

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## News from Class 1

This week we have been continuing our topic 'All about Me.' We looked at photographs of ourselves as babies and discussed how we had changed over time.



The children enjoyed looking at the pictures of their friends and even trying to guess who the baby was! This led to some great discussions about what we used as a baby and what we use and play with now.



## News from Class 2



We have had a lovely week in Year 1 and 2!

We have especially enjoyed exploring our provision and looking at the different kinds of materials that we can find around our room.

We had a group scavenger hunt, looking for specific materials in everyday objects, and had lots of fun with this. We even challenged ourselves to look for objects that are made from more than one material!



## News from Class 3

This week, children in Class 3 have enjoyed learning about place value. The children have been recognising the value of each digit and making numbers using base 10.



We also enjoyed learning about the life and legacy of Queen Elizabeth II. The children then created digital pop art in the style of Andy Warhol and wrote about her life.



## News from Class 4

We have been hard at work this week, planning and writing a free-verse poem in English. In maths, we have been using concrete and pictorial methods to represent our numbers up to 1 million.

We also started our new history topic on pre-historic Britain and have been exploring the origin of how humans came to live in Britain.



## Murton Park visit at Stillington

On the morning of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of September, our KS2 classes will be travelling to Stillington Primary school. A team from Murton Park will be talking to us about what life was like in pre-historic Britain. We will also be able to handle some replica artefacts from that era. Children from Terrington and St Hilda's CE schools will also be joining us for this talk.



We are asking parents for a **voluntary contribution of £5.00** to cover the cost of this visit.

**Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be at school for 08:45 on 21<sup>st</sup> September**, as the bus is leaving at 09:00. We also ask that parents park in the village and walk down to the school for morning drop-off, if possible, to ensure space for the coach to stop.

If you have any questions, please speak with Mr Carlisle.



## Changes to how we teach Reading

In line with updated government guidance, we have recently purchased a new reading scheme called '**Little Wandle Letters and Sounds**'. Little Wandle Letters and Sounds is a systematic, synthetic phonics (**SSP**) programme.

We teach phonics to children in Reception and Key Stage One daily. One of the changes is that the order in which we teach sounds to the children has changed slightly.

### Support for Parents

Please click on the link below for information about our new phonics scheme. You will find useful videos showing you how to pronounce the sounds. In particular, notice how the children don't add an 'uh' sound at the end, so they say: 't' not 'tuh'. There is also information about how to help your child remember how to write their letters and say their sounds.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Find our full Reception and Year 1 teaching programme overview [here](#) to see what your child will learn and when.

### Reception & Year 1: Reading Practice in school

Children in Reception and Year 1 have reading practice sessions twice a week, when they will read the same book. The first time we work on decoding (sounding out) the words and the second time we work on prosody (the patterns of stress and intonation), reading with expression, and comprehension. We read the books twice at school because we want to develop the fluency.

The more they see words, the quicker they begin to read them automatically without having to sound them out.

### A Reading Practice Book – Collins Big Cat range

The following week the children will then take home the book they have read twice in their reading practice sessions to read at home. Books are in colour bands and are carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with very little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen as they read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

We recommend that children read for **5-10 minutes each night**. Please record this reading session in your child's planner.



### Year 2: Changes to how we teach Reading

Children will continue reading the Big Cat books in Year 2 until they are secure in their knowledge of Phase 5 phonics and are reading these books fluently. They will then move onto turquoise banded books to read at home.

Please make sure either you or your child writes in their planner each time they read.

We recommend that children read for **10 minutes or longer each night**.

## Parents' Evenings

We would like to trial having one longer parents' evening in the autumn term rather than a choice of two nights. Details for this year are as follows:

Autumn term: one date:

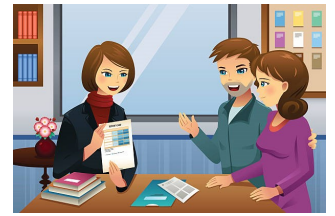
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 3.45-7pm:** Main parents' evening and settling in discussion (where applicable) for Nursery & Reception, Years 1 & 3

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 3.45-7pm:** Main parents' evening for Years 2, 4, 5 & 6

Spring term: Choice of two dates:

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-5.30pm OR Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 5-7pm** (all children)

Parents can choose to have a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conversation on each occasion. Appointments will be arranged by the office staff in the usual way.



## Sporting Competitions:

We are very lucky to have made links with Malton School Primary School Partnership this year.

All children from Years 1 – 6 will have the opportunity to take part in the different events, which will be held on various Wednesday afternoons across the year. Children should come to school in PE kit on these days. On the day, your child will be taken from school on a bus and will be returned before the end of the school day. There may be times when your child/ children will be late as the bus may have to drop off at one of our other schools first.

For each competition, we will take **all children** in the specified year groups, not just the children chosen for the teams.

**On Wednesday September 21st**, we will participate in a KS2 football competition.

As the children will be at Stillington in the morning, they will have lunch there and travel to Malton afterwards. The bus will return children to their own school for around the usual pick-up time.

