

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Nursery and Reception

The festive session has officially begun in Nursery and Reception this week! Together with the children we discussed how Christmas trees have changed over time and what they were like in the past. Then as a class we decorated our classroom and put up our Christmas tree in the classroom adding Christmas lights and baubles. We are now feeling all merry in Early Years!



Year 1 & 2

Trip to All Saints' Church Foston — we had a lovely walk in the crisp sunshine on Tuesday to All Saints' Church. Reverend Benson greeted us warmly and invited us to find signs of Christmas inside the church. Amongst the signs we spotted were the Christmas wreath, the Christmas Candle and sculptures of the shepherds and the wise men. A huge thank you to Reverend Benson for answering all our questions including, "Why are two of the candles on the Christmas candle different colours?" One is pink to symbolise Mary and the one in the middle is white to symbolise Jesus.



Year 3 & 4

In our English lessons, the children wrote some fantastic, detailed diaries from the perspective of the Golden Fish. We thought about what thoughts and feelings we could add into the story, and the various adventures that we could describe in detail. We also had the chance to read them afterwards, ensuring we read loud and clearly and changing our tone at certain points of our diary. Here is an example of one of our children reading their diary:



Year 5 & 6

This week in Class 4 we have been exploring the rock cycle and recreating our own using chocolate! It was quite difficult to recreate millions of years of heat and pressure in just one science lesson, but we tried our best and made some sedimentary 'rocks'. Well done everyone!



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ParentPay

Please can Parents/Carers login to ParentPay and clear any outstanding balance where possible and give consent for any outstanding trips/travel.

Sharing Assembly

Our sharing assembly will take place on **Wednesday 20th December, 9.10am** at Thornton Le Clay Village Hall. Parents are welcome to attend to celebrate our pupils wonderful achievements.

Christmas Parties

Pupils will have their Christmas parties on **Thursday 21st December**. EYFS & KS1 can come to school wearing party clothes and KS2 wearing a Christmas jumper. This year we have decided to not do party food, instead the children will have a day of dancing, games and music!



Child Absence

Please can we remind parents to telephone/inform school of your child's absence and that this is done before 9am each day (unless it is a 48hour sickness bug).

Wrap Around Care

Please can we remind parents that children require booking into our wrap around care and clubs the **Friday before via an email to the school office**. It is important that we are aware of the expected numbers so we can order sufficient food/snacks. Staff members leading the clubs will therefore be aware in advance of confirmed numbers. In emergencies, we will try to cater at short notice, however, this is not always possible.

As a school, we must follow our safeguarding and attendance procedures. Parents/carers will receive a phone call if children are booked into breakfast care and do not arrive or are not collected at the time specified from afterschool care.

For those children who attend club, we will be resending our 'School Agreement' for you to sign to ensure we have the correct information on record. For more information about booking places, cancellations and charging, please see our policy: <https://fostonschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FTS-Wrap-Around-Care-Extra-Curricular-Policy-Copy.docx>. Thank you for your support.

Parent Code Of Conduct

Governors have recently reviewed our parent code of conduct. We are extremely lucky that within our school communities this is a document we rarely need to use and we thank you for this. However, can we please ask that you pay particular attention to the social media section and ask for your support in reporting to us anything you may see that may identify our school or individual staff in a negative light. The new code of conduct can be found here: <https://fostonschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/FST-Parents-Code-of-Conduct-Nov-23.pdf>.

Communication

As a school we have many channels for parents to communicate with class teachers. These include, at the start or end of the school day, through the children's planners, telephone calls or via an email to the school office. At each school, we have a member of the admin team, who works each morning answering the telephones and responding to emails. If you wish to contact school in the afternoon, and no one answers the phone, please can you leave a voicemail. The voicemails are checked before the end of the school day. Please can emails to teachers be directed to the school office rather than personal emails. This way, the emails can be forwarded onto teachers at a suitable time in the school day. All office emails are checked frequently, Monday – Friday, by our admin team.

Keeping children safe online

We live in a world where we are surrounded by online content. Please find attached a guide to help support children with safe and healthy online habits.

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Diary Dates

Malton Sport (KS2)	Wednesday 13th December
Christmas Nativity Songs (EYFS, Thornton le Clay Village Hall)	Wednesday 13th December, 2.30pm
Christmas Dinner (whole school to travel to Stillington Primary School)	Friday 15th December
Nativity (EYFS & KS1, Thornton le Clay Village Hall)	Tuesday 19th December, 2pm & 4pm
Sharing Assembly (Thornton le Clay Village Hall))	Wednesday 20th December, 9.10am
Christmas Parties (EYFS & KS1 to come to school in	Thursday 21 st December
Christingle Service (KS2, Foston Church)	Thursday 21st December, 2.30pm
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)