

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Covid Updates

As you will be aware there have been further restrictions imposed nationally due to a new Covid variant. As a result North Yorkshire Council have sent us further school guidance. Please see points below;

- * Can we please ask that parents resume wearing masks at pick up and drop off and do not enter the school.
- * Please be alert to the main Covid symptoms and the Delta variant symptoms of runny nose and sore throat and immediately take your child for a PCR.
- * If a family member tests positive, following Governmental guidance, children can still come to school, as long as they are displaying NO symptoms. We strongly advise you to go for a PCR test before returning to school and please be extra vigilant to any symptoms that may develop in the future.

At the moment we are currently looking into how the Nativity can proceed, this could possibly be with only certain classes, reduced parent attendance or over Teams, again all depending on guidance. At the moment guidance from North Yorkshire is that Nativities are to go ahead dependant on cases in the school and community. This does mean that we could have to cancel at very short notice we will keep you informed

Please can parents be aware that staff are working extremely hard to keep all the children safe and well. This has meant regular staff absences for PCR's to ensure that the many colds going around are not Covid related. Therefore please can we ask that you fully support staff by following the ever changing guidance they are receiving at this challenging time for us all. Our main aim at the moment is for everyone to have a lovely Christmas with their families undisturbed by Covid.

Bad Weather Closure Procedures

If we are to close due to bad weather please listen to BBC Radio York after 7.30am who will broadcast at regular intervals schools who are closed.

Christmas Party

On Thursday 9th December, pupils will be having their annual Christmas party. Can we please ask that pupils come to school dressed in their party clothes on this day ready for the afternoon festivities of games and Christmas treats. As this is on the same day as the Christmas lunch the children will not be having party food.

Menu Change

Please note as the children are having Turkey Christmas Dinner on Thursday 9th December, Wednesday 8th December dinner choice will be Mexican Tortilla Boats. Also there will be no option of jacket potato on Thursday 9th December.

Nepal Zoom Call

Unfortunately, our previous planned Zoom call was postponed due to school closures in Nepal. We will hopefully be conducting this on the Wednesday 8th of December which will be recorded for pupils who cannot attend. If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher.

Break The Rule Day

Thank you to all who took part in last week's Break the Rules Day, the children had a great time and raised a FANTASTIC £148.05, an amazing amount!

Hope Central – The Christmas Story

We have loved our visit from Hope Central this week, who very kindly brought the Christmas story to us. We learnt all about the story of Jesus' birth and the events leading up to this.



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Christmas Advent

It's December which can only mean one thing, advent calendar time! That time of year when chocolate becomes an acceptable breakfast item but this year The HOW People, wanted to help us do things a little differently. Take things back to basics. Encourage the stuff that really matters. So why not take part in a very different advent this Christmas:



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| <input type="checkbox"/> PLAY YOUR FAVOURITE SONG REALLY LOUDLY | <input type="checkbox"/> SPEND ALL DAY IN YOUR PJAMAS | <input type="checkbox"/> WRITE A POSITIVE POST IT NOTE ABOUT YOURSELF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEND SOMEONE AN ACTUAL LETTER | <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE A SCREEN FREE DAY | <input type="checkbox"/> KISS A FRIEND YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO FOR AGES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SMILE AT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> DONATE TO A FOOD BANK | <input type="checkbox"/> GO OUT WITH HOT CHOCOLATE AND LOOK AT THE STARS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GIVE SOMEONE A PROPER HUG | <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE A FIRE AND MARSHMALLOWS | <input type="checkbox"/> BAKE OR MAKE A MEAL FOR SOMEONE ON THEIR OWN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOVE YOUR WORLD. DO A LETTER PICK | <input type="checkbox"/> SEND A MESSAGE TO SOMEONE YOU ADMIRE WISHING THEM A HAPPY CHRISTMAS | <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE A KITCHEN DISCO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GIVE SOMEONE A COMPLIMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> TELL SOMEONE YOU APPRECIATE THEM | <input type="checkbox"/> SHARE A HAPPY MEMORY WITH SOMEONE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAKE (OR EAT!) SOME MINCED PIES | <input type="checkbox"/> DO SOMETHING HELPFUL AROUND THE HOUSE (WITHOUT BEING ASKED!) | <input type="checkbox"/> START A GRATITUDE JAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DO SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU GIGGLE | | <input type="checkbox"/> HAVE A BACKWARDS DAY - DINNER FOR BREAKFAST, AND BREAKFAST FOR DINNER! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRITE POSITIVE NOTE ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE AND GIVE IT TO THEM | | |



Wreath Making Evening

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make Wednesday's wreath making evening such a success. It was lovely to see members of the village & school community come together & kick off festive preparations. There were lots of very beautiful wreaths & we may have spotted some of the teachers getting a little competitive, we couldn't decide whose was best, great job all round! The evening raised **£278 pounds**, absolutely brilliant, thank you



Fundraising Goal 2021/22



Following the Teams meeting earlier this month we are happy to announce that this year PAFFS main fundraising goal will be a library for Foston School. The School would like to turn the outdoor classroom currently used for Year 3/4 into a beautiful library space, filled with an array of the latest titles for all year groups. We hope you'll agree that this is a fantastic project that will be of benefit to all pupils & for years to come.

A meeting to explore fundraising opportunities for the year ahead will be planned in for January - date & venue tbc.

Bauble Competition



If you haven't already purchased your bauble, for the bauble decorating competition, there's still time! With categories for each class plus one for any grown up's who'd like to join in & a small prize for the winners; the baubles will be hung on the school Christmas Tree & the winners announced at the Christmas Performance on 14th December.

Competition entry is £1.50 and includes your bauble, baubles will be available from members of the PAFFS team at pick up (look out for the high vis vest) Closing date for entries 13th December.

Raffle Prizes



PAFFS are planning to hold a raffle during the Christmas performance on 14th; if you have any prize donations please could you bring them into school next week. Many thanks for your support.

Asthma Inhalers

If your child suffers from asthma can you please ensure a spare inhaler is sent into school, in a bag clearly labelled with your child's name and all staff will be made aware. It will also be taken on trips and outings. This will ensure that if your child has an attack, whilst at school, it can be dealt with effectively and quickly.

Forest Schools

Due to the cold, winter nights, forest schools will now run from 3.15pm-4.30pm on a Thursday with Miss Cooke. At 4.30pm, the session will then go inside until 5pm, if club is needed. **If your child is doing Forest School on Thursday 9th November, on Christmas Party Day, please can they bring outdoor clothes to change into, including wellies.**

Diwali Party!

As part of our topic 'Celebrations' the children have been learning about Diwali. They got the chance to try some different Indian snacks, for example, onion bhaji, vegetable samosas and poppadoms with mango chutney. They really enjoyed this and the chance to try something new!



Diary Dates

Christmas Dinner & Parties	Thursday 9th December
Christingle Service & Performance	Tuesday 14th December, 4pm
Christmas holidays	Last day — Friday 17th December First day back — Thursday 6th January