

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

End of Term *****

Just a reminder to all parents that **Foston closes at 1pm** on the last day of term.

Well Done Foston Team

A huge well done for this week. Again the resilience of our families and staff team has amazed me. We all quickly turned our hand again to a virtual way of working. I will be extremely relieved, however, to welcome everyone back to school on Monday, 12th July. We can then enjoy the last two weeks of term and look forward to what will hopefully be a more normal summer holiday.

A huge thankyou also to the staff at Stillington and Terrington who offered their support to Foston staff immediately they heard on Saturday and rejigged staff rotas and events to fit round Foston's closure. Our three schools are amazing. I am so proud to be Headteacher of them all.

Covid Restrictions

Well done everyone for your home schooling efforts this week. As cases are so obviously rising can we ask that parents continue to wear masks at pick up and drop off. Also a reminder that home tests are available at testing centers and by post from the website below

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

It would be appreciated if you would consider over 11's in your family doing one of these on the Sunday night before children return to school. I know many parents are anxious and this would really help put minds at rest. Our priority now must be ensuring we minimize the risk of cases in school.

Charity Non-school uniform day

We will be holding a non-school uniform day on **Tuesday 13th July**, with a donation of 50p, to raise money for a charity called CAMFED. This is a charity that raises money to support and give access education for girls in Africa who have been denied education. Raising money for this charity is important to us and continues our work fighting for women's right which links to our previous KS2 topic, The Suffragette's, who fought for women's rights and the right to an education. CAMFED is carrying on this work by helping girls in Africa get an education in current times. **Thank you, Evie Y6 at Terrington.**

Parent Code of Conduct

We are lucky to have an extremely supportive parent group across all 3 schools and I thank you all for this. It is, however, advised that for protection of staff and children we have in place a governor agreed parental code of conduct. ***I attach for your information.*** It is also available on the school website.

Attendance Procedures

Just a reminder that if your child is unwell or absent from school for any reason that you ring the school office or email to let us know. As you may be aware we have strict national safeguarding procedures to adhere to in school to ensure all children are safe and remain safe. If we have not received a call by 9.15 am then office staff will call your home to ensure everything is ok and ascertain the reason for absence. If we fail to receive an answer after a few tries staff may attempt a home visit. I am sure you will understand that this is done in the best interest of our pupils and families.

Can I also remind you that unless it is exceptional circumstances we cannot authorise term time holidays.

KS2 Leavers' trip

On Thursday for our school leavers' trip, we have the opportunity to play in the arcade within Puttstars York. Therefore, can we ask that pupils bring small change, no more than £3.00, to play on arcade games should they wish to.

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Sponsored Walk – Thursday 22nd July – Wear something Dark Blue

As you are aware unfortunately we were unable to take part in our sponsored walk at Castle Howard, so we have organised for the children to walk 5000 steps around our school field on Thursday 22nd July. On this day they can come to school wearing something dark blue in support. Can we please ask that if you have already collected your sponsor money could you return this to the office as soon as possible or no later than Thursday 22nd July so we can let you know how much we have raised as a community and send across to the chosen charity Treatment Bag.

Summer Club

Attached are 2 flyers with details of summer clubs to be held during the school holidays which some of you may find useful.

North Yorkshire County Council SEND focus group

North Yorkshire County Council are in the process of writing their SEND strategy and are looking to speak to children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities to help with the decision making in the future. They will be running two online focus groups, *please see attached flyer.*

DIARY DATES

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| <u>Toddler and Pre School Worksop</u> Let's Get Creative | Monday 5th July 2021 Time 1.30-2.30pm Foston School cancelled not re-arranged |
| <u>Castle Howard</u> | Tuesday 6th July cancelled not re-arranged |
| <u>Sports Events</u> Sports Day | Wednesday: 7th of July 2021– rearranged date 16th of July |
| <u>Toddler and Pre School Worksop</u> Sensory Play | Tuesday 13th July 2021 Time 1.30-2.30pm Foston School |
| Non Uniform Day | Tuesday 13th of July 2021 |
| <u>YR 6 Leaver's Trip</u> | Thursday 15th of July |
| <u>Seaside Special Menu</u> | Thursday 15th July Time Lunchtime—in school |
| <u>YR 1 Only</u> <u>Eye Screening NHS</u> | Thursday 15th July 2021 in school |
| <u>Leavers Service</u> | 21st July—Details TBC |
| <u>End of Term</u> | 23rd July– School finishes at 1pm that day |