



Stillington Primary School

Weekly Bulletin

22nd September 2023



Infants

We have had a fantastic week in the infant class this week. It has been lovely to explore our environment together and get to know each other a bit more each day.



In Nursery and Reception, we have been enjoying exploring our class text. We have started our maths lessons and have been looking carefully at counting different sounds in our environment. We have also really enjoyed lots of craft activities!



In Year 1 and Year 2 we have been fascinated by our design technology topic about slides and levers - we went around the school looking for different mechanisms. We also had a lovely class debate about the two characters in our book and we had to decide whose side we were on!



Resources request: Just a quick request - if anyone has any old indoor construction toys (mobilo, stickle bricks or other similar things), sand play toys (spades, scoops) or toys for the water trays, we are looking to gather a few more things for our classroom. Anything is greatly received and will be given a very loving home. Thank you in advance!



Juniors

This week in the junior class, we have been working on number partitions in maths and separating them into the different values.



In English, we have begun writing our own narrative about a competition winner who wins a trip to Legoland! In RE we have been discussing the importance of prayer to Christians and how the same prayer can have different meanings to different people.



On Monday, we had quite an exciting day, as a photographer came to class and took lots of cool pictures of our science investigations in preparation for the launch of our new website!



Message from the Headteacher



Mrs Sarah
Moore

Homework Survey – We Need Your Help!

As a federation, we are looking to review our homework expectations. We want to provide the best opportunities for your children to consolidate their learning, whilst meeting the needs of our diverse family body. As a senior leadership team we will look at educational research, liaise with other schools and take on board the views of our parents. As you will understand, there are some expectations that as a school we must adhere to ensure your children get the best education we can provide.

Making an informed decision this will, of course, take some time—so please bear with us! We ask, please, that you **complete the form** through the link below **by Friday, 29th September** so that you have the opportunity to share your views about this important link between school and home.

[Click here for FST Federation homework survey](#)

Parent Governor Vacancy

FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Body is seeking a new Parent Governor to join us in shaping the future of our federation of schools. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of children at our schools and contribute to the Federation's ongoing success.

We need an enthusiastic and dedicated parent who can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our Federation. You do not need leadership or education experience, just a desire to support and improve the lives of the whole FST community, including children, families, and staff; and a proactive approach to becoming involved as a member of a team.

In return we can offer you:

- a chance to develop skills in strategic management
- the opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our schools
- a sense of achievement in making a positive difference

the pleasure of helping our children reach their potential

If you are interested in joining us, please see the attached letter and nomination papers for more information.

The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 11th October 2023.

Please do get in touch (via the school office) if you would like an initial informal chat about the role.

Cycle to School Week

Do you want to save money, get healthier and protect the environment? As well as have lots of fun on the journey to school?

Then get involved with Cycle to School Week!

This year, Cycle to School Week will take place between **Monday 25 – Friday 29 September 2023**. With support from our friends at [Sustrans](#), we are celebrating the fun and freedom of an eco-friendly cycle commute, and encourage all families, pupils and teachers to get involved.

Make a pledge – and win!

This year we are asking pupils, parents, schools and teachers to **make a cycling pledge**. From **Friday 1 September**, simply fill in the form on the website, choose your pledge, and be entered into our prize draw to win a brand new **Frog children's bike!** <https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/>



Stillington's Attendance figures this week:

Attendance	Authorised absence E.g. illness, medical appointment	Unauthorised absence Inc. arriving late after 9:15	Late
95.6%	1.1%	0.3%	2.9%
Last week:			
94.9%	1.6%	0%	3.5%

2023-24 KEY DIARY DATES



Date	Event
	AUTUMN TERM 2023
Tue Sep 26th	Science Bus at school in the afternoon
Thu Oct 5th	Reception/KS1 sports event at Husthwaite school
Fri Oct 6th	Harvest Festival 2:30pm in church
Wed Oct 11th	KS2 basketball & netball event in Malton
Fri Oct 27th	Fantastic Friday / FOSS: Bingo / Pie & Pea night 7pm in school
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	Year 3/4 football & dodgeball event in Malton
Thu Dec 14th	Christingle and Nativity 4:00pm
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