



## Stillington Primary School

### Weekly bulletin Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Good morning everyone,

We have had another wonderful week of learning at Stillington.

Our pupils have enjoyed their learning in computing this week where KS1 and KS2 explored developing their typing skills and how to stay safe online. EYFS had lots of fun in art where they discussed different mediums and when we might choose to use: pencils, pens and crayons. They had lots of fun creating different lines and experimenting with textures. Great work everyone!



#### **Participation in Physical Education**

Due to requirements from North Yorkshire County Council, we would like to remind parents and carers of our PE kit expectations to ensure the safety of our children. Can we please ask that children either do not wear jewellery, watches and earrings for school or that they are able to take them off / out. School will not be responsible for the loss of any of these items removed during PE.

The North Yorkshire requirements state that the wearing of personal effects, such as jewellery and watches, is prohibited as "persons who are wearing jewellery and watches can potentially expose themselves and others to the risk of injury while taking part in Physical Education. As part of our behaviour and uniform policy, pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery or smart watches. A analogue watch and a pair of stud earrings is permitted but must be removed on PE days.

There have been serious incidents and legal cases involving jewellery in PE and physical activity and this procedure protects against that happening. It is not just about making the wearer of the ear-ring safe, it is about keeping everyone safe thus making a parental disclaimer ineffective and legally unenforceable.

The following advice applies to ALL body jewellery and watches, except for bracelets worn for religious reasons that cannot be removed. These bracelets will be covered with a sweatband and secured by tape. All schools should follow the advice of the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) as follows:

- **The basic rule is that all jewellery should be removed as this then removes that particular hazard.**
- **The National guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is not safe to cover ear-rings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the chance that the post of the ear-ring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain.**

Pupils should remove their own jewellery. If the child is unable to do this themselves, they should not wear any. School has the higher-level duty of care and cannot be put in the situation of looking after their child without exercising that duty of care. It is dictated by national guidance, and we must comply. Parental disclaimers are ineffective and legally unenforceable.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all students can participate safely in PE. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Thanks,  
Miss Tordoff  
Head of School



**Stillington Community  
Primary School**



**Terrington Church of  
England VA Primary School**

## **Wow Class work**

### **EYFS and Year 1 & 2 – Miss Allwood**



I am so pleased to be welcoming the children back to school, it is lovely to see all of those familiar faces and so many new faces too.

This half term in Nursery and Reception we will be looking at our topic “All about me” we will enjoy learning about lots of new things and will also explore Autumn as the seasons start to change.

In year 1 and 2 the children are going to explore how our lives have changed in living memory. We will look at how music has changed and how transport and technology has changed too.

### **Year 3,4,& 6 – Miss Jackson**

It is so nice to see everybody back in school and it is nice to welcome some new faces into KS2 this year.

In English this half term KS2's learning will feature around the book 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly and in Maths, our learning will focus on Place Value to begin with. We will also will learning about biomes in Geography and Families in PSHE. PE kits are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays for our PE sessions, please make sure children have PE kits on these days.

I am excited to start this learning journey with KS2 and cannot wait to see the progress they are going to make over the next few weeks.

# Parent News

## Keeping Children Safe – Electronic Devices and Mobile Phones

As a school we cannot stress enough the importance of checking your child's phone or electronic device.

**Have you set up parental controls?**

**Do you know what apps they have on their device?**

**Has your child got whatsapp – do you monitor who they chat to?**

More and more children have access to electronic tablets and mobile phones which opens a whole new world to them at their fingertips, children are beginning to access live-streaming and online video apps, such as TikTok. These apps appeal to children as they provide them opportunities to be creative, take part in viral trends and connect with their friends. However, it is important to note that many of these have age restrictions of 13+. Please see the image below for guidance on social media age restrictions.

If your child has access to anything above what is recommended for their age, please check their device and the applications. We live in a world where algorithms pick up on the slightest thing, and they only have to click on something once or watch one video and they are then inundated with content that may not be age appropriate.

The NSPCC website has lots of advice on setting parental controls and up to date information on these apps as well as advice on keeping your child safe online. [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/)

### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019



## **Keeping your children safe online – Google Family Link**

Google Family Link is a free service for managing parental controls across devices. It allows parents to manage app access, screen time, and device bedtime, helping children build good online safety habits. The service is free to use and doesn't require a subscription or paid membership.

### **1. Setting up Supervision:**

Parents create a Google Account for their child under 13 (or the age of consent in their country). They link the child's device to the parent's account using the Family Link app. Alternatively, parents can add supervision to a child's existing Google Account.

### **2. Managing Digital Ground Rules:**

**Screen Time:**

Set daily screen time limits, device bedtimes, and app-specific time limits.

**App Permissions:**

Approve or block apps, manage app permissions, and choose between different YouTube experiences (supervised or YouTube Kids).

**Content Filtering:**

Filter content on Google services like Search, Chrome, and YouTube.

**Location Sharing:**

View your child's location on a map (requires enabling location sharing on the child's device).

### **3. Monitoring and Communication:**

**Notifications:**

Get notifications about app installations, website requests, location changes, and other activities.

**Insights:**

View activity insights, such as screen time, app use, and content recommendations.

**Device Management:**

Lock or unlock the child's device, and manage the child's account (password reset, editing information, etc.).

### **4. Features for Teenagers:**

Teenagers over 13 (or the applicable age of consent) can choose to manage their own Google Account or continue under parental supervision.

Supervision can be removed by parents at any time.

Teenagers can choose to opt out of supervision, but their device will be temporarily locked.

## **New Staff**

Ashleigh Cassidy - Office Administrator:

*I wanted to say hello and a big thank you for everyone's patience while I settle into my new role at Stillington Primary. I have recently moved to North Yorkshire from the South Coast so I'm currently adjusting to many new experiences. The school has been very warm and welcoming, and I look forward to getting to know you all as the school year progresses.*

## Dates for the Diary

<b>School Photographs</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Flu Nasal Vaccinations</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Y5/Y6 Football</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
<b>Harvest Festival</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
<b>Fantastic Friday</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Last day 24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Pupils return to school</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Parents Evening</b>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm-5pm