

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Nursery & Reception

The children in nursery and reception were very excited to receive a special delivery. The builders who built our new Early Years classroom also kindly created a planter for us to go in the entrance to our new classroom. The children enjoyed being gardeners and helping us plant different flowers into the planter working together and taking turns. We had lots of discussions about the colours of the plants. The children also commented that at least our flowers will have appreciated all of the rain we have had this week!



Year 1 & 2

In science this week we've been learning and exploring changing materials. We first revisited what different materials we knew, for example, glass and plastic. We next discussed what properties they had, for example, hard, firm. Finally we discussed the words; bend, twist, squash and stretch. We explored each one using playdough. Well done Class 2.



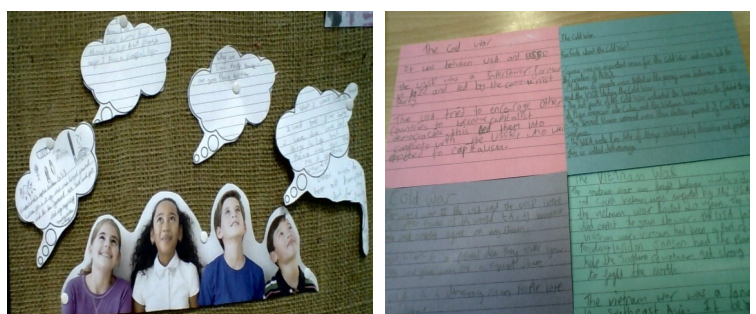
Year 3 & 4

Our children created their own solar system this week, each child represented a different planet and orbited around the sun!



Year 5 & 6

This week in Class 4 we have been asking some really big questions: we have been doing our own research on the Cold War, the Vietnam War and discussing why people of different faiths pray. The Class have all come together really well this week to support each other and make sure we all feel included. Great job!



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Attendance

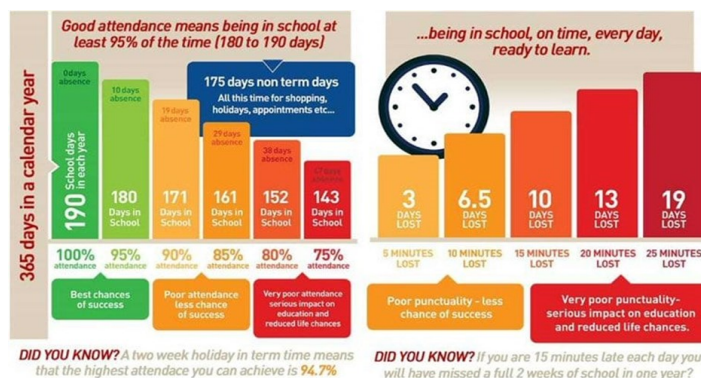
As a school we aim for 95% attendance from all our pupils. We realise this is not always possible when your child is poorly, but we kindly ask that if possible all appointments are made out of school time, again we know this cannot always be the case. We are sure you will agree we all want our children to succeed and good attendance is proven to give children the maximum learning time possible.

Taking all this into consideration, any requests for school holidays will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Our whole school attendance so far is 94.5%.

Coffee Morning

On **Monday 25th September** Miss Midwood will be visiting the community coffee morning at **9:20-10:20am** to run a fun session for children aged 2-4 years. Please come along for this session and see the poster attached for more information.



Homework Survey – We Need Your Help

As a federation we are looking to review our homework expectations in order that they provide the best opportunities for your children to consolidate their learning, but also to meet the needs of our diverse family body. As a senior leadership team we will look at educational research, liaise with other schools and take on board the views of our parents. As you will understand there are some expectations that as a school we will need to adhere to ensure your children get the best education we can provide. Understandably to come to an informed decision this may take a little time so please bear with us. Can we please ask that you complete the below forms link by **Friday, 29th September** in order to give you the opportunity to input in this important aspect of school / family links. [Click here for FST Federation homework survey](#)

Harvest Festival— Years 1-6

We would like to invite you to our Harvest Festival Church service at All Saints Church on Thursday 5th October, 2:30pm until approximately 3pm this is children from year 1 -6 only as the EYFS are holding their own harvest festival. Details to follow from Miss Midwood. The Reverend will be joining us to celebrate the Harvest Festival and the children will be singing some hymns. Parents and friends are welcome to join us in the celebration at the church in the village. Children can be collected from church. Donations of non-perishable foods will be gratefully received.

