



# Stillington Primary School Weekly Bulletin

## 4th March 2022



### Infant Class (EYFS & KS1)

It's great to be back! The Stillington Infants have been very busy since coming back to school. On Shrove Tuesday, the children had a go at making their own pancakes and even flipping them in frying pans! We learnt about the importance of Lent



World Book Day was a special celebratory day where we all dressed up in some of our favourite book characters. We talked about our favourite books together and made Gruffalo masks to celebrate.

In our KS1 English lessons, we have begun writing list poems about the ever-changing seasons and recapping our multiplication and division knowledge in Maths.

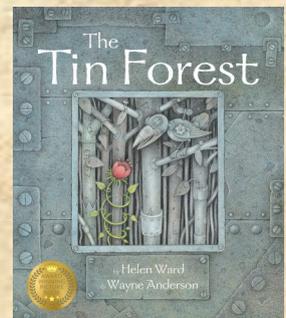


### Junior Class (KS2)

It's been lovely having all of the children back in school this week. We really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and it was exciting to meet author Karen Langtree, who shared some of her wonderful books with us!

We are going to be starting our new topic "How can we help retain our rainforests?" in the afternoons, alongside our science topic which is based around Light and Seeing.

In English, we have started our book *The Tin Forest*. It's been another busy start to the term, and we look forward to sharing more with you over the coming weeks.



*We'd love it if the children in KS2 could please bring in something **they have made** (either at home or at school) that they are **really proud of**, for our RE lesson next week. Thank you!*

### Message from our Initial Teacher Training student:

My name is **Miss Bowler** and I have been working in the KS2 class since January, as part of the final year of my teacher training course. For my final university year, I am required to write a research project relating to an area of education. **I will be writing a research project entitled 'Does it Really Take a Village? – A Case Study of the Benefits and Drawbacks of Mixed-Age Key Stage Two Classes in a Rural Village Primary School.'** As part of this research, I will be chatting informally to the children in the class about their feelings and experiences of being educated in this mixed-age setting. Responses will be completely anonymous and only used for the work of this research project. If you would prefer me **not** to use your child's responses for my research, please come and speak to me at the end of the school day or, alternatively, email me at [laura.bowler@yorks.ac.uk](mailto:laura.bowler@yorks.ac.uk). This research project has been cleared by the ethics board at my university – York St John. I am really looking forward to beginning this exciting project and I would like to thank you all for your brilliant support so far.



## Covid Update

As you will have heard from the news, there have been changes to the Government's Covid regulations. There is, however, no change to the Government's Covid Guidance in terms of pupils or staff who have symptoms or test positive. Please find attached a document detailing the current national Guidance.

**Mrs Moore**  
(Headteacher)

In line with the above guidance and North Yorkshire local authority risk assessments **we will still:**

- require children who display symptoms to be collected by parents and recommend that they take a PCR test
- isolate children with symptoms in school until a parent can collect them
- expect children/staff to remain at home until two negative tests after day five or ten days' isolation, whichever comes soonest.

We appreciate your support with this as it allows us to limit the spread of infection and, therefore, keep staffing at a level where we can keep school open.

# Other information

## PE Enhancement Day – Tuesday, March 15th

On Tuesday 15th March, all children in Years 1 – 6 will be taking part in our termly PE Enhancement day. This is taking place at **Stillington Sports Club**. Children will be back at school for the usual pick-up time. All Year 1-6 children should wear a **suitable outdoor PE kit and bring their own water bottle**.



Nursery and Reception children will remain in school. There will be **NO hot school dinners** on this day for anyone - instead, packed lunches will be provided. Please can **ALL parents** fill in and return the attached form for each child, (by hand or by email to the school office— [stillingtonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:stillingtonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk)) **by Tuesday 8th May**, so that we can determine who requires a school packed lunch and which sandwich filling they would prefer? If you do not want a school packed lunch, then please provide your child with one, as there will be no other option on this day.

The staff are looking forward to all three schools coming together again to learn some new skills and have lots of fun.

**Please note that the children will still be partaking in their usual PE lesson with 'Total Sports' on the Thursday.**

**Playground gate:** For the additional safety of our children, we will be keeping the gate nearest to the telephone box locked. Please do make sure that you **CLOSE** the other gate each time you use it.



**School Clubs:** Please note that our breakfast and after-school clubs are, once again, open to anyone who wishes to attend them. After-school options are:

**Monday:** Science academy

**Tuesday:** Crafts

**Wednesday:** Cross stitch

**Thursday:** Board games

**Friday:** Fun club



## Explorers 2021-22

Inviting all primary-aged children to the after-school club run by the churches in Stillington.

We will be having fun at **Stillington Methodist Church** on **Fridays:**

**4, 11, 18, 25 March 2022**

Sessions will run from **3.30 to 4.30pm**; with latest arrival time 3.45 pm

There will be music, craft activities and a story from the Bible.

Refreshments will be provided when the children arrive.



Do come along and give it a try! Further details from Margaret Price 811262 [pricehm870@gmail.com](mailto:pricehm870@gmail.com)

## 2022 KEY DIARY DATES



Date	Event
	<b>SPRING TERM 2022</b>
March 15th	Sports Enhancement Day
March 29th	Parents' Evening (all children) 5pm–7pm
March 31st	Parents' Evening (all children) 3:30pm–5pm
April 6th	Easter service (church) 09:15–10:15
<b>NOTE DATE CHANGE</b>	
	<b>SUMMER TERM 2022</b>
April 25th	Staff Training Day
May 2nd	Bank holiday
<b>May 28th - June 5th</b>	<b>Half term break. Back to school on Monday June 6th</b>
July 5th & 7th	Sports Days
July 11th	KS2 play–Macbeth 6pm
July 20th	Leavers' Service