

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Message from Mrs Moore

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a good summer despite the variable weather. We are so excited to eventually have our new EYFS classroom up and running. The builders have been amazing and worked so closely with us to ensure everything was finished (just in the nick of time). Having not being able to access any classroom throughout the holidays the staff in one day on Tuesday worked miracles making school look absolutely amazing whilst dodging builders and electricians putting in the final touches. A huge thankyou must go out to them. We look forward to a brilliant Autumn term with you all.



Nursery & Reception

We are VERY excited to be back in school with the children and in our brand new classroom! The children have all been superstars settling in really well to the new space and routines. **If any parents would like a nosy that haven't already please feel free to have a look around at the end of the day once the children have left.**

This week we started our new topic, 'Marvellous Me' focussing all about ourselves, our worries and settling into our new year groups. We will then move onto exploring our community around us, our houses and where we live. Our key text will be 'Owl Babies'.



Year 1 & 2

We have had a lovely first week back at school. We have had lots of time to settle in, get used to our new routines and have fun playing with our friends. We have been enjoying our new class book "The Squirrels who squabbled" and making predictions about what happens next. Well done everyone on a fabulous first week back to school.



This term for DT we are learning about Sliders and Levers. Please could you have a look around home for a toy that has a slider or lever and bring one in for our next DT lesson on Friday next week.

Also, in French we are learning about family members and would love the children to be able to make their own family photo album. Please could you bring in or email to the office photos of your family members.

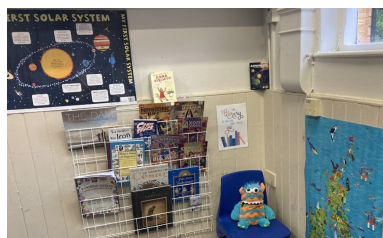
Year 3 & 4

We have had a fabulous start to the year and we are excited for some fantastic learning opportunities. We love our new classroom and the children have started working hard already!



Year 5 & 6

This week in Class 4 we have been exploring our topic of space and started reading our class text 'Cosmic'. There is a lot of existing knowledge and curiosity about this topic and we are all excited to share our enthusiasm for the new school year.



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KS1 History Resource Help

Our topic on KS1 is "How have peoples lives changed in living memory?" We will be exploring how toys, music, transport and communication has changed over the past 60 years. We ask if anyone has any records, cassette tapes, CDs, toys from the last 60 years to now and any old phones, newspapers, radios that they may want to donate to school to help promote our learning

These can be returned to you , however please do not send any items of personal value as we will be handling them as we learn!

Love for Reading

As a school we work hard to develop a child's love for reading and to support them reading a wide range of genres and text types, which is reflective is our English and class texts. We also want to support the children reading at home to develop their confidence and fluency, which as parents/carer you can support the children with. The expectations we set are:

Reception-Y2 (EYFS/KS1)

We encourage the children to read 5 times a week, every day if possible. We have a stipulation to read 3 times a week. Parents/ carers must write in your child's planner or sign next to your child's writing to say that they have read. Children that read 5 times a week will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of each half term a raffle ticket will be drawn for each class with the winning child receiving a prize.

Y3-6 (KS2)

We encourage the children to read 5 times a week, every day if possible. We have the stipulation that children read at least 3 times a week. Children can then record themselves in their planner when they have read. Children that do not read 3 times a week, with this recorded in their planner, will be given the opportunity to read at break or lunchtime. Children that read 5 times a week will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of each half term a raffle ticket will be drawn for each class with the winning child receiving a prize.

Homework in KS2

The children in KS2 will take home a 'homework menu' inside their homework book with a range of different activities to complete based upon our wider learning in school for the half term. The stipulation is that children complete one piece of homework a week, recorded in any form in their homework book. If children do not complete one piece of homework a week time will be given to them at break or lunchtime to complete this.

PE Kits

From next week, we will return to children bringing their PE kits into school. The children will get changed for PE within school time. PE kits should be kept in a drawstring bag and will be hung on the children's pegs. They should come into school on a Monday and will be stored within school, then returned home every Friday. Children will no longer arrive at school in their PE kits for the day. All children will require in their PE Kit:

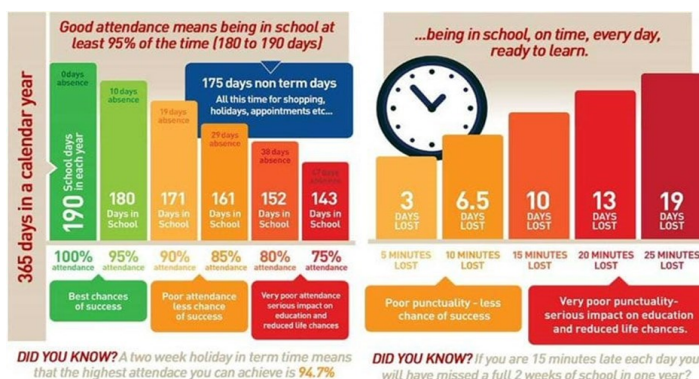
- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Black jumper (this may be a hoodie)
- Black jogging bottoms (in winter months)

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.

This week our whole schools attendance is **95.52%**.



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Our New School Websites – Please Help Us Make them Amazing!

We are really excited to announce that early in 2024 year we will be launching our brand new school websites. We are inviting edu-pic into the schools to take some professional photos for this website. We would really appreciate your agreement to allow us to include photos of your children in a range of activities and locations on the schools site. The website will hopefully be a powerful marketing tool for prospective parents and a fabulous tool for communication with you all. We may also use these professional photos in other school marketing too. The photographer will be in our schools on Monday, 18th and Tuesday 19th of September.

Please fill in the below forms link to give permission for your child to be involved by Wednesday, 13th September.

<https://forms.office.com/e/MVR4gVv88P>

Foston Clubs

Please find below our extra-curricular clubs for next half term. To book a place, please email the school office. For our extra-curricular clubs, these will now be available on a **block basis only from 3.30-4.30pm.**

	Wednesday
Club	Martial Arts Club
Leading Adult	Stephen Wright
No. of sessions	7
Age	Years 2 – 6
Cost for the block	£45.50 (£6.50 per session) Children can be graded at an additional cost.
Maximum	20

In addition to extra-curricular clubs, we also have wrap around care. As part of our wrap around care our children will enjoy gardening, cooking, outdoor play and crafts with Mrs Gibson and Miss Sidhu. The activities will be led by the children's based on their interests.

Please note there's a limit of 10 places for wrap around care. Please make sure you book places in advance to avoid disappointment. **Breakfast club on a Monday and Tuesday is now fully booked this term**, children can be added to a waiting list. We will soon be putting out an advert for a second adult.

PAFFS

Notification of PAFFS AGM 2023

This years AGM will be held after school on Friday 6th October - more details to follow.

PAFFS Jumble Sale

PAFFS will be hosting a jumble sale at Thornton Le Clay Village Hall on **Sunday 24th September 2-4pm.**

If you have jumble donations, please keep hold of them; drop off details to follow.

As well as donations of jumble we are looking for volunteers to help with this event, either with the pre sorting of jumble or 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.

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Diary Dates

School Photos (individual/siblings)	Friday 15th September
PAFFS—Jumble Sale	Sunday 24th September
PAFFS—AGM	Friday 6th October
Autumn half-term	Friday 27th October (last day at school) Monday 6th November (first day back)
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)