

# STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Message from the Head of School



I would like to wish all our families a Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week and to hear about their Christmas breaks. What a magical and exciting time of year! The children have quickly settled into our school routines and are eager to start their new topics.

I am very excited to start my new role as Head of School across Foston CE and Stillington Primary Schools and look forward to spending more time in each of the schools.

January is not a quiet month for us as the children will be researching and debating our new school charity. Please let us know if there are any charities which are close to the hearts of our families that the children could explore further. Also, keep an eye out for the launch of our new school website which we are very excited about!

*Miss Katie Stringer*  
Head of School

### EYFS/KS1

We are pleased to have everyone back in school this week and we have really enjoyed hearing everybody's Christmas stories.

In Nursery and Reception we have just started our learning on woodlands and rainforests as part of our habitats topic this half term. We have been exploring the trees and the grassy area outside of school and have collected resources to make our own woodland collage.

In year 1 and 2 we have also been enjoying diving into our new topics. We have been learning about habitats in science and we have been looking at Brazil in Geography. We really enjoyed packing our imaginary suitcases for our pretend Brazil trip!



### Class 2

Happy new year! We have been very excited to get back in to our work this week! Our class topic is Ancient Egypt which we are studying in History as well as studying an Egyptian themed animation in English. In Science, we will be exploring forces and magnets and our PSHE topic is money and careers! There is lots of excitement around our learning this half term! In the picture we can see some of our children investigating air resistance on different shaped objects in science.



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## Stillington Clubs

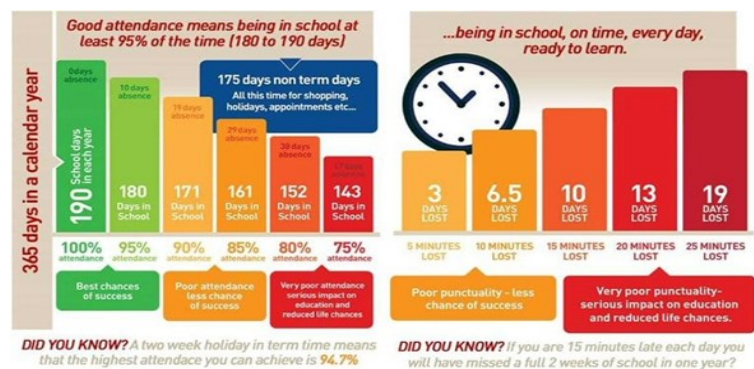
Please find below our extra curricular clubs for next half term. To book a place please email the school office. For our extra-curricular clubs, these are available on a block basis.

	Monday	Monday	Thursday
Club	KS2 Maths Club	Science Club	Energy Club
Leading Adult	Mr Carlisle	Miss Allwood	Total Sports
Time	3.30pm-4.15pm	3.30-4.15pm	3.30-4.30pm
No. of sessions	4 (start second week)	4 (start second week)	5 (start first week back)
Age	Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6)	EYFS/Key Stage 1 (Reception-Year 2)	Reception, Key Stage 1 & 2 (Reception- Y6)
Cost for the block	Free	Free	Free
Maximum	13	12	20

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!

Wrap around care is also available with Miss Cole with various activities throughout the week:

Monday	Board Games
Tuesday	Cookery
Wednesday	Origami
Thursday	Local History Club
Friday	Fun



## Attendance - Make Every Day Count

As a school we aim for 95% attendance from all our pupils. We realise this is not always possible when your child is poorly, but we kindly ask that if possible all appointments are made out of school time, again we know this cannot always be the case. We are sure you will agree we all want our children to succeed and good attendance is proven to give children the maximum learning time possible.

We have seen an increase in requests for holidays which is having a big impact on children's learning and wanted to point out to you what taking 5 days holiday in term time looks like in our schools.

Maths – 5 hours missed – Maths builds on prior learning each year to help children create that deeper understanding. Although our teachers address gaps in children's learning, making 5 days up within school is impossible and addressing gaps missed, means time out of foundation subjects.

English – 7 ½ hours missed – English centres around a text in all of our classes. When children miss days they can often miss key parts of the text or the build up to writing tasks or even the writing task itself which in some instances will not be built upon again until the following academic year.