If there are any changes to this fixture list, you will be notified on the school bulletin or by email.

# **EVENT FIXTURE LIST**

**All Events take place on Wednesday Afternoons 1:15pm-2:45pm.**

**21st September - Football KS2 (Mixed & Girls competitions)**  
**5th October- Football & Dodgeball Year 3/4**  
**9th November- Netball & Basketball KS2**

**1st February- Indoor Multisports KS1**  
**22nd February- Indoor Multisports KS1 (additional date, high numbers expected)**  
**8th March- Basketball & Netball Year 3/4**  
**22nd March- Football KS1**  
**3rd May - Quick Rounders 3/4**  
**21st June - Rounders KS2**  
**5th July- Summer Sports KS1**

**MALTON SCHOOL PRIMARY SPORT PARTNERSHIP**

The graphic features a background image of children playing sports. At the bottom, there are three logos: the Malton School Primary Sport Partnership logo, the Malton School crest, and the Malton Community Sports Centre logo with the tagline 'ACTIVITY FOR ALL'.

Our first football & dodgeball extra curricular-clubs took place this week. These clubs will support children in preparing for our sports competitions this term. **There are still a few places left**—please email the office to book your child in.

## Year 6 Pupils transferring to Secondary School in September 2023

Year 6 parents should see the attached letter from North Yorkshire County Council.

It advises parents that they can apply for a secondary school place for September 2022 from **12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and the deadline to apply is 31 October 2022**. They can apply online at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)

## Reception Baseline Assessment

Next week, the children in Reception will be completing the government's Reception Baseline Assessment. The baseline is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematical skills to help inform our teaching. This is **not** something they need to prepare for in anyway and most children won't even realise they are even doing it!

If you would like further information about this, please see the booklet from the Standards and Testing Agency, which is attached to this email.



## Flu Immunisation Programme

Please see attached letter about this year's child 'flu immunisation programme.

This will take place on October 7th. If you want your child to have this vaccine, you **must** complete the online consent through the link in this letter. Please note that this system is run directly through the NHS and school staff have no access to this.

Each school has a unique code: this is supplied in the attached letter.



## Extra Bank Holiday

We would like to remind you that Monday September 19th will be an additional bank holiday for the late Queen's funeral. The school will be closed on this date and will reopen on Tuesday September 20th.



## PAFFS

### AGM

Information was sent out via the Foston Office this week with regard to the PAFFS AGM to be held Friday 23rd September, 3.15pm - we hope to see you there.

PAFFS Committee

Faye Wilkinson - Chair

Ness Jones - Treasurer

Sarah Balding - Secretary

Vicky Raven - Events Lead

Helen Shields - Community Link Lead

### Sunflowers

Earlier in the year we sent home sunflower seeds - anyone who has successfully grown them please send in your photos & height measurement (if you have it) - there'll be a small prize for the tallest.

### Tuckshop

The "final Friday of the month" tuck shops will be returning this year, the first one being straight after school on Friday 30th September; having tried a few options cakes & bakes were the most popular. This year we'd kindly ask for donations of cakes/bakes by classes in turn, starting with Class 1 Nursery/Reception. If anyone from this class would be happy to get their bake on please let a member of the PAFFS team know - items are needed by the Friday morning & mustn't contain nuts - please provide a list of ingredients so we can be aware for any allergies. Each item costs £1 with money raised supporting PAFFS fundraising efforts. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

### Halloween Disco

We are super excited to announce that this year PAFFS will be hosting a halloween disco, to be held at TLC Village Hall in the afternoon of Sunday 30th October - this will be a ticketed event, more details to follow. If you would like to volunteer to help out at this event please talk to a member of the PAFFS team.

# DIARY DATES

Harvest Festival	Thursday 6th October, 9.15am
N, R, Yr1, Yr3 Parents Evening	Tuesday 11th October 3:45—7pm
Yr2, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6 Parents Evening	Thursday 24th November 3.30-5.30pm
Christmas Dinner	Friday 9th December
Christingle Service & Performance	Tuesday 13th December 4.00pm
Christmas Parties	Thursday 15th December
All years Parents Evening	Tuesday 28th March 3.30-5.30pm OR Thursday 30th March 5-7pm
Easter Service	Thursday 30th March 9.15am
Sports Day	Tuesday 4th July (reserve day 6th July)
KS2 Play	Monday 10th July 5.30pm
Leavers Service	Wednesday 19th July 2.30pm

## School Photos

On **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**, we have a photographer coming into school to take individual pictures and sibling pictures. Pupils will receive an order form which will be in their bookbags shortly after for purchase. Please can we ask that parents inform their class teacher if they wish to have sibling photos or wish to discuss this further.

## PAFFS Dates

PAFFS AGM - Friday 23rd Sept, 3.15pm  
Tuckshop - Friday 30th Sept - Class 1 (Nursery/Reception)  
Friday 21st Oct— Class 2 (Year 1/2)  
Friday 25th Nov - Class 3 (Year 3/4)  
Friday 30th Dec - Class 4 (Year 5/6)

Halloween Disco - Sunday 30th October