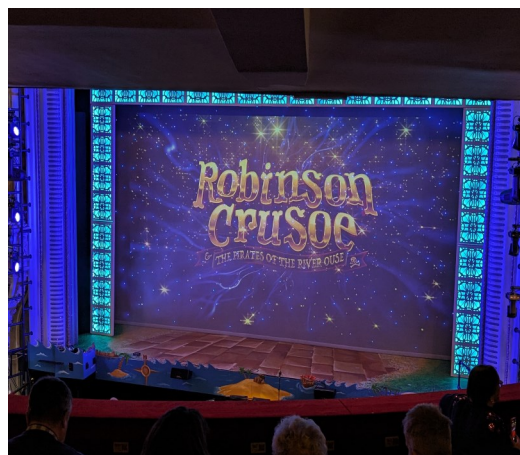


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EYFS/KS1

This week we have been super busy. We have all had a lovely time at the pantomime, we loved travelling there together and we felt so Christmassy afterwards.

We have also been working hard on our lovely nativity. Everybody has worked really hard and we are all looking forwards to Christmas now!



KS2

This week in class 2 we have been preparing our poem by finding rhyming words to use in our quatrain poems. We have also been completing assessments this week and the children have worked very hard to retain their learning. On Wednesday, we went to York Grand Opera House and watched the pantomime, it was so much fun!

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.

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!

	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

Sharing Assembly

On **Monday 18th December** we are holding a sharing assembly. Parents are welcome to join us from 9.10am. If your child is receiving a certificate, a note will be in your child's planner by Friday 15th December.

Christmas Parties

Pupils will have their Christmas parties on **Wednesday 20th December**. Please send your child into school in their school uniforms, with their party clothes in a bag. This year we have decided to not do party food, instead the children will have a day of dancing, games and music!

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Friday 22nd December– Fantastic Friday

The theme for our Fantastic Friday is a 'Creative Arts Day' based on Christmas . Children will work together in groups across the school to complete a range of fun craft activities. Children should be in school uniform as normal.

Homework

Thankyou to everyone who completed the homework questionnaire. From the outcomes of this survey there were very varying views on homework and it is clear we are not able to reach a consensus that would suit everyone. We have also approached several local schools and ascertained that their homework expectations are very similar to ours. We have also contacted local feeder secondary schools to ascertain the expectations for year 7 as we wish to prepare children for the next stage of their education.

As a federation we use the Educational Endowment Fund to inform our decisions on best practice. This provides schools with evidence based research on many strategies and interventions. In their research on homework it states that children who undertake regular homework make 5 months additional progress annually than those who don't. The increased emphasis on repetition of learning to embed key knowledge emphasised by ofsted, the DFE and educational experts highlights the benefits of consolidating learning further outside of the school environment. In looking at a way forward we felt that the below would support our children in achieving the best outcomes and being ready for the increasing demands of secondary school. We will ensure teachers communicate the expectations for days you will receive the homework on and the hand in / test date at the beginning of the new term.

Please find attached document.

ParentPay

Please can Parents/Carers login to ParentPay and clear any outstanding balances where possible.

Wrap Around Care

Please can we remind parents that children require booking into our wrap around care and clubs the **Friday before via an email to the school office**. It is important that we are aware of the expected numbers so we can order sufficient food/snacks. Staff members leading the clubs will therefore be aware in advance of confirmed numbers. In emergencies, we will try to cater at short notice, however, this is not always possible.

As a school, we must follow our safeguarding and attendance procedures. Parents/carers will receive a phone call if children are booked into breakfast care and do not arrive or are not collected at the time specified from afterschool care.

For those children who attend club, we will be resending our 'School Agreement' for you to sign to ensure we have the correct information on record. For more information about booking places, cancellations and charging, please see our policy on the website <https://fostonschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FTS-Wrap-Around-Care-Extra-Curricular-Policy-Copy.docx>. Thank you for your support.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to share with you that Mrs Hunter will continue to work alongside Miss Allwood and Mrs Walker in Class 1 until Easter. Mr Carlisle will also continue teaching Class 2 full-time alongside Mrs Foster and Mrs Thompson.

Recently Reviewed Policies

Our governing body have recently reviewed our behaviour policy and child protection policy. They can both be found on our school website on the links below.

<http://stillington.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/policy-behaviour-discipline.pdf>

<http://stillington.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/policy-child-protection.pdf>

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Diary Dates

Sharing Assembly	18th December, 9.10am
Christmas Parties	Wednesday 20th December
Fantastic Friday	Friday 22nd December
Christmas	Friday 22nd December (last day at school) Tuesday 9th January (first day back)
Spring half-term	Friday 9th February (last day at school) Monday 19th February (first day back)
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)