

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Nursery & Reception

The children in Nursery and Reception have started our new topic 'Celebrations' this week focussing on Halloween. It was lovely for the children to retell and recreate their own experiences and to get the opportunity to carve pumpkins. The children have also made their own vegetable soup this week talking about different vegetables and seeds, then linking this back to our learning about harvest. They enjoyed chopping, scooping, mixing and blending the vegetables together, then for the best part – taste testing our soup!



## Year 1 & 2

We have had a fantastic first week back. In maths we have enjoyed learning about subtraction using a variety of methods- playdough subtraction squash was our favourite! We have started our new English book for the half term "Little Red" which is an alternative version of Little Red Riding Hood book.

We have started our new art topic, considering how sculptures impact our world. It was lovely to hear children talk about sculptures they have seen when they have been out with friends and family. We have looked at where we see sculptures and the materials that can be used by artists. As a discussion point we looked at the public sculpture by Anish Kapoor. The children had lots of ideas about the sculpture and how it makes them feel.



## Year 3 & 4

Class 3 have had a lovely start to the term as we have learnt about the Hinduism religion – from their beliefs of the cycle of life, their different festivals such as Diwali and the Gods that they believe in such as Vishnu and Lakshmi. This will support us in our RE topic this term which is 'What do religions say to people when life gets hard?'.

## Year 5 & 6

This week in year 3 & 4 we have been planting some bulbs in the village to commemorate King Charles' Coronation. We have also started our Geography topic about rivers and learnt some facts about the Amazon. A great first week back, well done everyone!



## Exciting Update On School Leadership From January

Please find attached a letter from our Chair Of Governors outlining the exciting arrangements for leadership from January in light of our collaboration with Langton.

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## Malton Sports

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** years 3 & 4 will be going to Malton Sports Centre, this will take place within school hours and children will return before the end of the school day. The children will require their PE kit and a water bottle,. The children will get changed into their PE in school.

## Stay & Celebrate

On **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** we would like to invite you to 'Stay & Celebrate' prior to parents' evening. This will take place at the end of the school day and will give you the opportunity to look at your child's work alongside them before parents' evening. The children are always excited to share their learning! For the children who attend wrap around care, books will still be available. For those who cannot attend, you can still look at books at parents' evening if requested.

## KS1 Trip Update

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** KS1 are going on a school trip. Due to the partial closure of The Castle Museum we have changed the location to the National Railway Museum. Cost and timings of the trip will stay the same. The focus is still linked to our History topic of "How have peoples lives changed?" with a focus on trains over time.

## Parents' Evening

The teachers look forward to meeting with parents/carers next week for parents' evening. Please can you make sure you have booked an appointment, if not a telephone call will be allocated. A 10 minute time slot has been allocated per pupil, which can be very tight for teachers to share all the wonderful achievements. Please can everyone be mindful that we aim to stick to these times to allow for timely appointments for all. We may even need timers.

## Residential Workshop

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm**, Miss Tordoff will be holding a workshop via teams to go through the layout of the residential and answer any queries you may have. If you are unable to attend the session, the PowerPoint will be on next week's bulletin. All questions will be collated and answers sourced (should they be centre specific) and feedback in the bulletin also. The link for the workshop is as below:

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device [Click here to join the meeting](#)

## Christmas Dinner

Please can **ALL** parents/carers email the school office by **Friday 1st December** to confirm if your child will or will not be having Christmas dinner on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. All children will travel to Stillington Primary School to celebrate together. Christmas dinner menu is attached.

## ParentPay

Please can Parents/Carers login to ParentPay and clear any outstanding balances where possible and give permission on any future trips.

## Flu Vaccinations

This week your child will have received their flu vaccination if permission was given. If your child did not receive it and you would like them to you can call 01723 331506, this will take you to the vaccination UK admin team to book into a clinic.

## Anti-bullying Week

Pupils are invited to wear odd socks on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** to celebrate anti-bullying week. This week, we will be focusing on what bullying is and how we can speak out against it.

## Keeping Your Child Safe Online – does your child play Roblox?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community



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## Diary Dates

Anti-bullying Week—odd socks	Monday 13th November
Stay & Celebrate	Monday 13th November, 3.15pm
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 14th November, 5pm-7pm Thursday 16th November, 3.30pm-5.30pm
York Railway Museum trip (Year 1 & 2)	Wednesday 15th November
Malton Sport (Year 3 & 4)	Wednesday 15th November (Y3/4) Wednesday 13th December (KS2)
Residential Workshop	Wednesday 15th November, 5pm
KS2 Residential deposit due	Friday 17th November
Christmas Dinner (whole school to travel to Stillington Primary School, parents to confirm if child will or will not require a Christmas dinner by Friday 1st December)	Friday 15th December
Nativity (Thornton le Clay Village Hall)	Tuesday 19th December, 4pm
Fantastic Friday	Friday 22nd December
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>Friday 22nd December (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 9th January (first day back)</b>
<b>Spring half-term</b>	<b>Friday 9th February (last day at school)</b> <b>Monday 19th February (first day back)</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Friday 22nd March (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 9th April (first day back)</b>
<b>May Day bank holiday</b>	<b>Friday 3rd May (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 7th May (first day back)</b>
<b>Summer half-term</b>	<b>Friday 24th May (last day at school)</b> <b>Monday 3rd June (first day back)</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Friday 19th July (last day at school)</b>