Hempland Primary News

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A message from Mrs Innes

It has been another great week in school with all the children continuing to enjoy using our huge school field at both play and lunchtime. We have a range of new equipment, including target practice nets, construction blocks and den building equipment which have been very well received!

Entry and exit from school

We have a one-way system for entering and exiting the main school gates which helps to ensure that drop off and pick up is as smooth and straightforward for both children and adults as possible.
Please see the photo which highlights the entry and exit routes.

New School Build Update

Each week, we will be sharing an update from Morgan Sindall Construction on what has been taking place on the new build site and works for the week ahead. We are really starting to see progress on the build which is great news for everyone! Please see this week's update below.

This week, progress has continued with the installation of the Structural Framing System and weather defence boarding to the building façade. External works have also advanced, including the completion of perimeter tarmac works, while internally the team has been focused on setting out activities in preparation for the construction of the internal partition walls.
Looking ahead to next week, we plan to complete the remaining initial groundwork activities, continue the façade installation works, and commence the internal partitioning throughout the building. In addition, the temporary contractor car park will be white lined in preparation for being brought into operation to support improved site logistics and parking management.

Hoping you all have a good weekend.
Mrs Innes

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Highlights of the Week

Year 1 - Great to be Me Day

We had a great day celebrating what makes us, us! We did lots of activities including drawing pictures of the things that make us special and we even played 'guess who?' with our baby photos! We had a brilliant day.

Year 4 - Pedestrian training

At the start of the morning, someone from the York City council came to Hempland Primary school to do pedestrian training and was going to teach us how to cross a road safely. So we went outside to the road in front of school. Then the people from York City council asked a couple of questions about what all the lines on the edge of the road meant. After that, with our partner, we crossed the road safely. Then they told us about looking through the cars' windows so we know when a car is coming. Then we also learnt that we must look right then left. We also learnt how to cross and look when we were crossing a T road - we had to look 3 ways. After that, we walked back to our classroom. At the end of the day, we all got a certificate and a keyring that was a torch and reflector.

By Alejandro and Eleanor.

Year 5 – Football tournament

It all started with Mr Wood showing us which pitches we are on. The teams are boys, mixed (boys and girls) and girls.The matches were fair and fun, but in one game there was a red card given! The other schools competing were Tang Hall, Badger Hill and St Lawrences.

By ALEKS and YUSUF.

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PE timetable for week 4 of Autumn term 1

Monday 28th September	Tuesday 29th September	Wednesday 30th September	Thursday 1st October	Friday 2nd October
Early Years Introduction to PE	Year 3 Dance	Year 2 Target Games	Year 1 Dance	Year 2 Dance
Year 5 Dance	Year 6 Dance	Year 5 Hockey	Year 4 Dance	Year 3 Hockey
Year 1 Net and Wall	Year 4 Basketball		Year 6 Football	

Spare shoes

Please can KS2 children bring a spare pair of wellies, trainers, old shoes (in a named bag) to school to use outside on the field. This will mean that we can continue to use the field for as long as possible throughout the Autumn term.

Diary Dates

Monday 28th September	4:30 - Year 5 – Parent/carer meeting for Boggle Hole residential Y3 to support Kevin Sinfield
Tuesday 29th September	Individual and sibling photographs Year 3RD– visit to York Chocolate Story
Wednesday 30th September	
Thursday 1st October	Census day Year 3KS – visit to York Chocolate Story
Friday 2nd October	

Census Day- Thursday 1st October 2026

Census day is used to calculate how many universal free school meals we are funded for on a daily basis, so the more children who stay for a school lunch on this day, the better. The next Census Day is on **Thursday 1st October**. Please see the menu below to order meals on Swift Kitchen.

The hot pasta topped with homemade tomato sauce and cheese option is still available.

