

# STILLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Message from the Head of School

We have had a very busy week at Stillington Primary. Our junior children have been on a geography trip to Howsham Mill and our EYFS/KS1 children went swimming. The staff members really enjoyed taking our youngest members of school to the pool for the first time. It was lovely to see all children engage in this session– a definite success!

As the weather changes, please can we remind you to apply suncream before the start of the school day and children to bring in hats.

## Staffing Update

It is with sadness that I share that Matt Marshal, who currently teaches y5/6 at Foston, will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. I know you will all join me in thanking him for everything he has done for our federation in a variety of roles and wish him success in the future. Matt has been an amazing colleague and support to the children during his time with us.

I am pleased to share that after an interview process on Tuesday we will be inviting Mr Neil Carlisle back to Foston in the role of Year 5/6 teacher and federation SENCO. Neil will be starting transition into the senco role over the course of this term alongside Miss Stringer in order to get to know the three schools from a SEND perspective. From September Mrs Hunter will return to full time teaching in September at Stillington

## Enchanted Trail at Thorp Perrow

Please see attached PDF poster . We have been asked to share this with you all.

## Stillington Clubs

Please can we remind parents/carers that clubs should only be booked through the school office. This can be through an email, telephone call or in person. This way we can ensure that all children are booked

### **After-School Clubs activities with Miss Cole**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Fun Science Experiments
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Outdoor Games
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Gardening
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Tennis and Badminton
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	Chilling out with mindfulness colouring and Art

Children staying later get a choice of activities including board games, toys, role play and when the weather is good outside activities.

## Growing up in North Yorkshire

As part of North Yorkshire surveys, we have been asked to complete a questionnaire aimed at KS1 and KS2 named Growing Up In North Yorkshire (GUNY) to better support their development and understanding within the PSHE curriculum. We will be conducting these questionnaires over this month with the following year groups:

KS1 questionnaire - Y2/3/4

KS2 Questionnaire - Y5/6

Please find attached guidance and further information. We have a paper copy of the electronic questionnaires in school for you to look through should you wish. These will remain on the school site. If you have any questions, please contact the school office addressed to Miss Tordoff.

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## KS1—CLASS 1

This week in class 1 we have really been enjoying the weather. We have spent lots of time outside and had lots of fun.

The children had so much fun swimming at Thirsk on Wednesday. They practised different ways of moving through the water, how to jump around and some children were practicing how to breathe whilst they swam. We cannot wait to go again next week.

In EYFS we have been looking at transport and road safety and as part of this the children have really enjoyed create roads out of playdough and some stop signs t

## Class 1 Swimming sessions

EYFS/KS1 children will be going swimming again next week on Wednesday 8th May and the last session will be Wednesday 26th June. For the children to have some time in the pool developing their swimming skills and their confidence.



## KS2—CLASS 2

This week in class two we have been preparing our Geography fieldwork enquiries for our trip to Howsham Mill. Then on Wednesday we enjoyed studying the river Derwent and how it was used to power the mill to make flour. We even had an opportunity to make smores over the campfire, Mr Carlisle had never made a smore before and was very impressed with how good they tasted!



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## Cricket fundraising day

To tie in with the cricketing T20 world cup competition which starts in June we have organised a fantastic opportunity for our children to learn both about cricket and raise money at the same time! We are excited to welcome Tom Bates who represents North Yorkshire Community Cricket to run some cricket workshops and to talk to the children about the successes of local cricketers who now play at a national level.

This exciting event will take place on **Wednesday 15<sup>h</sup> May**. All the children need are their PE kits.

The children will be travelling to Terrington school by coach, Class 1 will spend the Morning at Terrington school and return by lunch. Class 2 will travel up in the afternoon and be home by the end of the day.

Alongside developing our bowling and batting skills we would like your children to raise money which will go towards the charities selected for their support earlier in the year.

A sponsorship form will be sent home, these will need to be returned once the children have completed the cricket day along with any sponsorship raised. Please don't feel pressure to raise a large amount, the children having fun and learning new skills is the main priority.



## Financial Assistance

You may be eligible to apply for free school meals if you receive one of the following income-related benefits. Even though your child may already receive them now if they are in Years Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is worth applying as children who are recorded as eligible for free school meals will continue with free school meals for 6 years (referred to as Ever 6FSM).

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit combined with both a household income below £16,190 per annum and not in receipt of any Working Tax Credit.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee Element of state Pension Credit
- Universal Credit and annual household earning of less than £7,400

You can apply for free school meals here

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Although this is not a personal allowance for each child, children claiming and receiving free school meals have in some instances the opportunity for the money to also be used for

- Extra-curricular clubs
- Support with costings of trips
- Tutoring
- Extra support for teaching assistants in class and through interventions
- As well as the money being used for the developments of the curriculum and reading resources.

So please if you feel that you fit this criteria, complete the form in the link above.

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### **May half term Nature Rangers.**

Nature Rangers—Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May—10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Yorkshire Arboretum, Castle Howard

Indoor and outdoor activities to explore the arboretum and learn about the plants and creatures that we share it with. There will be a chance to experience planting and crafts, plus walking, collecting, and exploring the grounds for minibeasts. There will be hands on activities, so bring a bag to take your creations home with you. We recommend bringing a packed lunch or plan to eat at the Arboretum Café.

Our Nature Rangers Day is suitable for children aged five to eleven. It costs £15 to attend. Booking is essential.

Children to be accompanied by an adult. Please bring outdoor clothes and footwear.

Booking via [email:visit@yorkshirearboretum.org](mailto:visit@yorkshirearboretum.org) or 01653 648598



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## Diary Dates

KS2 Swimming—Every Wednesday at 10.45am Bus arrives at 10am to collect the children.	From 10th April to 10 July—Thirsk Leisure Centre. Back to School for Lunchtime.
KS1 Swimming—Wednesdays at 10.45am Bus arrives at 10am to collect the children.	8th May & 26th June—Thirsk Leisure Centre. Back to School for Lunchtime.
<b>May Day bank holiday</b>	<b>Friday 3rd May (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 7th May (first day back)</b>
Multi-faith day—KS2	Wednesday 8th May
SATS—KS2, Year 6	Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May.
Height & Weight visit— Reception & year 6	Tuesday 21st May
Bikeability—KS2, Year 6	Wednesday 22nd May and Thursday 23rd May
Malton Sports Centre—Year 3 & 4	Wednesday 22nd May—Rounders Depart at 12.15, return by School home time
Fantastic Friday	Friday 24th May
<b>Summer half-term</b>	<b>Friday 24th May (last day at school)</b> <b>Monday 3rd June (first day back)</b>
Sealife Centre—KS1 Provide child's own Packed lunch or order one from School (tbc)	Friday 14th June Depart 9am, return by School home time
Ampleforth Trip—KS2	Wednesday 26th June
Malton Sports Centre—KS1	Wednesday 26th June—Summer Sports Depart at 12.15, return by School home time
Sports Day	2nd July—All Schools to go to Terrington School
Year 6 leavers trip (TBC)	Wednesday 10th July
Leavers' Service—Year 6	Thursday 18th July 2.30pm to 3pm
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Friday 19th July (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 3rd September (first day back)</b>