

Message from the Head

I hope all our families had an enjoyable half term. We have had an exciting first week back to school!

Our Key Stage 2 children had an amazing time on our school residential. In many of the activities, the children had to work together as a team, developing their communication, listening and group work skills.

It was lovely to see the children across our federation making new friendships. The children particularly enjoyed rock climbing, the labyrinth, abseiling, archery and orienteering. Thank you to Mr Yip, Mr Marshall, Miss Tordoff, Mr Carlisle and Miss Sidhu who ensured this was possible

Our dates for diary list has been updated for this half term within the bulletin, please can you make sure these are added to your calendars at home. We have a very busy, but short term ahead of us.



Nursey and Reception

On the morning on **Wednesday 6th March** the children in Nursery and Reception will be visiting Stillington Primary School to have a special visit from the 'Purple Pig Company'. The trip supports our current learning about 'On the Farm' across the half term. To cover the cost of the bus and visit, we ask for a voluntary contribution of **£6** which will be added to **ParentPay**. Whilst this is a voluntary contribution, these trips are not possible without some contributions being given. Please can parents also provide consent for the trip on ParentPay. Please ensure children are in children for **8:50am** so we can be ready for the bus. Children should wear school uniform and ensure they have a waterproof coat with them. We will return back to school for lunchtime.

World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching on Thursday 7th March. This year the theme for World Book Day will be linked to our school houses and exploring the different authors that are houses are based upon. We invite the children to come into school dressed up as a character from a book written by one of the authors: **Lewis Carroll, Dr Seuss, Atinuke and Beatrix Potter**. Whether this be The Mad Hatter, The Cat in the Hat, Anna Hibiscus or Jemima Puddle-Duck.

Children can also dress up as any of there other favourite book characters.

We are very excited to celebrate this day with the children.

WOW WORK



NURSERY AND RECEPTION (EYFS) (CLASS 1)

This week the children have enjoyed starting our new topic 'Growing - At The Farm'. The children amazed me with their brilliant small world set up, working together to create their own class farm. The children showed a keen interest in matching their farm to the story 'What the ladybird heard' and said their farm was a map just like in the story. This sparked some fantastic mark making and writing, as the children started to draw their own maps.



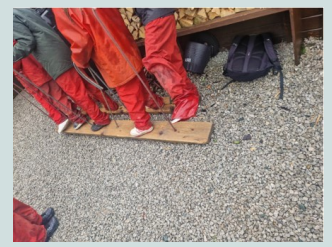
KS1 (CLASS 2)

Class 2 really enjoyed expanding our understanding of the religion, Islam, during our trip to the York Mosque. We were lucky to be shown around by the Imam and he told us lots about Muslims and their beliefs. He even showed us where they wash prior to prayers and showed us lots of copies of the Qur'an.



KS2 (CLASS2)

This week we had the most fun on our residential at High adventure in Keighley. We developed our team building, communication and resilience skills as well as our confidence. We loved taking part in lots of activities such as: archery, abseiling, rock climbing, bouldering, Egg bert, low ropes, marble run, stompers and orienteering. Take a look at all



INFORMATION

Sports Enhancement Day

On Tuesday 12th March, Children from years 1 – 6 will be taking part in our Sports Enhancement Day at Stillington Sports Hall. Terrington and Foston children will be travelling on buses to Stillington with adults from their school. This event is held during the school day, the children will be returned to their school before the end of the school day.

Children will get dressed in their PE kits at school

Children in years 1 – 6 are asked to bring a packed lunch or order one from school. **Please can orders be placed for a school packet lunch by Tuesday 27th of February**, this is so our school cook can order items in. choices of sandwiches include:

- Ham
- Cheese
- Tuna Mayo

Reception and nursery children will also take part in some different sport activities at their school including circus activities. Hot school lunches will be available for reception and nursery children if they require one.

Recycle Point (ink cartridges)

If you have any used ink cartridges please could you place them in the plastic tub hanging on the large green gate so that we can recycle them.

Easter Tennis Coaching (see attached poster)



INFORMATION

Notification of consultation on school transport from North Yorkshire Council

I write to advise you that the Council has today commenced a consultation on proposed changes to the Council's Home to School Travel Policy. The necessary information can be found here on the Council's website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation> , together with an online survey form for your responses to the consultation and details of engagement events that will be held during the course of the consultation period.

The consultation closing date is Friday 12 April.

There will be additional on-line engagement events for schools only that will be notified in due course.

Regards
Amanda Newbold
Assistant Director, Education and Skills

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

On 24th January, I wrote to let you know there is a vacancy for a parent governor on the FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Board, and to ask for nominations from Foston, Stillington, and Terrington parents.

The closing date for nominations has now passed. As no nominations have been received, the governing board has a responsibility to fill the outstanding vacancy. by identifying and appointing a governor to this role.

When making the appointment, the governing board must consider, in the following order of preference:

- A parent of a registered pupil at the school;
- A parent of a former registered pupil at the school; or
- A parent of a child under or of compulsory school age.

If you may be interested in being considered for appointment as a parent governor, please get in touch via the school office.



DIARY DATES

EYFS Farm Visit	Wednesday 6th March (consent required)
Sports Enhancement Day	Tuesday 12th March
Y3/Y4 Malton Sports Basketball & Net-	Wednesday 13th March (consent required)
Parents Evening	Tuesday 12th March (5pm-7pm) Thursday 14th March (3.30pm-5.30pm)
Easter Service (All Saints Church) 2.30pm	Tuesday 19th March
Sharing Assembly	Thursday 21st March (9.10am-9.40am)
Easter	Friday 22nd March 2024 (Last day) Tuesday 9th April 2024 (First day back)
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 3rd May 2024 (Last day) Tuesday 7th May 2024 (First day back)
Summer -Half -Term	Friday 24th May 2024 (Last day) Monday 3rd June 2024 (First day back)
Summer	Friday 19th July 2024 (Last day) Tuesday 3rd September 2024(First day back)
Autumn-Half -Term	Friday 25th October 2024 (Last day) Monday 4th November 2024 (First day back)

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