

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Nursery and Reception

It has been lovely to welcome the children back and see how smart they look in their new school uniforms! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. We have hit the ground running having lots of fun, laughter and exploration in our classroom and outdoor area. It is great to see the children enjoying themselves and interacting together. I look forward to a super year ahead!



Year 1 & 2

In Science this week we have started our new topic 'Material World'. The children organised a set of materials that came off Tim Peake's space ship into different categories eg. plastic. They then found materials from the local environment and added to their collection. Each child could identify the object and the material. We discussed the objects that had more than one material eg. a pan. The children have settled into class really well, well done Class 2!

Please can we ask that reading books are regularly brought back into school, especially Little Wandle books as they need to be allocated to other children within the schools. This also allows staff members to read with the children within school.

Year 3 & 4

It's been a lovely week to start the new school year off! Our Class 3 children have already begun their learning journey this year, studying place value and number in maths, printing in Art as well as learning about the Shang Dynasty in History. It is going to be an fantastic year ahead!

Year 5 & 6

This week in class 4 we have enjoyed a great first week back! The class has settled so well and are enjoying our new class text Kensuke's Kingdom. In Maths, we are exploring place value and building on our knowledge from last year using resources to represent different values.

Returning to School

September is here! While plenty of children will be thrilled to reunite with friends and continue their education, this can be a stressful time for some youngsters, who may be feeling unsure about a number of incoming changes. Research commissioned for Children's Mental Health Week has found that 65% of UK children have felt anxious, nervous, or stressed because of school.

This highlights the important role played by trusted adults when helping young people get excited to return to education, and it's vital as parents and educators that we understand how best to ensure those first days back go as smoothly as possible. The #WakeUpWednesday guide offers expert advice on how to do exactly that, letting you know how best to support children and young people going back to school.

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Head of School Update

A warm welcome back to all of our families and I hope you all had a wonderful summer. The children have come back refreshed and ready to learn. They have quickly settled back into their new routines. The classroom environments around school are inviting and ignite an interest for the new topics. There have been some alterations to class timetables, so please can you make sure PE kits are in school all week. We have a busy half term ahead of us with many exciting events planned which I look forward to.

Next week we look forward to welcoming Audrie Woodhouse in to deliver drama sessions with each class. Audrie will be visiting Foston every half term for the day. The children love these sessions and benefit greatly from her expertise.

I would like to share the news that Mrs Ellis-Hollins and Mrs Gibson are currently absent from work due to personal circumstances. Therefore you may see some unknown supply teaching assistants in school to cover their roles. Mr Dias-Leo has been in school this week and will be in next week supporting in class and with wrap around care. We look forward to them returning to school when they are ready.

We also welcome Mrs Foster and Miss Foster who are new to our team and have quickly settled in this week. Mrs Foster will be mainly working in our KS1 class (year 1 and 2) and Miss Foster will be supporting with wrap around care.

Admin

Next week your child will bring home an envelope with several forms in, please can these be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

If you have not already returned your child's school photograph authorisation form please can you do so by **Wednesday 11th September**.

ParentPay

Please can I remind parents to login to their account on a weekly basis and clear all owed amounts, this avoids debts building up. Before the holidays parents were made aware of our plans to use ParentPay to book and pre-pay for wrap around care and extra-curricular clubs, to confirm this will begin after October half-term.

Collection Passwords

Last year we introduced 'collection passwords' for parents to give to the adult who was collecting their child, please can you use the following link if you would like to provide a collection password (please complete even if you have previously provided one so that our system can be updated) - <https://forms.office.com/e/Q3eKba972Q>.

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Foston Clubs

Please find below our extra-curricular clubs for this half term. To book a place, please email the school office. For our extra-curricular clubs, these will now be available on a block basis only. Wrap around care is also available throughout the week and will be led by Miss Cooke, Miss Foster, Mrs Gibson and Mrs Dale.

	Monday	Thursday	Friday	Friday
Club	Forest School	Craft Club	Drama & Performing Arts	Music and Singing Club
Leading Adult	Miss Cooke	Miss Foster	Audrie	Mrs Dale
Time	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm	3.30-4.30pm
No. of sessions	7	7	6 (no drama 11 th October)	7
Age	Years 1-3	Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)	Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)	Reception, year 1 & year 2
Cost for the block	£35	£24	£30	£24
Maximum	15	12	20	12

Wrap Around Care

Please find below the adults leading wrap around care.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Miss Cooke Miss Thompson	Miss Cooke Miss Thompson	Miss Gibson Miss Thompson	Miss Gibson Miss Thompson	Miss Gibson Miss Thompson
Afterschool	Miss Foster Miss Cooke	Miss Foster Mrs Gibson	Miss Foster Mrs Gibson	Miss Foster Mrs Dale	Miss Foster Mrs Dale

Skate School

Next week **Wednesday 11th September**, we will be welcoming Ryan Swain, a local skateboarding teacher, into our school to teach our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children how to ride a skateboard. He will be bringing all the equipment, including skateboards and safety wear.

Ryan is a professional and accredited Skateboard GB Coach and is offering his professional services to not only teach lessons, train and coach skaters of all capabilities individually and professionally but also get them ready for national competitions and qualifiers. He also develops mental health and wellbeing and prides his skate school on being an all-inclusive environment for diversity and equality.

He also prides himself and the school on teaching skatepark etiquette and safety on site teaching the youth of our towns how to ride their skatepark as safely as possible when using it unaccompanied.

The aim of the session is to teach children beginner skateboarding skills and to ensure that all the children are taught how to skateboard safely. This will take place in the school playground during the school day so there will be no changes to lunches. Please can you make sure your child has their PE kit in school so that they can participate.

All children will be given the opportunity to take part, however if you would not like your child to take part, please email the school office.

Flaxton Community Hall

Advance notice. Flaxton Friends are holding a Table Top sale in Flaxton Community Hall on **Saturday 9th November 2024** from 11am-2.00pm. Bacon/Sausage sandwiches, tea, coffee, cake available. Book a table to raise funds for schools, charity or yourself. Tables £15.00. Make your booking with Jill Fagan 01904 468523.

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Diary Dates

Event	Date	Key Points
School photographs	16th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery - year 6
Foston open day for prospective parents	20th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.30 - 3pm
After school open evening for prospective parents	23rd September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 - 6pm
Harvest Festival (TBC)	30th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 - 6 2.30pm
Harvest Festival (TBC)	2nd October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS 9.15am
Malton Sports	2nd October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 - 6 PE kit needed (children will change in school) No packed lunch needed
Fantastic Friday	25th October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information to follow
Autumn half-term	Last day at school - 25th October 2024 First day back - 4th November 2024	
Flu Vaccinations	25th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception - year 6
Malton Sports	4th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 - 6 PE kit needed (children will change in school) No packed lunch needed
Christmas dinner	6th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery - year 6 Children to travel to Stillington Primary School by bus
Fantastic Friday	20th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information to follow
Christmas	Last day at school - 20th December 2024 First day back - 7th January 2025	
Spring half-term	Last day at school - 14th February 2025 First day back - 24th February 2025	
Easter	Last day at school - 14th February 2025 First day back - 24th February 2025	
May Day bank holiday	Last day at school - 2nd May 2025 First day back - 6th May 2025	
Summer half - term	Last day at school - 23rd May 2025 First day back - 2nd June 2025	
Summer	Last day at school - 18th July 2025	