

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Nursery and Reception

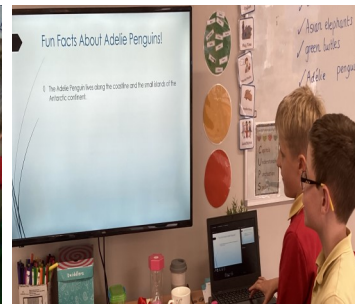
This half term the children in Nursery and Reception will be learning all about 'summer', focusing on the seasonal change. We will learn about the signs of summer, the weather, how to keep safe in the sun and about rock pools. The children will also learn about the seaside looking into the past and how these have changed over time. In Literacy we will be reading the story 'Billy's Bucket' considering our own seaside adventures that we may have and learning about ocean animals.

To kick start our learning we went on a walk around the school grounds using our different senses to spot the signs of summer.



Year 1 & 2

We have had a lovely first week back in year 1 and 2. We have enjoyed exploring all of our new topics and investigating lots of new things. We have especially enjoyed exploring capacity in maths and trying to measure the capacity and volume of different objects. This has been very messy but very fun!



Year 3 & 4

In science we have been exploring the impact climate change has on habitats, the children confidently presented their findings to the class. The children in Class 3 have also enjoyed our first swimming lesson this week. Please find attached to the email the Key Stage 2 homework menu for this term (unfortunately we have had printing problems this week). Homework books will come home without the new menu.

Our Jubilee Celebration



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KS2 Countryside Day Trip

On Tuesday 14th KS2 are attending the Countryside Day trip at The Yorkshire Showground. This trip will mainly take place outside. Therefore, we ask that pupils come in school uniform with **suitable footwear** (potentially muddy terrain) and **a jacket** in case of rain. Pupils are required to be at school at 8:15am and are returning for 3:30pm. If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher.

P.E. Kits

On Tuesday 14th June the children in Nursery and Reception will have a special music and P.E. lesson with the specialist teachers. Therefore, please can all children in Nursery and Reception come in P.E. kits on this day as a one off. They will still have their usual P.E. lesson on Wednesday as well so can come to school in P.E. kits for both days.

KS1 Sea Life Centre Trip

On Friday 17th June, KS1 children (years 1 & 2) will be going on a school trip to the Sea Life Centre in Scarborough. The trip will link to our literacy book, 'Grandad's Island' and our geography topic, 'Becoming a Geographer'.

The trip will cost **£10 per pupil**, which should be made through ParentPay. Whilst this is a voluntary contribution, please note that the trip cannot go ahead without sufficient funds.

Free school packed lunches are available but must be ordered through the school office **by Monday 13th June**, giving your choice of cheese, ham or egg sandwich for each child.

Children should wear school uniform and bring a **sunhat/sun cream** and a **jacket** to cover all weather possibilities.

Children's Attendance

As a school we are delighted we are reaching a close to the pandemic that has significantly affected our school community and attendance which is a completely understandable outcome. Good attendance has a significant impact on children's progress in school and therefore is a key priority for the Government and Ofsted.

We are now starting to look closely at pupil attendance in light of this and will, over the coming academic year be seeking to return attendance levels to those of pre-pandemic times. We also return to following closely our attendance policy, which is attached. Whilst parents should aim for 100% attendance for their child, the level of attendance should be above 95%.

At Foston our current whole school attendance level 94.5% and we will be looking to improve this to 97% in the academic year 2022-23.

Your child's attendance for this academic year will be, as usual available on their school report.

ParentPay Reminder

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 advises schools that we should not allow debts to arise of over £50 per family. Unfortunately however, there are a number of ParentPay accounts that are consistently in debt for much more than this amount, so we ask, please, that all parents pay any amounts that they owe as soon as possible.

New Parent Governor Required

We are seeking a new parent governor to join the governing body at Foston and Terrington Federation. No special qualifications are needed, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the continued success and development of both of our schools. Full training will be given. If you are interested in this position then please contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Ashdown, who will be happy to have an informal discussion about the role. Please see the attached letter for further information. We are especially looking for someone who may have financial, marketing or health and safety experience to join our team, but enthusiasm is the most important factor.

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th June, 8.15am	KS2 trip, Yorkshire Countryside Day
Tuesday 14th June	Nursery & Reception PE & Music lesson
Friday 17th June	KS1 trip, Sea Life Centre
Tuesday 28th June, 3.15pm	Stay & Look
Friday 24th June, 9.15am	Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 5th July	Sports Day at Stillington (details to follow)
Tuesday 12th July, 6pm	Key Stage 2 Summer Play
Monday 18th July, 3.30pm	Reception transition meeting
Wednesday 20th July, 5pm	End of year picnic
Thursday 21st July, 9.15am	Leavers' Service
Friday 22nd July	Summer holidays, last day at school