

Weekly Newsletter

It has been an extremely busy week with many visitors at Fosse Bank for our Reception Open week. I am pleased to say our Reception class for next year is already into double numbers and continuing to grow!

On **Tuesday 6th November** we were lucky to welcome Mr Phelan from WEIS, who came in to deliver a workshop for Reception to Year 6 about the story of Diwali. Amrit wrote ‘it was fabulous! My favourite dance was the stick dance – it is very good and I think everybody liked it’.

On **Wednesday 7th November** the U11/10 Netball team played an away match against Beechwood. Emily O wrote, “even though there was a fire alarm in the middle of the match the team played really well. We won 13/8! A special mention must go to the Year 5 girls who were playing against Y6”. Miss Knowles chose Minty and Emily O as top players of the match. Well done girls!

Year 1 held their class assembly on **Thursday 8th November**. It was such a pleasure to watch. With a comprehensive review of the curriculum that they cover, including some impressive art work and enthusiastic singing in English and French, it was fluent and confident. Well done Year 1! It was also good to be joined by some of current Kindergarten parents whose children will be moving to Reception next year.

On **Thursday 8th November** the U9/8 football team played at home to Radnor House. One game was lost and one was won! Josh was man of the match for the first game and Teddy for the second. Well done boys!



On **Friday 9th November** Years 3 – 6 visited Hildenborough Church to take part in a multi-school Remembrance service. It was a thought provoking service, the children behaved impeccably and Archie E gave a beautiful reading and Emily R a lovely prayer.



I know we have only just reached Firework night but we are already ahead with rehearsals for Christmas events. The Nativity play takes places on **Thursday 6th December** from 9.30am – 10.30am will involve all the children in Little Fosse, Kindergarten, Reception and Years 1 and 2. Letters will be sent out shortly with more information regarding costumes.

The Christmas Carol Service will be at St Johns Church Hildenborough on **Tuesday 11th December** from 6.30pm – 7.30pm and will involve Year 2 to Year 6 with readings and singing. The families and friends of all our children are invited to this Carol Service. Just for information we have Tonbridge School Chapel booked for 2019 as we are planning to alternate between the two venues.

Please be advised that **Thursday 15th November** will be the last Science club. A special thank you also goes to Mrs Western for giving up her time to help the children with this club.

The holiday club booking system is live on ParentMail (in the Forms section) and closes on **Friday 15th November**. If you need childcare over the Christmas holiday period please make sure you have completed the form by this date. Invoices will be applied to accounts w/c 18th November with a deadline to settle these by 7th December 2018.

There are still some outstanding payments due for Phoenix club and we would ask that you action these over the weekend as the deadline has now passed. Your help with this is much appreciated. Phoenix and Breakfast club invoices for this term's usage will be applied to accounts at the end of the term.

As you may or may not know, we regularly advertise the school in various press articles and advertisements and we are now using Facebook and Twitter to help a wider audience know about our 'best kept secret in Kent', as a recent *Muddy Stilletos* review recently described us. I have employed a marketing consultant, Pintarget, on a short contract, to help us market the school in a focused way, particularly concentrating on social media. To this end, you are invited to respond to a very short and anonymous questionnaire from Pintarget. This can be accessed via the link: <https://fossebankfeedback.paperform.co>. I would be most grateful if you could find the time to complete this by **Friday 16th November**, as it will greatly assist Pintarget in focusing on what matters to other prospective parents. I thank you in advance for your support,

Finally, some of you may be aware that next week is *Children in Need* week. There is an event running called the Rickshaw Challenge (BBC, The One Show) where disabled children are cycling from Calais to Scotland. For Fosse Bank's contribution to Children in Need I would like us to cycle as far as we can next week and see if we can match their miles. I have stationary adult bikes (for which we thank Mr and Mrs Jackson, Mrs and Mrs Veenhuis and VO2) so that taller children, staff and parents can clock up some miles throughout the week. Please parents, if you possibly can, do drop in at any time and cycle a few miles for us.

All the children are invited to bring bicycles or scooters to school next **Friday 16th November** and all will have the opportunity to cycle a route on school property (not all at the same time!) to add to our total mileage. The children will need helmets if they normally wear one. In return donations should be made to Children in Need and collection buckets will be available on Friday throughout the day. Should it be tipping down with rain, the outside activity will be postponed to the following week. Pudsey Bear will also be visiting during the week. I think it will be fun!

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley
Headmistress

Diary Dates

Monday 19 th November	Nativity Rehearsal	9.00am – 10.15am
Tuesday 20 th November	Nativity Rehearsal	2.00pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 21 st November	Y3 Visit to Kent Life Museum (Stone Age Workshop)	9.00am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 21 st November	Assembly with Reverend Simon / Marcus	1.20pm
Thursday 22 nd November	Y2 Class Assembly – parents invited	9.00am
Friday 23 rd November	Celebration Assembly – Y6	1.20pm
Sunday 25 th November	Fosse Association Christmas Market	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Monday 26 th November	Nativity Rehearsal	9.00am – 10.15am
Tuesday 27 th November	Children to sing at Farmers Market	9.00am – 11.00am
Tuesday 27 th November	Y2 to walk about Hildenborough	9.00am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 27 th November	Nativity Rehearsal	1.45pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 28 th November	Assembly with Reverend Simon / Marcus	1.20pm
Wednesday 28 th November	Inter-House Netball (Year 3/4 followed by Y5/6 in games lesson)	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 29 th November	House meetings	9.00am
Friday 30 th November	Celebration Assembly – Y3	1.20pm
Friday 30 th November	Y3-6 to sing at Penshurst Christmas Market	6.00 – 7.00pm
3 rd – 7 th December	Last week of clubs	
Monday 3 rd December	Nativity Rehearsal	9.00am – 10.15am
Tuesday 4 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal	9.30am – 10.45am
Wednesday 5 th December	Sports Assembly in Sports Hall	1.20pm
Thursday 6 th December	EYFS – Year 2 Nativity	9.30 – 10.30am
Thursday 6 th December	Inter House football Y5/6 followed by Y3/4	1.40pm – 3.45pm
Friday 7 th December	Celebration Assembly – Y4	1.20pm
Friday 7 th December	Short Progress report to Parents	
Tuesday 11 th December	Rehearsal at church for concert	10.45am
Tuesday 11 th December	Christmas Concert at Hildenborough Church	6.30 – 7.30pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper day, Party Games then Christmas lunch	
13 th December to 8 th January	Christmas Holidays	