMKw1gpbX)	Thursday 16th May
Sharing Assembly	Wednesday 22nd May, 9.10am Wednesday 17th July, 9.10am
Y6 Bikeability	Wednesday 22nd May & Thursday 23rd May
Y3/4 Malton Sports	Wednesday 22nd May
Fantastic Friday	Friday 24th May
Summer half-term	Friday 24th May (last day at school) Monday 3rd June (first day back)
KS1 Sealife Centre Trip	Friday 14th June
KS2 Ampleforth Trip	Wednesday 26th June
KS1 Malton Sports	Wednesday 26th June
Sports Day	Tuesday 2nd July
Y6 Leavers Trip (tbc)	Wednesday 10th July
Leavers' service	Tuesday 16th July 2.30pm
Summer	Friday 19th July (last day at school) Tuesday 3rd September (first day back)