

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

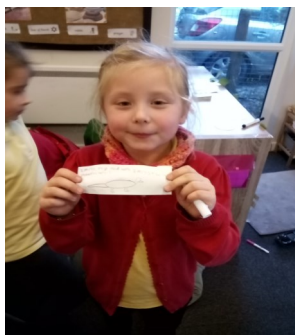
## Nursery & Reception

In Nursery and Reception this week we have been learning all about winter as part of our topic 'Frozen Worlds'. We went on a walk around the village looking for the different signs of winter. The children were very excited to find the different things on our checklist, for example, bare trees, holly bushes, berries and lots more.



## Years 1 & 2

We have had a great week in class two getting stuck into all of our learning. Year 1 have had a great time exploring in maths this week and applying their learning into real life situations. The whole class have had a great time learning about Judaism this week also, we have been looking at special objects in Judaism and some of the children went away to make their own which were absolutely super.



## Years 3 & 4

We have had the pleasure of having the Science Bus join us this week to deepen our learning of the History of Science. We've explored light boxes, Van Der Graaf generator and many more exciting science equipment. "When a prism touches a light it changes direction or turns into a rainbow. It looks like a food web". The children loved this and learnt a lot of new skills. Thank you to the Science Bus and well done to class 3.



## Years 5 & 6

This week in class 4 we had a drama session with Audrie where we developed our ideas to create interesting stories! On Wednesday, we had a visit from Malton school science dept. we explored some of the most famous scientific theories. We carried out investigations into light and how it travels, electricity, DNA and even how Hydrogen might be the solution to our fuel problems!



## Tough Topics

Please find attached an information leaflet from North Yorkshire County Council all about Tough Topics. Tough Topics are packs of books and activities chosen by librarians and professionals to help 3-8 year olds process their emotions and open up conversations about their feelings around big life changing events.

## Reminders

- Can we please ask that rucksacks are no longer brought into school due to the lack of space to store them. Pupils can use their school bookbags to carry their belongings into school. If they require extra clothes, a drawstring bag can be stored in school with these. If you require any uniform or school bags, please follow the link: [School Trends \(Click here\)](#).
- Please can parents make sure water bottles are labelled with your child's name on.
- The school is very busy outside at drop off and pick up times, can parents please reverse into the available parking spaces when these are full please can parents park in the village and walk down.

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## School Attendance

In line with national guidance, and after a period during the Covid pandemic, any parent whose child's attendance has dropped below 95%, will have received a letter notifying you of this. As explained in the bulletin, before the summer holidays, **Ofsted, DFE and the local authority now require us to re-introduce closer attendance tracking. We are obliged to send out these letters in order to aim to return attendance to pre-pandemic levels.** As a school, we are fully aware of the many illnesses that were doing the rounds last term, which have resulted in a higher number of letters being sent out than is usual. When looking at attendance data more closely to establish whether further support is needed, please be assured that we do take this into account.

**National Attendance since September 2022: 94%**

**School Attendance Since 2022: 94%**

**Our current published attendance target is 97.5%**

## Revision Club

On Monday evenings Mr Carlisle is running a SATS revision club for year 6 who are sitting SATS this year. All year 6 pupils are welcome to attend, if interested speak with Mr Carlisle.

## Community Coffee Morning

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January Miss Midwood will be visiting the coffee morning in Thornton-le-Clay Village Hall between 9:15-10:15am. This will be a fun session aimed at children aged 2-4 years old. The session will be based all around music, future sessions will be held each half term. Please see the poster on the notice board for more information.

## Consultation Meeting

This is just a reminder that you are invited to a public consultation meeting about the proposed federation of Stillington Primary School with the Federation of Foston and Terrington Schools. You may attend any of the following:

**Terrington Village Hall - 4.30pm, Monday 16th January**

**Foston Village Hall - 7pm, Monday 16th January**

**Stillington School - 6pm, Thursday 19th January**

We look forward to seeing you to hear your views on this, and to answer any questions you may have.

## Jumble Sale, Sunday 5th February, 2pm-4pm

PAFFS will be hosting a jumble sale at Thornton Le Clay Village Hall on Sunday 5th February, please see attached poster, all are welcome so please feel free to share it. Doors open at 2pm, entry £1 (children entry is free), jumble stalls plus refreshments available.

If you have jumble donations, the Village Hall will be open for drop off on Friday 3rd February 2.45pm-4pm & Saturday 10-12pm.

As well as donations of jumble we are looking for volunteers to help with this event, either with the pre-sorting of jumble on Friday (2.45pm-4pm) or throughout Saturday & Sunday morning; for the event itself manning a stall or to bake/provide a bake for refreshments ☺☺ - please talk to any member of the PAFFS team if you would like to be involved in any way.

## Cake/Bake Donations 🍰🍪

Thank you so much to all of you who bake/provide delicious creations for the various PAFFS refreshment opportunities!

If at all possible please could we ask that you let a member of the PAFFS team know if you intend on providing anything (thank you if you already do), it just helps us plan, if we don't think we've got many cakes incoming the PAFFS team emergency bake if needed & we try to minimise any waste. Many thanks with your help on this.

## Forward Dates 📅

Please see diary dates for all PAFFS events.

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### Diary Dates

<b>Application for Reception deadline</b>	<b>Sunday 15th January</b>
Miss Midwood attending Coffee Morning	Monday 16th January, 9.15am-10.15am
<b>Consultation Meeting, Village Hall</b>	<b>Monday 16th January, 7pm</b>
Y6 Leavers' Service	Wednesday 19th July, 2.30pm
All years Parents' Evening	Tuesday 28th March, 3.30pm-5.30pm or Thursday 30th March, 5pm-7pm
Easter Service	Thursday 30th March, 9.15am
Sports Day	Tuesday 4th July (reserve day 6th July), time tbc
KS2 Performance	Monday 10th July, 5.30pm

### PAFFS

Tuck Shop (year 5/6 donations)	After school
Jumble Sale, Village Hall	Sunday 5th February, 2pm-4pm
Bags2school	Wednesday 8th February, 9am-1pm
Tuck Shop (Nursery/Reception donations)	Afterschool