Parent Governor Vacancy

FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Body are seeking a new Parent Governor to join us in shaping the future of our federation of schools. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of children at our schools and contribute to the Federation's ongoing success.

We need an enthusiastic and dedicated parent who can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our Federation. You do not need leadership or education experience, just a desire to support and improve the lives of the whole FST community including children, families, and staff; and a proactive approach to becoming involved as a member of a team.

In return we can offer you:

- a chance to develop skills in strategic management
 - the opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our schools
 - a sense of achievement in making a positive difference
- the pleasure of helping our children reach their potential

If you are interested in joining us, please see the attached letter and nomination papers for more information. The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 11th October 2023.

Please do get in touch (via the school office) if you would like an initial informal chat about the role.

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Jumble Sale

It's this weekend!! At Thornton le Clay Village Hall on **Sunday 24th September 2pm-4pm**; there will be cakes & refreshments available so it's also an opportunity for a cuppa & a catch up, entry is £1 per adult, children are free.

For those who have Jumble, drop off times are **Friday 22nd 2.45pm-4pm & Sunday 24th 10am-12pm**.

If you could spare any time, even half an hour either to help with the sorting or set up, baking/providing something for the refreshments, helping out at the actual event or with the sorting & tidying afterwards; please let a member of the PAFFS team know.

We hope to see you there, if appropriate please share to any local village FB pages or individuals you think would be interested in this event, thank you.

Bags2School will be collecting any appropriate left over jumble the following Wednesday.

Tuckshop

Friday 29th September will see the return of the afterschool tuck shop, **3.15pm** in the playground, all items £1. If you are able to take a turn on the stall please let a member of the PAFFS team know, it is always the last Friday of each month.

Tuck shop can only go ahead with baking volunteers so, as with last year we'll be taking the classes in turn, starting with Nursery/ Early Years Class (Miss Midwood's Class) - if you have a child in this class & would be happy to bake/provide a nut free treat for tuck shop please let a member of the PAFFS team know. Of course if you have a child in other year groups & would like to bake that would be AMAZING!

If you have a child in multiple classes, as many of us now do, please don't feel you need to bake each time, any, as time allows, would be gratefully received.

Cycle to School Week

Do you want to save money, get healthier and protect the environment? As well as have lots of fun on the journey to school?

Then get involved with Cycle to School Week!

This year, Cycle to School Week will take place between **Monday 25th – Friday 29th September 2023**. With support from our friends at [Sustrans](#), we are celebrating the fun and freedom of an eco-friendly cycle commute, and encourage all families, pupils and teachers to get involved.

Make a pledge – and win!

This year we are asking pupils, parents, schools and teachers to **make a cycling pledge**. From **Friday 1st September**, simply fill in the form on the website, choose your pledge, and be entered into our prize draw to win a brand new **Frog children's bike**.

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/>

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Diary Dates

PAFFS—jumble Sale (Thornton le Clay Village Hall)	Sunday 24th September, 2pm-4pm
Cycle to School Week	Monday 25th-Friday 29th September
Drama with Audrie	Monday 25th September Monday 16th October Monday 20th November Monday 11th December
PAFFS—tuck shop	Friday 29th September, 3.15pm
Harvest Festival (Foston Church)	Thursday 5th October, 2.30pm
PAFFS—AGM	Friday 6th October, 3.15pm
Malton Sport	Wednesday 11th October (KS2) Wednesday 15th November (Y3/4) Wednesday 13th December (KS2)
Science Bus	Tuesday 24th October Tuesday 14th November
Sharing Assembly (Thornton le Clay Village Hall)	Wednesday 25th October, 9.10am
Fantastic Friday	Friday 27th October
Autumn half-term	Friday 27th October (last day at school) Monday 6th November (first day back)
Parents Evening	Tuesday 14th November, 5pm-7pm Thursday 16th November, 3.30pm-5.30pm
Nativity (Thornton le Clay Village Hall)	Tuesday 19th December, 4pm
Fantastic Friday	Friday 22nd December
Christmas	Friday 22nd December (last day at school) Tuesday 9th January (first day back)
Spring half-term	Friday 9th February (last day at school) Monday 19th February (first day back)
Easter	Friday 22nd March (last day at school) Tuesday 9th April (first day back)
May Day bank holiday	Friday 3rd May (last day at school) Tuesday 7th May (first day back)
Summer half-term	Friday 24th May (last day at school) Monday 3rd June (first day back)
Summer	Friday 19th July (last day at school)