Phonics/SPAG (Spelling/Punctuation/Grammar) – Nearly 2 hours missed – Phonics lessons at the early stages teach a sound a day and 5 days can mean 5 new sounds missed, impacting both reading and writing. SPAG Lessons can often be linked to English and children can be given the opportunity to use what they have learnt that day in their writing.

Foundation Subjects – Missing a week in a foundation subject misses a stepping stone which are topics that are only covered sometime once in every four years. Practical sessions can be missed which for a lot of children can be very beneficial to their learning.

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## Senior Leadership Team



**Mrs Sarah Moore**

Deputy

Safeguarding Lead (dDSL)

Executive Headteacher



**Mrs Linda Bowman**

Designated

Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Head of School  
(Terrington and Langton)



**Miss Katie Stringer**

Designated

Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Head of School (Foston and  
Stillington)/ SENCO



**Mrs Vicki Allon**

Deputy Safeguarding Lead (dDSL)

Pastoral Lead and Attendance Lead

Across all schools

## School Meals

It is becoming increasingly difficult to provide a two course school lunch at a reasonable cost and both ourselves and North Yorkshire Catering work together to keep the costs as low as possible whilst still ensuring the meal is nutritionally balanced. Occasionally there are changes which have to be made to the lunch menu, and where possible we will email parents before the day so that you are able to decide whether to send your children in with a packed lunch instead. Sometimes however, these are very last minute changes, possibly due to the cook not receiving an order on time or specific items being out of stock on the day of delivery. In these circumstances it may not be possible to inform parents of the change prior to the day, but there will always be an alternative choice or a jacket potato choice. We ask for your understanding that on these occasions it was out of our control to inform you earlier, and that as the meal has been cooked and served we are unable to reimburse the cost of it.

## ParentPay & Residential

ParentPay is up to date, please can I ask parents to check your accounts and clear any outstanding balance. For those whose children are attending the residential please make payment, unfortunately if we do not receive enough funds to cover costs the trip will not be viable.

12th January 2024

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9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. I am so excited to be starting the journey as Executive Headteacher across Foston, Terrington, Stillington and Langton Primary Schools alongside Mrs Bowman as Head of School at Langton and Terrington and Miss Stringer as Head of School at Foston and Stillington. In this role, my focus will be on providing strategic leadership to ensure all the school's continued success and development. I am passionate about the future of our small schools and retaining their individuality within their community's whilst reaping the benefits collaboration can bring for children and staff. Mrs. Bowman and Miss Stringer will be taking on the crucial role of Head of School. In their capacity, they will be responsible for the day-to-day operations, ensuring a smooth and enriching experience for our students. Their dedication to our schools and their leadership skills make them the perfect fit for the roles.

We also continue to have on the Senior Leadership Team our pastoral and attendance lead Mrs Vicki Allon who will support with wellbeing and attendance issues and concerns across our group of schools. Miss Katie Stringer will assume the role of lead Special Education Needs Coordinator across the collaboration assisted by Mrs Bowman at Langton and Terrington. For SEND enquiries the first port of call for Foston and Stillington should be Miss Stringer and for Langton and Terrington Mrs Bowman.

We look forward to working closely with you to continue building on the strong foundation of all our schools. Your support and involvement play a vital role in the success of our pupils, and we value the partnership we have with each and every one of you.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and are confident that, together, we will ensure all our school continue to be places where every child can reach their full potential.

Kind regards

Sarah Moore

Executive Headteacher FST Federation in Collaboration with Langton Primary

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## Diary Dates

KS2 Cross Country Running– Husthwaite Primary School	Thursday 25th January 1-3pm
Sharing Assembly	Tuesday 6th February 9.10am
KS1 Dodgeball at Malton Sports Centre	Wednesday 7th February 12.30-2.30pm
Fantastic Friday– Environmental Day	Friday 9th February
<b>Spring half-term</b>	<b>Friday 9th February (last day at school)</b> <b>Monday 19th February (first day back)</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Friday 22nd March (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 9th April (first day back)</b>
<b>May Day bank holiday</b>	<b>Friday 3rd May (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 7th May (first day back)</b>
<b>Summer half-term</b>	<b>Friday 24th May (last day at school)</b> <b>Monday 3rd June (first day back)</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Friday 19th July (last day at school)</b>