

STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Message from the Head of School

I hope all our families had an enjoyable half term. We have had an exciting first week back to school!

Our Key Stage 2 children had an amazing time on our school residential. In many of the activities, the children had to work together as a team, developing their communication, listening and group work skills. It was lovely to see the children across our federation making new friendships. The children particularly enjoyed rock climbing, the labyrinth, abseiling, archery and orienteering. Thank you to Mr Yip, Mr Marshall, Miss Tordoff, Mr Carlisle and Miss Sidhu who ensured this was possible. For those children who stayed at school, they also completed lots of fun activities to develop the same team building skills. Thank you to Miss Cooke and Mrs Hunter for leading these.

Our dates for diary list has been updated for this half term within the bulletin, please can you make sure these are added to your calendars at home. We have a very busy, but short term ahead of us.



Notification of consultation on school transport from North Yorkshire Council

I write to advise you that the Council has today commenced a consultation on proposed changes to the Council's Home to School Travel Policy. The necessary information can be found here on the Council's website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation>, together with an online survey form for your responses to the consultation and details of engagement events that will be held during the course of the consultation period. The consultation closing date is Friday 12 April. There will be additional on-line engagement events for schools only that will be notified in due course.

ParentPay & Residential

ParentPay is up to date, please can I ask parents to check your accounts and clear any outstanding balance.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

On 24th January, I wrote to let you know there is a vacancy for a parent governor on the FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Board, and to ask for nominations from Foston, Stillington, and Terrington parents. The closing date for nominations has now passed. As no nominations have been received, the governing board has a responsibility to fill the outstanding vacancy by identifying and appointing a governor to this role.

When making the appointment, the governing board must consider, in the following order of preference:

- A parent of a registered pupil at the school;
- A parent of a former registered pupil at the school; or
- A parent of a child under or of compulsory school age.

If you may be interested in being considered for appointment as a parent governor, please get in touch via the school office.

Sports Enhancement Day

On Tuesday 12th March, Children from years 1 – 6 will be taking part in our Sports Enhancement Day at Stillington Sports Hall. Terrington and Foston children will be travelling on buses to Stillington with adults from their school. This event is held during the school day, the children will be returned to their school before the end of the school day. Children will get dressed in their PE kits at school. Children in years 1 – 6 are asked to bring a packed lunch or order one from school. **Please can orders be placed for a school packet lunch by Tuesday 27th of February**, this is so our school cook can order items in. choices of sandwiches include:

- Ham
- Cheese
- Tuna Mayo

Reception and nursery children will also take part in some different sport activities at their school including circus activities. Hot school lunches will be available for reception and nursery children if they require one.

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EYFS/NURSERY

It has been a busy first week back in class 1 this week!

Nursery and Reception have enjoyed exploring the farm and the different farm animals and farm jobs. They have loved making their own tractors, shearing a paper sheep and learning about all of the jobs that happen on the farm.

YEARS 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 have had a wonderful time at the York Mosque this week. They have learned so much about Islam and how Muslim's worship. We looked at the Qur'an, a prayer matt and learned that we must take our shoes off as we enter.



YEARS 3,4,5,6

What a week! Some of our class went on the KS2 residential with Mr Carlisle and children from the other schools. We had a great time doing lots of different team building activities as well as pushing ourselves to our limits with rock climbing, abseiling and the underground labyrinth maze. We were able to show all of our school values in each of the challenges and Mr C was very impressed with every single one of us and how we performed and pushed ourselves! The others who stayed at school completed a fantastic art project with Mrs Hunter based on artwork by Sam Gilliam.



