

## STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Dear Parents,

I would just like to share a heartfelt thanks to all of you and your children for the fantastic involvement in our home learning over the past few weeks. The dedication and commitment you have all shown will ensure our children's education continues effectively during these closure periods. I have enjoyed looking at a variety of the work the children have completed. Well done to everyone.

I would also like to thank our teacher's and teaching assistants for the motivation and enthusiasm they have shown to a very new way of working. Obviously there have been a few hiccups but they have dealt with these and reflected on things that have and haven't worked for future eventualities. This has put us in an extremely strong position going forward for the closure of any of our schools.

Again thank you to our whole school community and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Sarah Moore

Headteacher

### **Cancellation Of After School Club Notification - Reminder notice**

Unfortunately due to important whole staff training we will be unable to run after school club at any of the three schools on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and hope parents are able to make alternative arrangements.

### **PE Club Stillington**

Next half term the PE club will continue on a Wednesday after school. This club will be run by our sports coach. Please can you email Stillington office to book a place for your child to attend.

### **Microsoft Teams**

The children will be having lessons on how to use Microsoft Teams when we return to school. As part of this work, the children will practise communicating within our schools and classes. This is to help prepare the children should we need to close a bubble.

### **Parent Governor vacancy**

As no nominations were received for the Parent Governor vacancy by the closing date (14<sup>th</sup> October), and in view of the current school closure, we are extending the nomination period to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

If you are interested in joining our Governing Board, but are unsure about any aspect of the role, or recruitment process, please do get in touch with either Mrs Moore (Headteacher) or Corinne Cross (Chair of Governors) to arrange an informal chat – no obligation!

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### **Halloween Fun And Staying Safe**

We have some tips on celebrating Halloween this year in a fun and safe way. To prevent further spread of the virus over Halloween and to protect children and others, this year we are recommending people do not go knocking on doors on Halloween, or collect sweets from communal bowls.

We're encouraging children and families be creative in coming up with alternative ways of having an enjoyable Halloween.

Some suggestions we have include;

- Create a pumpkin trail where you live so everyone can join in without knocking on doors.
- Be active: get dressed up and take a walk around your neighbourhood to see homes decorated for Halloween.
- Be virtual: consider an online party with decorations, fancy dress and themed food. Play Hallowe'en games, bake Hallowe'en treats or tell spooky stories.
- Be social: take pictures of your spooky costumes and activities to share on social media.
- Be colourful: dress up the outside of your house with Halloween decorations for you and your neighbours to enjoy.
- Be treat-wise: buy your own sweets to give to your children so they don't miss out.
- Be bright: if you carve a pumpkin, use a battery-powered light inside it to reduce the risk of fire.

We also ask that people take care to stick to the everyday Covid-19 safety rules over Halloween and half term. Follow the "Hands. Face. Space" advice and;

- Wash your hands regularly and take hand sanitiser if you go out.
- Wear a face covering indoors where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or one metre where extra precautions are in place such as indoor ventilation.
- When seeing friends and family you do not live with, or who are not part of your support bubble, do not meet in groups of more than six indoors or outdoors.
- When meeting friends and family you should also follow social distancing rules, meet people outdoors where practical and limit how many different people in total you see socially over a short period of time.

Keep up to date with Covid-19 guidance and news in North Yorkshire at

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information)

# DIARY DATES

<b>First Day back</b>	2nd November 2020
<b>Open Days</b>	Stillington <b>Tuesday 3rd November 2020</b> —4-5.30pm or <b>Wednesday 4th November</b> 1.30pm - 3.00pm
<b>Parents Evenings</b>	<b>Telephone &amp; Microsoft Teams Only</b> 24th November, 2020 (3.30pm—5.00pm) or 26th November, 2020 (5.00pm—7.00pm)
<b>Church Services and Performance</b>	<b>Christingle at Stillington</b> - 17th December 2020 @ 4.00pm
<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Christmas</b> - 18th December 2020
<b>First Day</b>	<b>Spring</b> - 5th January 2021
<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Spring half-term</b> - 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>First Day</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Easter</b> -26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
<b>First Day</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
<b>Last Day</b>	Summer half-term 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<b>First Day</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Last Day</b> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021