

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Welcome Back Everyone

It has been lovely to welcome children and staff, new and old, back to our three schools this week. We have been blessed with some lovely weather to set us off to a fabulous start. The children have enjoyed their first music lessons with Mr. Webb and PE coaching with our Total Sports Coach. They have settled well into their classrooms and are enjoying the fun and motivating lessons our teachers are delivering.

## Early Years P.E. Session

Please can children in Nursery and Reception come to school on Wednesday's wearing their P.E. kit and trainers. They will have their P.E session on Wednesday afternoons. Please can normal school uniform be worn on the other days, including Tuesdays.

## Wellies

In preparation for the winter months and wet weather please can all children in Nursery and Reception bring in a pair of labelled wellies that can be kept in school to allow us to enjoy our outdoor learning all year round.

### **Come & help us find Pirate Blackbeard's treasure!**

Thornton Le Clay Walking Treasure Hunt

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2pm- 4pm**

4 levels of treasure hunts available so adults & little ones can get involved

**Treasure hunt sheets**

*(£1 per sheet)*

**Children's craft table**

**Refreshments available from -**

**Foston & Thornton le Clay Village Hall**

If you would like to do the treasure hunt but can not do it on Sunday afternoon, please contact Ness for a sheet:

(nessynoojones@btinternet.com)

### **Postponed**

### **SCHOOL PICNIC**

Come and help celebrate year 6 Leavers & the end of the school year!

*School Picnic for all Foston School Children & Families*

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 5pm-7pm**

**At Foston School**

There will be a Bouncy Castle & Inflatable Obstacle Course

Please bring your own picnic, blankets & chairs

Raffle & hot drinks available

## School Picnic – Requests From Parents and Friends

We are really looking forward to our delayed end of year picnic. A huge thank you to Ness and Emma for organising this. A raffle will be held at the picnic. Please could we ask for any donations of raffle prizes to be given to either Ness Jones or Emma Clarke at the start or end of the day.

Can we also ask for volunteers willing to man the bouncy castle/drinks stall etc. Please email Chloe in the office (fostonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk) if you are able to help.

### **Coffee Morning**

Every Monday

(except school holidays & Bank holidays) 9am- 11am at Foston & Thornton le Clay Village Hall

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

and we have a box of toys for little people

## **New Governmental Covid Guidelines**

The school has recently received updated Covid 19 Guidance from the Government, please see below.

Close contacts **DO NOT** need to self-isolate if they are;

- Younger than 18 years and 6 months
- Double vaccinated
- Part of an approved COVID 19 trial
- Not vaccinated due to medical reasons

This means all children (up to 18 and 6 months), and those staff who are fully vaccinated, can continue to attend school even if they have been identified as close contacts. These close contacts will be strongly advised to take a PCR test.

**Contingency plans** - Schools will continue to work with public health teams if there is a significant number of cases in a setting. If there is a significant number of cases public health may advise you to temporarily re-introduce face coverings and contingency (outbreak) plans should cover this.

**Updated Contingency Framework** -The contingency framework for education settings was updated on 17 August 2021 [Managing coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in education and childcare settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-coronavirus-covid-19-in-education-and-childcare-settings). This now includes information on what circumstances might require consideration of additional action and steps to work through.

**Thresholds for when advice should be sought from public health and extra action considered** - For most education and childcare settings this is as follows, whichever of these thresholds is reached first:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period;
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

**When the thresholds above are reached**—When the thresholds are reached schools should review and check their existing testing, hygiene and ventilation measures and may seek additional public health advice which may include additional measures. They should also consider:-

- whether any activities could take place outdoors, including exercise, assemblies, or classes
- ways to improve ventilation indoors, where this would not significantly impact thermal comfort
- one-off enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment

Possible additional measures set out in the framework (and which should be reflected in contingency plans as a possibility) include additional testing, temporary re-introduction of face coverings, possible limitation on residential visits, live performances, parental visits or transition visits. Shielding can only be reintroduced by national government but contingency plans should take into account this possibility.

**Due to ongoing Covid restrictions parents are unable to enter the school building. I am sure you will support us in reducing the outbreak of Covid.**

# DIARY DATES

Harvest Festival	To be confirmed
N, Year 1 & Year 3 Parents Evening	Tuesday 12th October, 5-7pm Thursday 14th October, 3.30-5pm
Autumn half-term holiday	Last day—Friday 22nd October First day back—Monday 1st November
Parent Workshop, Microsoft Teams— Phonics	Tuesday 9th November, 6pm
R, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Parents Evening	Tuesday 23rd November, 5-7pm Thursday 25th November, 3.30-5pm
Christmas Dinner & Parties	Friday 9th December
Christingle Service & Performance	To be confirmed
Christmas holidays	Last day— Friday 17th December First day back—Wednesday 5th January