

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Nursery & Reception

To end the half term the children in Nursery and Reception had a baking session making biscuits. The children worked together to add the butter, sugar and flour. We also added some special ingredients – food colouring and cinnamon to help us feel autumnal! The children loved adding in yellow and red food colouring and watching how the colour changed. A big well done to all the children for how well they have settled into their new year groups. I wish everyone a 'Spooktacular' half term!



Year 1 & 2

Last Friday the children really enjoyed their DT day, they had to design a pop up card using a lever. First they thought about their design and audience, then they explored different materials. They then had to use their knowledge of levers to think about how to construct a pop out aspect to their. We then put our ideas together and carefully created our cards. The children were excited to be able to take them home –we hope you enjoyed them!

There will be no spelling sent home this week, enjoy the half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back after their well-deserved rest.



Year 3 & 4

It's been a fantastic first term for our children in Class 3. Some of our favourite topics have been learning about Space in science, learning about inspirational women (such as Katherine Johnson) and how they overcame the difficulties of segregation and discrimination. In maths, we have been learning about place value and addition and subtraction using a range of methods such as the column method. Enjoy your half-term holiday!

Year 5 & 6

We welcomed back Mrs Free from Malton Secondary School who spent Tuesday afternoon enhancing our learning about space. Following in the footsteps of Y3 and Y4 Mrs Free was very impressed with the knowledge of the pupils and the confidence with which they shared their understanding of this fascinating topic. It was particularly impressive that the children could use subject specific vocabulary such as heliocentric accurately. We enjoyed talking about the "Goldilocks Effect" of planet earth-maybe your child can tell you more!

Nursery & Reception Forest Schools

Starting on **Wednesday 8th November**, the children in Nursery and Reception will have a weekly Forest School lesson developing their skills. These sessions will take place in all weathers so please can we ask that all children come to school wearing a warm coat that can get muddy or an all-in-one/puddle suit and has a pair of wellies on **Wednesdays**. We want to ensure the children have the correct clothing to enjoy the session. I am very excited to start our Forest School sessions!



Winning House

A huge well done to the children for working so hard this half-term. Lots of house points have been awarded for showing our school values! We are pleased to announce that the winning house is... Antinuke with 244 house points. In 2nd place we had Beatrix Potter with 243, third Lewis Carroll with 221 and 4th Dr Seuss with 213–very close! The children in Antinuke House, can come to school on **Friday 10th November** in non-uniform.

Facebook

Very excitingly we have now set up a Facebook page! This is called: Foston Primary School. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080673905467> This is then another way to share with parents/ carers all the great things the children are getting up to at school. Please search for us on Facebook and follow along!

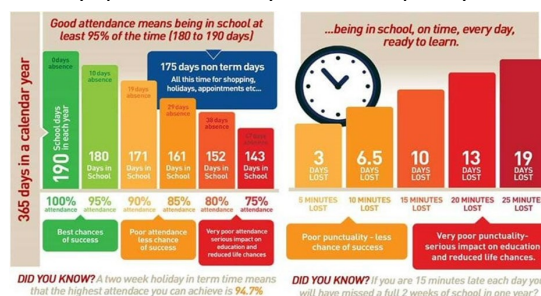
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Attendance

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 96.23%.



KS2 Residential

We have now reserved our residential trip to High Adventure, Keighley. Thank you for expressing interest in the Forms Questionnaire, a place will be reserved for your child when you pay the £25 deposit via ParentPay. **This payment is due by 17th November.** This cost is essential for all pupils to ensure they have a place secured for the trip. The final payments will be collated and added to ParentPay when all deposits have been paid to ensure accurate final numbers. We approximate that this amount will be £120.

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.** Wrap around care is also available with Mrs Gibson, Miss Sidhu and Miss Skilling daily. **We have now opened up some clubs to further year groups.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
Club	Cooking & Baking Club	Just Dance	Tag Rugby & Football
Leading Adult	Mr Marshall	Stacey	Total Sports
Time	3.15-4.15pm	3.15-4.15pm	3.15-4.15pm
No. of sessions	7	7	7
Age	Years 2-6	Reception-Year 3	Years 1-6
Cost for the block	£15	£31.50	£21
Maximum	12	16	20

More information on Cooking & Baking Club

Learn some baking and decorating skills and try some savoury and sweet recipes to make tasty treats in the run up to Christmas. All food will be prepared during the session and then will be ready to bake (or freeze) at home. A full list of ingredients, method and cooking instructions will be supplied each week.

Please bring a suitable container clearly labelled with your child's name to transport food.

Please inform us of any new dietary requirements or preferences and we can tailor ingredients to suit. All foods are vegetarian and nut-free. Some may use egg and/or milk. Recipes will be adapted to be egg/milk/gluten/soya free if needed.

Week 1	Chocolate orange cookies
Week 2	Cheese pretzels
Week 3	Christmas pudding Rice Krispie cakes
Week 4	Winter vegetable pie
Week 5	Snowman hot chocolate
Week 6	Gingerbread house

Year 6 Transfer Reminder

If your child is currently in Year 6 and you haven't already made an application for a secondary school for September 2024, please don't forget to apply by the **31st October 2023**. Applications can be made online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions.

Community Links

On Monday we were very lucky to have a guest speaker join us for Collective Worship. Mr Fenwick came and read us the story about Joseph and his brothers from the Bible. After listening to the story we reflected on how the message of forgiveness could guide us in our daily life both in school and with our families. We enjoyed sharing our song "All That is Good" with Mr Fenwick, you can listen to this story by following the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bV5usNv4WEo>.

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Message from Governors

As you know, all parents and carers of children at Foston, Terrington and Stillington Schools received a letter on 22 September 2023 to invite nominations for the vacant Parent Governor position on the FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Board. The closing date for nominations has now passed.

As only one nomination was received, there is no need to go to a ballot. We are delighted to inform you that Mr Tim Munro is duly elected (unopposed) to serve on the FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Board.

We would like to thank Tim for his participation in the process and hope that he will find the Governor role interesting and rewarding.

Diary Dates

Year 6 secondary application deadline	Tuesday 31st October (closes)
Autumn half-term	Monday 6th November (first day back)
Flu immunisations (Reception-Year 6)	Tuesday 7th November
EYFS Forest School	Wednesday 8th November Wednesday 15th November Wednesday 22nd November Wednesday 29th November Wednesday 6th December Wednesday 13th December Wednesday 20th December
Non-uniform (House Antinuke)	Friday 10th November
Science Bus	Tuesday 14th November
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 14th November, 5pm-7pm Thursday 16th November, 3.30pm-5.30pm
York Castle Museum trip (Year 1-2)	Wednesday 15th November
Malton Sport	Wednesday 15th November (Y3/4) Wednesday 13th December (KS2)
KS2 Residential deposit due	Friday 17th November
Drama with Audrie	Monday 20th November Monday 11th December
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)