

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Update on Foston School Extension

As you are aware we recently had our lovely wooden classroom put up as a temporary measure for our year 3 / 4 children with a long-term plan to make it a much-needed library and breakout space. To achieve this we have been working with North Yorkshire County Council to provide extra teaching space within the main school building.

This is a really exciting time for school as this development will provide a larger teaching space for our Y1 /2 children and also allow for a dedicated EYFS classroom with additional toilets. The two classrooms will also be able to open up the two classrooms to make one hall, large enough for children to eat together and to hold assemblies in etc.

The additional space is not intended to increase the size of the school but intended to give pupils and staff the additional space and facilities Foston has always needed.

We hope works will start on this extension during the summer holidays under a permitted build due to the need for additional space in school. Also, we are currently working out how the building work can happen without significant impact to the normal running of the school. We will keep you updated when we have further information and are able to share further arrangements.

With this in mind we have asked our Parents and Friends group to focus their fund raising this year on developing our wooden classroom into a library and small group work space for our children.

## Parking Outside School

We have recently had a number of concerns raised from parents and the wider community with regards to parking at school. In addition, we have been made aware of near miss outside of the school involving vehicles. This is a common issue at most schools and as a result the Governors are currently working with the Highways Agency and the Village Parish Council to ascertain if there is anything that can be done to improve the situation.

To address the issues raised we also need your help. If you need to drive to school, please action the following...

- Take advantage of the staggered pick up and drop off times (morning 8.45 until 9 am / afternoon 3.15 until 3.20).
- Park safely ensuring not to block the footpaths/pavements or parking on verges.
- Once parked, switch off your engine.
- Park further up in the village where quieter and walk down to the school site.
- Be extremely vigilant when driving near the school site, giving priority to pedestrians.

I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

## NHS Swap Rockstar

Please see attachment for the NHS Swap Rockstar challenge.

## Fantastic Friday

Our theme for Fantastic Friday, 18th February is all about colour and carnivals. We will be taking part in some Zumba sessions and making carnival masks all around the theme of Encanto.

**Children can come dressed in brightly coloured clothes ready for the day.**

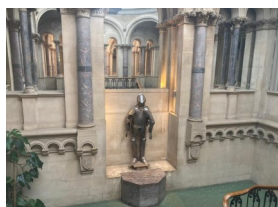
**If children do not normally attend nursery on this day they can attend.  
Please let the class teacher know.**



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### Robinwood

The children from all three schools were very excited on Wednesday morning when they set off on the Residential. We have been hearing all about their exciting adventures and I am sure they will have lots to tell on their return today.



### Head Lice & Nits

Please can Parents/Carers check their child's hair on a regular basis for head lice and nits, here is a link for some more information - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

### Safer Internet Day

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February- in assembly we focused on how we can keep safe online and focused on sharing of our personal information.

Then in our classes we took part in some activities around the length of time we spend on screens and made posters of other activities we can do to support screen free time.

Below is the link to a useful website with information for parents and carers on safe use online from ages 3 onwards.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. [saferinternet.org.uk](https://saferinternet.org.uk)



### ParentPay

We would be grateful if you would check the balance on your child's accounts and please pay any amount owing. North Yorkshire County Council advise schools that we should not allow debts to arise over £50 per family. Unfortunately however, there are a number of ParentPay accounts that are consistently in debt for much more than this amount and it is taking a lot of time on the part of our office staff to chase payments.

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### Diary Dates 2022

<b>12th February</b>	PAFFS Valentine PreLoved Event, 1.30pm
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm</b>	Easter Service
<b>18th February</b>	Last day of school — Start of Half term holidays
<b>28th February</b>	First day of school — End of Half term holidays
<b>15th March</b>	Sports Enhancement Day
<b>29th March 5pm — 7pm</b>	Parents' Evening (all children)
<b>31st March 3:30pm — 5pm</b>	Parents' Evening (all children)
<b>2nd April</b>	PAFFS Spring/Easter Event