

Foston C of E Primary News

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After school club information.

Sessions can be booked daily.

Costs range from

£3 per hour to £4.50 per hour and a half.

Sibling discounts available. See Mr Tyler to book places or for more information about costs and reductions.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is run by Mrs Bailey from 8.15am-9am. For £2 the children will receive breakfast and a drink.

Breakfast club is available:

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Friday

Welcoming New Faces!

A huge welcome to our new reception– Noah, Henry, Oscar and Maddie. We also welcome on a part time basis Buttercup, Frankie, Chloe, Erin, Iridessa and Holly who have settled in really well.

A big welcome to Miss Pope who will be teaching KS2 in Mr Popplewell's absence. Also we welcome Mrs Fran Morrison who brings lots of experience to our after school provision on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

After School Club

Our after school provision is run by Mrs Morrison and Miss Cooke. The children will receive a drink and toast or a sandwich.

Day	Time	Leading Adult
Monday	3.30pm - 5.30 pm	Fran Morrison
Tuesday	3.30pm - 5.30 pm	Fran Morrison
Wednesday	3.30pm - 5.30 pm	Fran Morrison
Thursday	3.30pm - 4.30 pm	Louisa Cooke
Friday	3.30pm - 5.00pm	Louisa Cooke

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Francis Foster luck with her new venture and thank her for running the after school club. Fran Morrison will now be leading after school provision on a Monday to Wednesday.

Tips for Supporting Mental Maths

Mental Maths can be practised anywhere, chant or sing your number bonds to 10 or your times tables in the car, walking to the park, etc. There are lots of great songs on youtube (always remember to check the content first and supervise your child when using youtube).

If your child is a visual learner, try enlarging and displaying the mental maths they are working on around their bedroom, on the fridge or even around the bath! If they find them challenging, try focusing on just a few at a time until they know them, then introduce more.

Key Stage 1 Information

This half term the topic in Class One is 'I want to be...'. In English the children are looking at fantasy stories and adapting the story 'I want to be a Witch'. We will then be creating hand puppets and writing instructions for making our puppets.

In maths we are focusing on number facts, addition, subtraction and money. Please look in your child's planner to find their target to practise at home.

In science our topic is Plants. The children will learn about deciduous and evergreen trees, different plant

types and will be investigating perfect conditions for plants to germinate.

Our topic work is a mixture of geography and art. The children will be looking at different jobs and places around the world.

In computing the children are learning about the importance of staying safe online.

Our music lessons will be based around our fantasy topic and the children will be using music to represent different characters.

French will be taught through song and the children will be learning the

body parts.

In PSHCE we are doing 'All About Me'. We will be looking at the human body, talking about interests, likes and dislikes. We will also learn about families and how they differ.

In R.E we are looking at special places. We will be visiting the church this term.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and is to be returned by Wednesday.

Spelling tests will be every Friday, spellings can be found in the pirate book. Please also practise maths targets at home. Don't forget to write in the planner when your child has read at home so they can get a sticker on the reward chart.

EYFS Information

This half term we have a Castle Role-play Area and a Potions lab. The children are already enjoying washing the dishes, making traditional sandwiches, writing invitations for the ball and making gruesome potions with bats blood!

Our Small World Area, a dolls house, is very popular and the children like to role-play first hand experiences.

Our new Funky Fingers Area is providing children with the opportunities to develop their fine motor skills through exciting challenges to music. The children enjoy our Sword/Wand Handwriting with Mrs Bailey, where they learn the handwriting rhymes and letter formation on a larger scale.

The children are keen to relax and read in our new Reading Area! Our favourite books at the moment are 'The Selfish Crocodile', 'The Hairy Toe' and 'Maisy'.

Outside the children have been busy playing in our BRAND NEW MUD KITCHEN! They like to make mud pies by measuring out the water and mud.

In our Discovery Area we have arrived back from the summer holidays to frogs! All children have enjoyed looking at the frogs, using the magnifying glasses, and we STILL have a few tadpoles left! The EYFS children have also been helping the KS1 children with planting.

This half term the nursery children are looking at the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and learning the nursery rhymes '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' and 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.

Key Stage 2 Information

School Development Priorities

Each year Mrs Moore and the staff create a School Development Plan. The priorities this year are as follows:

1. To further develop creativity, collaboration and independence across the Confederation
2. To further increase progress in maths across the confederation in all phases
3. To further develop assessment, marking and feedback
4. To further develop literacy to ensure good progress
5. To embed British Values and SMSC throughout the school
6. To ensure good progress of children with Special Educational **Needs**

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 7th

October- Harvest Service at the Methodist Chapel

Friday 9th October—P

Factor Grand Finale for Year 3 and 4

Monday 12th October-

Year 5 and Year 6 to see the author Lauren Child's

Wednesday 14th October-

Visit from the Science Bus

Friday 23rd October—

Break up for Half Term

Monday 2nd November—

Back to School

Tuesday 3rd November

3:30—5:30pm—Parents Evening

Wednesday 4th

November 5—7pm

Parents Evening

Saturday 14th November

- Jumble Sale at Thorton-Le-Clay

Friday 27th November—

KS1 Multiskills competition (for some children)

Foston Primary School are still looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor to support on a lunchtime with serving meals and supervising the children at playtime. If you would like any more information or know someone who may be interested, please contact Foston School on 01653 618265

News From Your Chair of Governors

This year we have a new clerk— Claire Twigg. Claire will take minutes and send out agenda's and papers for our meeting. We said a big thank you to Mick Tyler who has been clerk for many years. He is stepping down so he can focus on the administration of Terrington and Foston Schools.

As you are aware Mr Popplewell is on secondment at Leavening Primary School and in his absence Miss Stringer will now take on the role of Staff Governor. Mrs Bailey is still the parent representative on the governing body.