



Stillington Primary School Weekly Bulletin 29th September 2023



Infants

We have had another lovely week in the Infants this week—enjoying exploring our topics and learning lots of amazing things.



In Nursery and Reception, the children were fascinated to look at nocturnal animals, linking this to our story, 'Owl Babies.' The children have been creating owls in different ways and using these to help us tell the story. We have also looked at hedgehogs as part of our counting this week.



In Years 1 and 2, we have explored the different settings in our class book. The children have been building up to creating a setting description based on a setting that they have created themselves. They worked really hard to build up the descriptive language in their settings. They have also had great fun in science, experimenting to find the most and least stretchy materials in our classroom.



Juniors

KS2 children have had such an interesting week! They have been developing their understanding of space. Earlier this week, they thoroughly enjoyed their session with Mrs Free from Malton High School, who came to demonstrate lots of fascinating facts about how our solar system came into being. They learned about how gravity works and explored the relative distances of the planets to each other.



They have also been learning more about resolving conflict in our PSHE sessions, and about Hinduism in our RE lessons.



Our children have particularly enjoyed our longer PE sessions – they have been demonstrating their fantastic skills in netball, and it's amazing to see the progress they have all made! We're so proud of all of them. Well done, KS2!

Message from the Headteacher



Mrs Sarah
Moore

New Cook

We are delighted to welcome **Mr Andrew Makin** to our school as our **new school cook!** We have had some excellent 'travelling cooks' from the County Catering service over the last few months but it's lovely to have someone as a permanent member of the team. Mr Makin started on Monday and has settled in very well.

Special Catering event

On **Thursday October 5th**, our kitchen is running a themed catering event— '**All the Fun of the Fair**'. There will be a special 'fair-type' menu on that day.

As this coincides with the national **School Census day**, we would like as many of our children as possible to have a school lunch on that day.

This is particularly important for those **children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**, who are entitled to a universal infant free school meal, as our catering budget for the year is set according to the numbers of children eating a school lunch on census day.



KS1 Fun Run

On the afternoon of **Thursday October 5th**, the children in Years 1 and 2 will be going by bus to Husthwaite School, where they will take part in an outdoor **Fun Run**, together with other schools in the Easingwold cluster.



Children need warm PE kit (which should already be in school) and should bring their water bottle with them.

There will be **no cost** for this event but you must **give your permission on ParentPay** for your child to attend.

Total Sports Half-term activities



The **Total Sports team** will be running their **Holiday Club** this **October Half Term**.

Total Sports will run 'Total Energy' - their exciting programme of activities.

With arts and craft time, treasure hunts, party games, team challenges, relays and all of your child's Total Sport's favourites, it is set to be a brilliant half-term holiday!

Government Vouchers and Childcare Vouchers are accepted. Sessions open from 8am and last pick up can be up to 5:30pm. It is very popular with families, so please do have a look at their website. You can book as few or as many days as suits and you can book right up to the night before.... if there are spaces, of course. Often they are full, so do consider this when thinking about booking.

To book [visit their website](#) - see also attached flyer.

Stillington's Attendance Figures so far this year:

Attendance	Authorised absence E.g. illness, medical appointment	Unauthorised absence Inc. arriving late after 9:15	Late
95.6%	1.1%	0%	3.1%

2023-24 KEY DIARY DATES



Date	Event
	AUTUMN TERM 2023
Thu Oct 5th	Reception/KS1 Fun Run at Hushwaite school (afternoon)
Fri Oct 6th	Harvest Festival 2:30pm in church
Wed Oct 11th	KS2 basketball & netball event in Malton
Fri Oct 27th	Fantastic Friday
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
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