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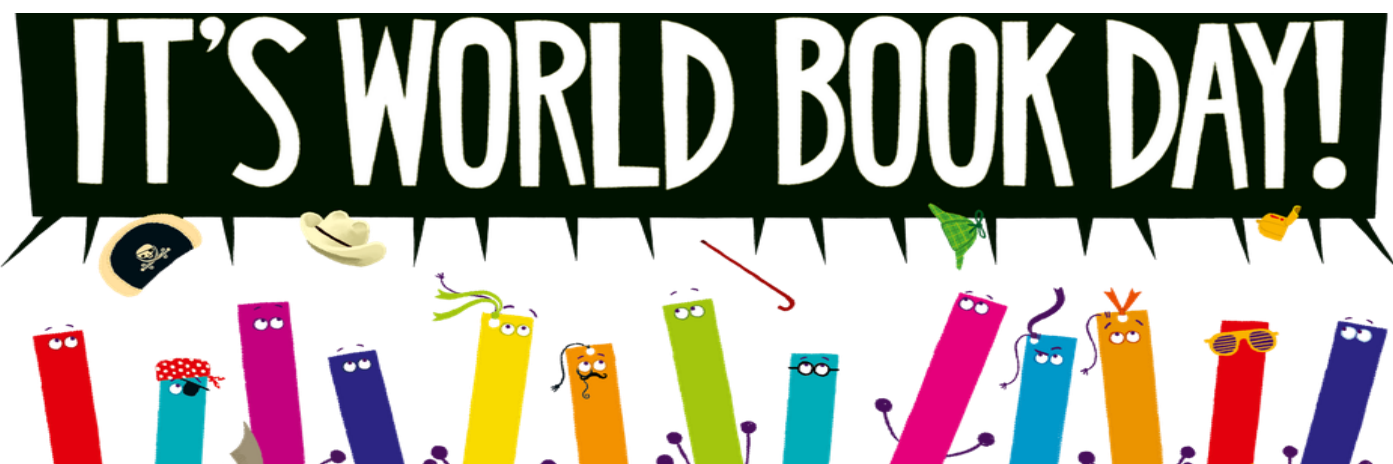
EYFS Trip

On the morning on **Wednesday 6th March** the children in Nursery and Reception will have a special visit from the 'Purple Pig Company'. The trip supports our current learning about 'On the Farm' across the half term. To cover the cost of the bus and visit, we ask for a voluntary contribution of **£6** which will be added to **ParentPay**. Whilst this is a voluntary contribution, these trips are not possible without some contributions being given. Please can parents also provide consent for the trip on ParentPay. Children should wear school uniform and ensure they have a waterproof coat with them. Children will have their lunch at school as normal.



World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching on Thursday 7th March. This year the theme for World Book Day will be linked to our school houses and exploring the different authors that are houses are based upon. We invite the children to come into school dressed up as a character from a book written by one of the authors: **Lewis Carroll, Dr Seuss, Atinuke and Beatrix Potter**. Whether this be The Mad Hatter, The Cat in the Hat, Anna Hibiscus or Jemima Puddle-Duck. We are very excited to celebrate this day with the children.



Stillington Clubs

Please find below our extra-curricular clubs for next half term. To book a place, please email the school office. For our extra-curricular clubs, these are available on a block basis. Wrap around care is also available with Miss Cole with various activities throughout the week.

	Monday	Tuesday
Club	SATS Club	Energy Club & Tennis
Leading Adult	Mr Carlisle	Total Sports
Time	3.30pm-4.15pm	3.30-4.30pm
No. of sessions	4 (start second week)	5
Age	Year 6	Reception, Key Stage 1 & 2 (Reception- Y6)
Cost for the block	Free	Free
Maximum	2	20

Mrs Hunter will also continue with her Languages and Culture Club on a lunchtime.

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Diary Dates

Drama with Audrie	Monday 26th February
EYFS (nursery-reception) Farm Visit	Wednesday 6th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March
Stay and Celebrate	Tuesday 5th March 3.30-4pm
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 12th March 5-7pm Thursday 14th March 3.30-5.30pm
Sports Enhancement Day	Tuesday 12th March – all day
Y3/4 Basketball and Netball	Wednesday 13th March 1-3pm
Community Arts Project	Thursday 14th March
Easter Service	Thursday 21st March 2.30pm
Fantastic Friday – First Aid Training	Friday 22nd March
Easter	Friday 22nd March (last day at school) Tuesday 9th April (first day back)
May Day bank holiday	Friday 3rd May (last day at school) Tuesday 7th May (first day back)
Summer half-term	Friday 24th May (last day at school) Monday 3rd June (first day back)
Summer	Friday 19th July (last day at school)

HOLIDAY DATES 2024-2025		
HOLIDAY	Last Day At School	First Day Back
Summer		3rd September 2024
Autumn half-term	25 th October 2024	4 th November 2024
Christmas	19 th December 2024	6 th January 2025
Spring half-term	14 th February 2025	24 th February 2025
Easter	4 th April 2025	23 rd April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	2 nd May 2025	6 th May 2025
Summer half-term	23 rd May 2025	2 nd June 2025
Summer	18 th July 2025	