If you think your child may be eligible for pupil premium and benefit based free school meals, please complete your details on the link below. The school will be automatically notified if you are entitled.

https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims

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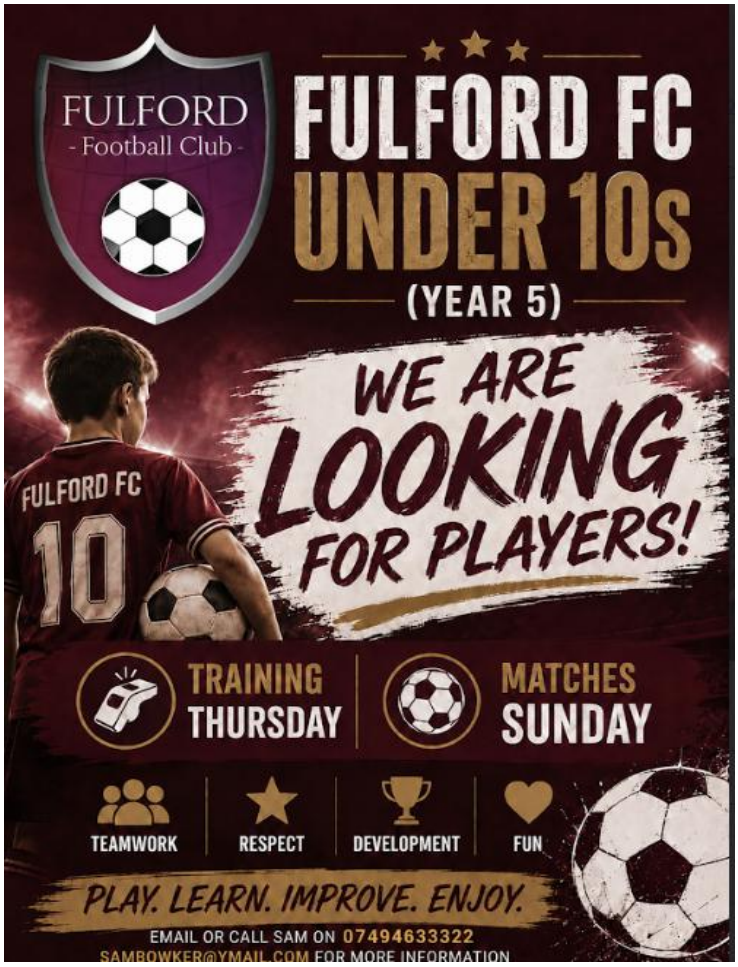
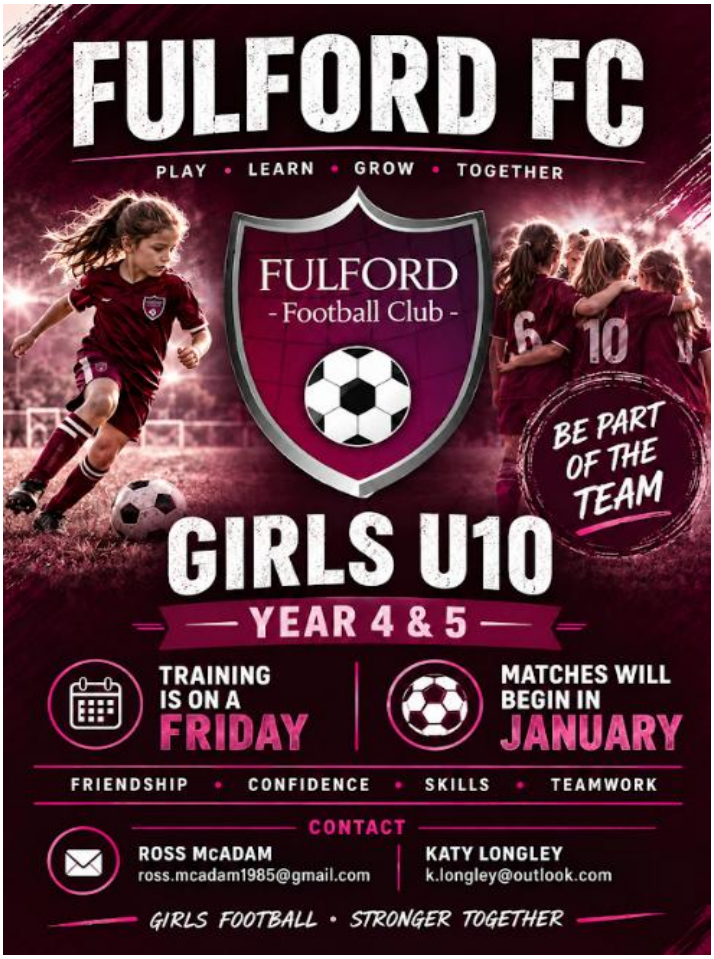
If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about working for Pathfinder, visit our vacancies page to see the latest opportunities.

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