



Stillington Primary School Weekly Bulletin 20th October 2023



Infants



This week, in the Infants, we have all been very busy. We have been enjoying our sports events, welcoming new friends and generally just enjoying learning together in our classroom.

Nursery and Reception children have really enjoyed talking about different fruits and vegetables this week and they have also been exploring the signs of autumn. They have been sorting different groups of conkers, pinecones and Autumn leaves.



In Years 1 and 2 we have been extremely busy! The children really enjoyed their sports day on Tuesday and we loved hearing about all of the fantastic dancing and football that they took part in. In class, we have started to tackle some more challenging addition and subtraction problems and the children have been doing really well with this, so far.



Juniors



This week in the Junior Class, we have enjoyed a great day out at Terrington for our sports enhancement day. It was great fun being able to take part in different sports with our friends from the other schools.



We have also started our geography topic, studying the features of North America, our class wrote some pretty amazing travel brochures showing off the human features of New York including the Empire State building and the statue of liberty. We are looking forward to our DT day next week to pull together all of our learning and next Friday we have our Fantastic Friday before half term.

Message from the Headteacher



Mrs Sarah Moore

Staffing Update

It is with sadness that we share the news that Mrs Mensah is retiring at the end of this half term, after a long and successful career in schools. She has had a huge impact on the educational journey of so many children, including those at Stillington. We thank her for her dedicated support of Stillington Primary School and the vast educational and organisational experience she brought with her. I know that you will all join me in wishing her the very best for her future. Heather will be greatly missed by staff and children.



Sharing Assembly:

Just another reminder that our next Sharing Assembly will be held on **Monday 23rd October at 9.10am** in the school hall. All parents are welcome to join us for this.

Message from the Governors



Mrs Corinne Cross

Dear Parents and Carers,

Proposal to change the length of the school day – EYFS/KS1 class

I am writing to inform you of a proposed change to the structure of the school day for the EYFS/KS1 class here at Stillington School. This is to:

Change the finish time for the EYFS/KS1 class from 3.15pm to 3.30pm with effect from Monday 6 November 2023

We believe that this change will be beneficial to the school community, reducing the time spent by parents and our younger children waiting on the playground for siblings in the KS2 class. It will also ensure that the whole school meets the Department of Education's new expectation that state-funded mainstream schools deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2024, at the latest.

This change will initially be for a trial period, from 6 November 2023 until Christmas. During the trial period we will invite parents/carers to contribute their views, via an online survey, on the change of the finish time for EYFS/KS1. Governors can then consider how a permanent change may affect you, before making a final decision for January 2024.

KS1 Trip—Castle Museum

We are pleased to be taking the KS1 children, from all three schools, on a trip to the Castle Museum in York on **Wednesday 15th November**. They will be looking into "How lives have changed in the last 60 years". This links to our current topic and will focus on toys, transport and ways of cooking food. The cost of the trip is **£9 per child**, which will be added to ParentPay – you will also need to **give permission on ParentPay** for your child to participate. Please speak to the school office if you have any additional circumstances that you wish to discuss.



All children will need a **packed lunch**. If you wish to **order a packed lunch from school**, this must be ordered from the school office **no later than 9am on Friday 27th October**. The choice of sandwich is tuna mayo, cheese or ham.

Please **drop your child off at 8.45am** on this day to ensure the timing of the trip is kept to and the day runs smoothly. Children will return to school for usual collection by 3.15pm. They should wear school uniform as usual, with sturdy and practical shoes, and should bring a jacket and a water bottle along with their packed lunch. If you do not want your

Health & Wellbeing

Does your child suffer from anxiety?

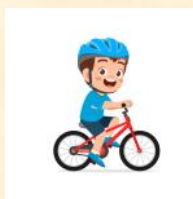
Anxiety is a common feeling, but it can sometimes cause difficulties in our lives.

The 'Wellbeing in Mind Team' is running a free 'Teams' session for parents and carers to help support students improve their mental health and wellbeing. The session is aimed to help with learning more about anxiety and how to help. Please see the attached flier for more details.



