

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

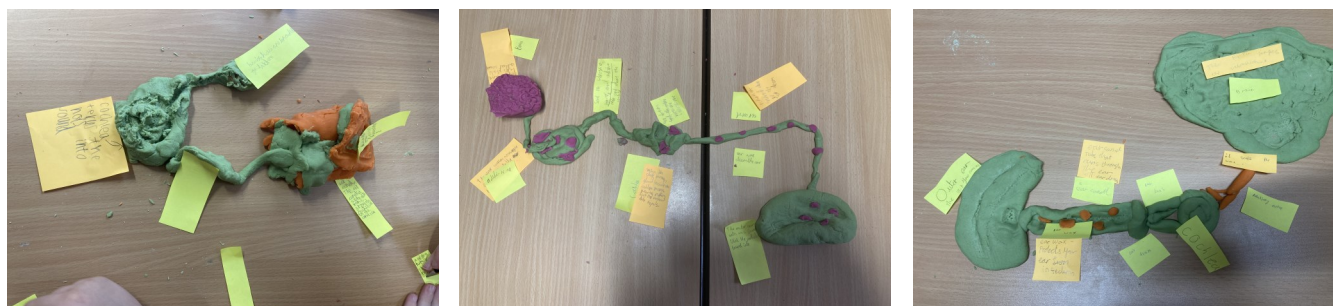
Nursery & Reception

The children in Nursery and Reception have enjoyed learning all about 'Growing' this week focussing on the flowers and plants growing around us. We went on a walk around the village to look at the signs of Spring around us. The children enjoyed spotting some crocus flowers, lots of daffodils and some blossom trees. Why not go on a walk and see the signs of spring you can find?



Years 3 & 4

This week the children in Class 3 have enjoyed learning about how we hear in Science. The children used playdough to show their learning and labelled the different parts of the ear. You could ask them about this at home as we learnt many new words such as cochlea, auditory nerve, eardrum and ear canal. We have also been writing our explanation texts up in neat. We are very impressed with the presentation and the pride children have taken in their work. Please don't forget to encourage your child to practise their spellings three times a week.



Years 5 & 6

This week in science we have been learning about pitch and using our classroom equipment to produce different sounds. In English we have been looking at the features of newspaper reports in preparation for writing our own.

Parent Governors

As you know, all parents and carers of children at Foston, Terrington and Stillington Schools received a letter on 27 February 2023 to invite nominations for the two Parent Governor positions on the new FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Board, when it comes into being on 28 March 2023. The closing date for nominations has now passed.

We received two nominations, so as there are two Parent Governor positions available, there is no need to go to a ballot. We are delighted to inform you that Mr Mark Mirfin and Mr Amadeus Stevenson are duly elected (unopposed) to serve on the new FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Board, once it is established. We would like to thank Mark and Amadeus for their participation in the process and hope that they will find the Governor role interesting, worthwhile and rewarding.

Corinne Cross - Chair of Governors (Stillington)

Helen Ashdown and Nic Clarke - Co-Chairs (Foston and Terrington CE Federation)

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Young Voices

The children finished the last half term by singing in the Young Voices Choir. This was a day and evening enjoyed by the children, staff and parents. We were extremely proud with the amount of lines our children knew and they sung with confidence. A huge thank you to PAFFS for designing and organising our t-shirts for this event! We also thank everyone for supporting PAFFS by attending events and making donations. It is an experience I am sure the children will remember in years to come.



Sports Enhancement Day Reminder

On **Tuesday 21st March**, children in years 1-6 will be taking part in our termly Sports Enhancement Day at Stillington Sports Hall. Ter-rington and Foston children will be travelling on buses to Stillington with adults from their school. This event is held during the school day and the children will be back at school before home time.

Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch unless you have already ordered one through the school office. Reception and nursery children will also take part in some different sport activities at school, including circus activities. Hot school lunches will be available for Reception and Nursery children as usual. **All children should come to school in their PE kit.**

School Drop Off & Collection

Due to the busyness of drop off and collection please can we ask that this is done swiftly to allow others to park, we have limited parking spaces, some parents are having to park their cars on the road making drop off and collection unsafe. The school gate will be locked at 9am, please can you ensure you have departed the school grounds— If it is after 9am you will be asked to use the back gate.

Stay and Celebrate

On Monday 20th March from 3.30-4.00pm parents/carers are invited into school for 'Stay and Celebrate'. This will give you the opportunity to look at the children's books before parents' evening the following week. We look forward to seeing you in school to celebrate the children's learning. Parents' evening appointments are now available.

School Meal Price Increase

Governors have chosen not to increase the price of a school meal for as long as possible in order to support our families, but unfortunately due to rising costs and budget constraints they have made the difficult decision to gradually increase the price. The first rise will be to £2.75 per meal from 18th April, and then we anticipate that they will need to rise again to the region of £3.00 in September, in line with the increased catering charges.

We understand that this may cause some inconvenience and frustration for families, and we want to assure you that as a group of small schools we have worked hard to keep the costs down, and will continue to do so.

If you get certain benefits, your child could qualify for free school meals during all school years, even if they already receive the Universal Infant Free School Meals (for Reception/Year 1 & Year 2 pupils) it may be worth applying as they could then continue to receive them from Year 3. To qualify you must be receiving:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)

Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals. To check please go to: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

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Diary Dates

Stay and Celebrate	Monday 20th March, 3.15pm
Sports Enhancement Day (all to children to wear PE kit)	Tuesday 21st March
Murton Park Trip - Roman Day (KS2)	Tuesday 28th March
All years Parents' Evening	Tuesday 28th March, 3.30pm-5.30pm or Thursday 30th March, 5pm-7pm
Easter Service (only pupils to attend)	Thursday 30th March
Celebration Assembly (Thornton-le-Clay village hall)	Friday 28th April, 9.15am
Sports Day	Tuesday 4th July (reserve day 6th July), time tbc
KS2 Performance	Monday 10th July, 5.30pm
Y6 Leavers' Service	Wednesday 19th July, 2.30pm