

Terrington C of E Primary Newsletter

May 2018

After School Club

Sessions can be
booked daily.

3.30—4.00

£3.50

3.30—4.30

£4.50

3.30—5.00

£5.50

Before School Club

From 8.30am

£1.00

Tuck Shop

Children can
bring in money
for toast at
morning break
time (30p)

Welcome back to the last term of the academic year. Our year 6 children are working extra hard this next few weeks as they build up to their SATS which take place in the week beginning 14th May. We are always incredibly proud of our year 6 children at this time and memories now spring to my mind of when they were 4 years old and just beginning their educational journey with us. All of them have had amazing achievements during their time with us and although I always end up shedding lots of tears we look forward to sharing these memories at the leavers assembly.

As Foston parents are already aware Mr Popplewell will not be returning to Foston after a long period of illness. This will be a huge change as he has been part of Foston since I started as Headteacher 10 years ago. I know you will all wish him well in whatever path he chooses. Miss Katie Stringer will be moving classes at Foston to teach our KS2 children at Foston. This will mean we will be welcoming a new member of staff to the team to teach our EYFS KS1 class at Foston in September. Interviews for this post will take place in the week commencing 21st May.

We said a fond farewell to Taff at the end of term and wish him well in his retirement. I know he will love having more freetime to spend with his grandchildren.

Sarah Moore
Headteacher

The EYFS have had a great start to the year, both working as a team and independently. We have really explored open ended learning, with different areas where their interests can flourish. They have really loved experimenting with different roles from fire fighting to superheroes. The children have developed a great way of involving everyone's interests by making up a story based around what they are all dressed as. They have developed their mark making skills such as letters, and numbers and they can explain them. The reception have written down their fabulous ideas to share and are working hard in their phonics. The children have also looked at different animals and made their own habitat in the classroom for the animals. They have used money to buy different items in the shop, identifying which coin is which.

This half term EYFS will be planting different plants, learning about how they need to look after them to grow, they have already started exploring using a watering can. We are looking at the hungry caterpillar this week and will be investigating healthy and unhealthy food. We are also looking at comparing, doubling and halving items around the school.



Key Stage 1 Information

Class 1 have had a fabulous Lego day, where they have experimented with making a class conveyor belt. The children have inspected a crime scene when an alien crashed landed at Terrington and they wrote some creative space stories from the story boxes they created. Class 1 have researched the past and current Queen(s) of our country in history and learnt about different areas in the United Kingdom in geography. They have investigated food chains and habitats in science and consolidated their knowledge of addition and subtraction. This half term we are starting our new topic on Toys and becoming scientists by investigating the parts of a plant and how they grow. In literacy the children are exploring the book Traction Man, linked to our topic. In mathematics we are expanding our knowledge of place value, fractions and multiplication/division



Last term we said goodbye to Miss Midwood, our student teacher from York St John University. This term we welcome Mr. Keen, who will be working with KS2 until June 22nd. We also said goodbye to Taff, who will be dearly missed. The children gave him a good send off as we had an afternoon tea and the children presented him with some personalised art work.

Last term the children worked to develop their understanding of the Stone Age and Iron Age periods. A visit to Ryedale Folk Museum proved very interesting, if not a little cold! To round off the term, the children constructed their own Iron Age model roundhouses using wood and straw.

This term we will be focussing on calculations in Maths and Geometry and Statistics. In English the children will start familiarising themselves with the work of Shakespeare. Our new topic is 'May the Force be with you!' which will begin on April 30th. The children have been told of a very exciting lunar rock project that we are involved with in the week before half term.

It is of course SATs week on May 14th so we wish all our Year 6 children the best of luck. They have worked so hard already



Dates for your Diary

8th—11th May: SATS booster sessions at 3.30pm

14th—18th May: Year 6 SATS all week

21st—25th May: We have lunar samples in school

24th May: Drug awareness talk for yrs 5 & 6

25th May: Both schools trip to Eureka Museum, Halifax.

Junk Modelling

In the EYFS classroom we have a Junk Modelling Area for the children to make exciting and intricate creations.

We would be grateful for any donations of boxes or empty packages for the children to use.

Tuck Shop

Children can bring in money for tuck shop at break time.

Toast: 30p

Fantastic Fridays

We've had a lovely end to this terms fantastic Friday singing sessions. The children have learnt some new songs along with learning to sing in a round and even harmonising! We also have some budding song writers who have written some fantastic new lyrics to the song row, row, row your boat!

Websites For Children

A parent recently asked me for a list of websites that we recommend for educational games online. I have asked all the class teachers and have compiled the below list. I hope this is useful.

Links on Foston's website

<http://www.foston.n-yorks.sch.uk/information-for-parents/just-for-kids/#content-content-inner>

Individual websites recommended by our teachers

<https://www.bbc.com/education>

<https://nrich.maths.org/primary-lower>

<https://nrich.maths.org/primary-upper>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back/for-home/reading-owl/kids-activities>

Summer

Reading Support

At Foston and Terrington Primary Schools we pride ourselves with our carefully design curriculum which maximises reading opportunities for all children in lessons through shared reading, group reading, guided reading, paired reading and individual reading. This has resulted in our children performing well in reading and ensuring good progress at all stages. Due to our carefully planned timetable we have provided many opportunities for children to read daily in school, however this is not always recorded in home/school planners. Please can we ask that at home you listen to your child read daily, this could include reading to your child. Research has shown that devoting teachers' time to 1-1 reading is a far less effective use of time. To listen to each child read individually can take a whole afternoon of staffs' time. We will be circulating a list of questions you can ask your child when reading next week. Please speak to Mr. Jach or Miss Stringer if you would like any further information on reading.

Collective Worship

This half term we have started letting the children plan some of the collective worships. This has been started with Lillie Nicholson, Jess Keeping, James Metcalfe and Harry Sollitt Bevan planning and delivering the first one to the whole school. They chose the Christian value 'love' which is one of our fruits of the spirit. They started by asking the other children to share stories about when they have shown love, then asked them in small groups to draw an apple (our fruit that represents love) and write in the middle something they loved. **This was finished off by a lovely prayer written by Harry.**