Cycling Safety

It is lovely that we are in a village where children can cycle between houses to visit each other. We ask, please, that all parents reinforce the following safe cycling message to their children:



- **Always stop at junctions to check there is no traffic approaching**
- **Always wear a fastened helmet**
- **Always be aware of other road users, eg parked cars, cars coming out of driveways and pedestrians.**

We have spoken to all children in school to remind them of these messages, but **these are messages which should be reinforced regularly at home.**

Stillington Extra-Curricular Clubs—Nov/Dec

Please find below our extra-curricular clubs for next half term. **To book a place, please email the school office.** Our extra-curricular clubs should be **booked on a block basis**. Wrap-around care is also available with Miss Cole.

	Monday	Thursday
Club	Autumnal & Christmas Crafts	Engineering Club
Leading Adult	Mrs Foster	Mr Carlisle
Time	3.30-4.15pm	3.30-4.15pm
No. of sessions	7	7
Age	Reception - Y6	Years 1- 6
Cost for the block	Free	Free
Maximum	10	15

Mrs Hunter will also be leading a **Language and Culture Club** at lunchtime, where the children will be learning bits of French, German and Italian!

Yorkshire Arboretum—Half-term Activities

We are looking forward to meeting you all again on **Monday 30th October**, during half term for **Nature Rangers**. We will be having an autumn theme for this event, with games, crafts and activities about nocturnal animals including making a clay hedgehog. There will be opportunities for exploring the grounds and collecting but also to become creative in the inside space. The café will be open, serving drinks and food.

Please book below:

[Nature Rangers Day 30.10.23 — Yorkshire Arboretum](#)

We also have events during half term to plant acorns:

[Grow Your Own Oak 29.10.23 — Yorkshire Arboretum](#)

[Grow Your Own Oak 01.11.23 — Yorkshire Arboretum](#)



Shoebox Appeal

Would you like to make up a Christmas gift for a child in another part of the world (eg Africa, eastern Europe etc) who, otherwise, will not receive anything ?

Choose the age of the child and whether it is for a girl or boy. Pack the box with personal care items, school supplies, fun toys and a special item (eg cuddly toy, football with pump). Donate £5 towards the cost of transport to the foreign country.

Complete the box and leave it at the back of St Nicholas church **by 8th November** at the very latest .

[Specially printed boxes are available to pick up at the back of St Nicholas church, together with a leaflet of instructions. Any questions - please contact Margaret Price 01347 811262](#)



Church after-school club

Calling all children of Primary School age!

Explorers, the Christian after-school club, will be running again this year from Friday 10 **November to Friday 1st December**. We will meet in the Methodist Church from **3.30 to 4.30pm**. Enjoy some fun with craft activities, Bible stories, songs and games!



All welcome. **More information from Margaret Price:** 01347 811262 · pricehm870@gmail.com

2023-24 KEY DIARY DATES



Date	Event
	AUTUMN TERM 2023
Mon Oct 23rd	Sharing Assembly 09:10
Fri Oct 27th	Fantastic Friday Also: FOSS Bingo/Pie & Pea night 7pm NOW at the Stillington Sports and Social club
Oct 28th–Nov 5th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Nov 14th & 16th	Parents' evening (5-7pm on 14th or 3:30–5:30pm on 16th)
Wed Nov 15th	KS1 Trip to Castle Museum (all day) Year 3/4 football & dodgeball event in Malton (afternoon)
Thu Dec 14th	Christingle and Nativity 4:00pm
Wed Dec 13th	Visit to pantomime in York
Fri Dec 15th	Christmas dinner and party
Fri Dec 22nd	Fantastic Friday
Fri Dec 22nd	LAST DAY OF TERM
	SPRING TERM 2024
Tue Jan 9th	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Feb 8th–16th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Fri March 22nd	LAST DAY OF TERM
	SUMMER TERM 2024
Tue April 9th	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
May 25th- Jun 2nd	HALF TERM HOLIDAY