

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Mrs Moore's Update

I hope everyone enjoyed the glimpse of good weather we had yesterday. Long may it continue.

Just a quick update on COVID restrictions in school. Unfortunately, despite the easing in the wider community we have received the updated NYCC risk assessment and for schools there are no changes to bubble arrangements, pick up and drop off or the arrangements in school. Whilst disappointed we can take a glimmer of pleasure in the fact that we can start to take children out for trips and begin to do outdoor events such as our sports enhancement days with the three schools together.

A quick reminder about drop off times. Can we please remind parents that the KS1 and KS2 drop off time is 9am and children should not be dropped off until this time so that a teacher is on the playground to receive them.

## Our Curriculum

As we begin to leave COVID restrictions behind we can also begin to return to the full curriculum we redesigned in September 2019 with the changes to the Ofsted framework. These changes allowed us to create a curriculum that was individualised to our schools and which covered beyond the expectations of the National Curriculum. After consulting with children, parents and Governors we created a long term plan that is motivating and exciting with many built in enhancements. We still continue Fantastic Friday at the end of each half term. This has been limited, however, by COVID and topics we covered had to be in school. We have done forest school days, dance, Halloween activities, and Christmas crafts to name a few.

This term our fantastic Friday end of half term event will be a sports enhancement day for all 3 schools at Terrington Village Hall.

Next week the junior children are looking forward to a virtual crime and punishment workshop that will bring their topic to life.

This week Miss Stringer and I have visited every classroom to watch lessons. We have been so impressed with the creative and exciting teaching we have seen.

Our schools are so lucky to have such dedicated and amazing teachers who make learning fun even through the most challenging of circumstances.

## Communicating With School

As you are aware to support the work life balance of our teachers we ask that you email the school office with queries etc. These can then be directed to the correct person during working hours. Teachers work on an evening and weekend planning lessons and undertaking assessments etc and often feel compelled to deal with emails that arrive in the evening. It has been brought to our attention that where a matter may be more personal this can be difficult for parents communicating with the office. If this is the case, please email the office asking for the child's class teacher to phone you.

## Internet Safety

Please take a look at the below link provided by North Yorkshire Police. It has some very useful information from NSPCC. - [Getting to know what your child is doing online \(net-aware.org.uk\)](https://www.net-aware.org.uk)

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### Bags 2 School

The school will be taking part in the “Bags 2 school initiative” once again this year. This is a great way to raise funds for the school and to put your unwanted items to good use.

They collect good quality clothing (but not uniforms), shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves & ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, as well as soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (but not pillows or quilts).

The collection date is the **29<sup>th</sup> of June** and further details will follow, but we wanted to give you a heads up on this to allow you time to sort unwanted items or not get rid of any items you may have already sorted in the past few weeks.

Bags 2 school will collect any bags donated and turn them into money for school. Distribution of bags/ Drop off sessions and location will be confirmed nearer the time.

### PE Enhancement Day

The PE enhancement day for years 1 – 6 from Foston, Terrington and Stillington will be held on Friday 28th May 2021 at Terrington Village Hall during normal school hours. The children will be travelling to Terrington by coach. The activities carried out on these days are designed to enrich the experiences of our children to promote new skills, broaden experiences and become more confident and resilient in all types of physical activity.

According to government guidelines bubbles will be adhered to, along-side the cleaning of equipment and sanitising/ washing hands between activities.

Children should come to school in their PE kits as normal and will require a home pack lunch on the day. If your child normally has a school dinner a packed lunch can be provided by school. A link to a questionnaire for choices is included in the email and we require responses by the end of Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2021

***NB - Hot School meals will be provided for Nursery & Reception at Foston.***

### Emollients (moisturiser) In School

We have received notification from North Yorkshire Health and Safety Team that we are unable to allow children to use moisturiser in school without a signed consent form. If your child brings moisturiser into school it will be returned home this evening. If you require your child to still use it please return it along with the signed consent form attached.

Please note we have also been advised children **WILL NOT** be allowed to use soap brought in from home and should use the soap provided by school.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact North Yorkshire County Council Health and Safety Support on 01609 532589.

### Parents Workshop

There will be a Parents workshop on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May at 6pm. The topic is the Curriculum and will be held over Microsoft Teams. The Link will be incl in next week's Bulletin.

# DIARY DATES

<u>Parents Workshop– Summer Term Curriculum</u>	Tuesday : 25th of May 2021 @6pm via Microsoft Teams.
<u>Sports Events</u> Sports Enhancement Day	Friday : 28th of May 2021
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Last Day of School –Friday 28th May 2021
<u>Toddler and Pre School Worksop</u> Nursery Rhymes	Tuesday 15th June 2021 Time 1.30-2.30pm Foston School
<u>World Days</u> Charity Fundraising Day	Friday : 18th of June– <i>Further Details nearer the date</i>
<u>Toddler and Pre School Worksop</u> All about Numbers	Monday 28th June 2021 Time 1.30-2.30pm Foston School
<u>Toddler and Pre School Worksop</u> Let’s Get Creative	Monday 5th July 2021 Time 1.30-2.30pm Foston School
<u>Sports Events</u> Sports Day	Wednesday: 7th of July 2021
<u>Toddler and Pre School Worksop</u> Sensory Play	Tuesday 13th July 2021 Time 1.30-2.30pm Foston School

***Please note we cannot guarantee these events will go ahead due to Covid restrictions***