

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Nursery & Reception

This week we have been exploring how lots of the leaves are changing colours around us and the wind is blowing them down. We also made observations around school of some trees where the leaves are still green and didn't fall down. The children have enjoyed spotting the different types of trees and making these observations. We then collected leaves from around school and explored painting them the colour that they had turned before printing them onto paper and seeing the effect that was made – magic! Maybe you can collect your own autumn treasure at the weekend or even try leaf printing!



Year 1 & 2

The children have particularly enjoyed our Geography lesson this week. We focussed on 3 different methods of transport in London and engaged in a mixture of activities to consolidate our learning. We explored the underground maps, made river taxis in the water tray and drew maps of London for the red buses to travel on.



Year 3 & 4

The Year 3 and 4 children have been building skills this year to write a narrative - such as expanded noun phrases, speech and dialogue, adverbials and paragraphs. Our story writing is based on the first person perspective of the little boy 'Toki' in the Ride of Passage. The children have impressed us with their writing so far!

Year 5 & 6

As part of our science topic exploring the properties of materials we had lots of fun using different techniques to separate materials into two groups. We used magnetism, filtering and sieving. The investigation areas with the most scope for mess proved to be the most popular! As well as having fun this enabled us to develop our use of scientific vocabulary.



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ParentPay

Please can all parents login to ParentPay and clear all outstanding balances.

Wellbeing Club

From next week Mr Carlisle will be running a wellbeing club on Monday lunchtimes for KS1 and KS2 children. The focus this month is optimism and focusing on the positives. Spaces are limited to ten children per session and will be first come first serve.

SATS Club

Mr Carlisle will be running his year 6 SATS club on Monday after school starting from Monday 4th November. We will be exploring past papers and answering the questions to prepare children for their assessment in May.

Music

On Wednesday we welcome Dave, a retired headteacher, with a love of music and poetry to Foston. He will be visiting each class throughout the day. Dave has a real passion for music and he will be bringing a range of instruments for the children to explore and ignite musical interests. We are hoping Dave can visit regularly throughout the year. He particularly enjoys playing and teaching the ukulele.

Thunk It Theatre Group

Next week the children in school will be visited by a theatre group who will perform their show "New girl" followed by a workshop. The show and performance are based around inclusion and respecting people's differences. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to Mr Carlisle.

Celebration Assembly

On **Monday 21st October** we will have our first Celebration Assembly of the academic year. This will take place at Thorton-Le-Clay Village Hall at 9.15am. All parents are welcome to join us. For those children receiving a certificate, a note will be in the planners next week. We will also announce our winning house



Nasal Flu Vaccination

Vaccination UK is attending your child's school for flu vaccinations. For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the link below.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form. If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link. Thank you for your continued support!

11th October 2024

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An exciting opportunity to represent your school at equestrian competitions throughout the country...

The NSEA (National School's Equestrian Association) have been running inter-school equestrian competitions since 1991 and provide an excellent opportunity to enjoy a range of equestrian disciplines with friends, as part of a team or individually. There really is a lot of fun to be had along with the opportunity to meet new friends and to develop your riding skills.

Competitions run throughout the year and there is something for everyone; dressage, showjumping, arena eventing, jumping with style... all at varying levels. The Grassroots showjumping starts at 40cm.

The nearest venue to us is Northallerton Equestrian Centre, but there is the potential to travel to any, if members wish. There is also the potential to qualify for regional and national finals at Hickstead, Windsor and Addington.

To participate, children must have their own pony, equipment (tack, body protector, hat etc) and transport. Most competitions take place on a weekend and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child is put forward for an appropriate level of class and arrive at the venue ready to ride. The Team Manager will complete all admin for the entries.

Membership for this academic year & registration fees are approximately £25. Entries to competitions are then £18 - £30 per class (depending on the discipline and venue).

Once you become a member, there is no obligation to go to certain competitions or to a determined number. We are able to pick and choose the classes, the venue and the frequency. The next competition in our area is an eventer's challenge (arena eventing) at Northallerton EC on 1st November.

The Team Manager will set up a WhatsApp group for Langton, Foston, Stillington & Terrington members and the usual method of communication will be via this WhatsApp group, but with occasional meet ups on an evening, if the need arises. **We do propose to have an initial meet up on Monday 21st October at 6:30pm at The Stone Trough in Kirkham. Please let us know if you intend to be there.**

If you have any questions and/or are interested in finding out more about NSEA, please do get in touch with Miss Stringer or Victoria Tyler (Team Manager) on victorialouisetyler@icloud.com or 07786445459.



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Diary Dates

| Event | Date | Key Points |
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| Celebration Assembly | 21st October 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children Thorton-Le-Clay Village Hall at 9.15am Parents invited |
| Sports Enhancement Day | 22nd October 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery & Reception to stay at school Year 1 - 6 to travel to Stillington Primary School by bus PE kit needed (children will change in school) Packed lunch needed for year 1 - 6 |
| Fantastic Friday | 25th October 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information to follow |
| Autumn half-term | Last day at school - 25th October | First day back - 4th November 2024 |
| Parents' Evening | 12th November 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All years 5 - 7pm |
| Parents' Evening | 14th November 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All years 3.30 - 5.30pm |
| 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 |
| KS2 Christingle | 10th December 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 - 6 2.30 - 3.30pm Foston Church |
| EYFS/KS1 Nativity | 10th December 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery, Reception, year 1 & 2 4 - 4.30pm Village Hall |
| 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 - 4th April 2025 First day back - 23rd April 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 | |