

Weekly Newsletter

Time is just flying and we find ourselves at October Half term already!

I am very sad to say that Mrs Ashworth will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Ashworth has been Head of Music for three years during which time she has transformed Fosse with truly creative music making in all the classes as seen in the Spring Concerts with many improvised pieces from the children. The end of year musical productions have not only shown the children producing excellent performances but having great fun while doing so thanks to the 'have a go' attitude that prevails in all Mrs Ashworth's lessons. Those who currently have piano lessons with Mrs Ashworth will be informed shortly of the new piano teacher.

Mrs Mountjoy-Hargreaves will be joining us from January. Previously at Kent College and Russell House, Mrs Mountjoy-Hargreaves comes with a wealth of prep school experience and, happily for Year 5, the ability to play the ukulele, and for Year 2, the recorder, as well as being an accomplished cellist and pianist.

I am delighted that Mrs Ashworth will be with us for the Carol Service on 2nd December. Those of you who were present for the service two years ago in Tonbridge School Chapel will remember just how magical an event this was and we look forward to singing in this beautiful chapel again this year. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 attend this service with their families, but parents from other years are warmly invited too to hear the Christmas music and readings. The music is now provisionally planned and if any parents (gentlemen in particular but not exclusively) with some experience of singing would like to take part and are able to attend a couple of rehearsals, including one in the morning of the 2nd December, I would be delighted to hear from you. Bearing in mind our many links with Tonbridge School I was delighted to see that it has just won the coveted title of Independent Boys School of the Year.

On **Monday 7th October** Toby Sampson came into school to help Y6 with their interview techniques. They had written their CVs, and they visited Miss Cordingley's office to be 'grilled' by Mr Sampson, who told me he was impressed by all the children.

Tuesday 8th October was a busy trip day for Y6 and Y1/2;

Y6 visited the Science Museum to enrich their learning of their science topic this term on 'Healthy Bodies'. During the visit they took part in a workshop entitled 'It takes Guts', a show about the digestive system. They also visited the Wonderlab, where they were able to get 'hands on' many different experiments.



Year 1 and 2 went off on their trip to Hildenborough Farmer's Market and Church. They carefully followed a map to see the route to and from our destination, pointing out landmarks on the way. The children showed impeccable manners the whole time, greeting everyone they met politely and thanking them as we left! They enjoyed handling their own

money to buy a cake and were very pleased to be able to have it with a drink we were offered while at the Farmer's Market. We considered and made notes on all the different items that we could buy at the market, comparing this to the One Stop shop on our way home.

The children also learned all about the science of the buildings around them (for our topic on Materials) and, in the church, related this to how the building is made to look grand and special. All in all, a successful trip and as Joshua put it "This is the best trip ever!"

On **Wednesday 9th October** the U11/10 football team played an away match against Radnor House. They played two great games which ended with the U11 playing wonderfully as a team, with fantastic passing, utilising the space well and scoring goals. The U10s found things a bit harder, but slowly grew into the game, having a strong second half. Special mention to Joshua in goal, keeping the score line a bit more respectable.



On **Thursday 10th October** the day began with Y5's class assembly. They showed us how we can all be Everyday Heroes – no need for a cape and a mask!

In the afternoon we sent a team to take part in the Somerhill Cross Country event. Many congratulations to all who took part and finished this gruelling course and particularly Iris who came 7th out of 150 pupils!



Y3 had fun this week making Frobscottle from the Roald Dahl's BFG, and then writing instructions in their English lesson.



On **Monday 14th October** we will be welcoming an African children's choir into school who will be performing and then holding workshops. It is an amazing chance for our children to experience a live performance of singing and drumming whilst at the same time affording the visiting choir a real cultural experience and gain an insight into an English school. For more information about the choir please follow this link - <http://pearlofafrica.org.uk/>.

Monday afternoon is our annual KS2 swimming gala at Tonbridge school pool. Races start at 2.00pm with all children participating. It promises to be an exciting competition and spectators and siblings are most welcome to attend. Please be advised that children taking part do not need to bring their school bag on this day. Please collect your children from Tonbridge pool unless your child is due to attend Phoenix Club and needs transporting back to school, in which case please make the School Office aware and they will be brought back in the school minibus.

Please note on **Tuesday 15th October** children from Y4 will be selling cakes and sweet treats at school pick up to raise money for their charity initiative – a guide dog.

May we draw your attention the recent email sent by the Fosse Association regarding the many events and activities planned over the next few weeks, the first being the Bags 2 School collection on 29th October and the pumpkin carving competition later that week.

Finally if you have not already completed the flu vaccination form (as per last week's letter) please ensure you have actioned this by Thursday 24th October. Please note the form also needs to be completed if you decline to consent to the vaccination.

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley
Headmistress

Diary Dates for the future

<i>16th – 25th October</i>	<i>Half Term (Holiday Club available)</i>	
Wednesday 30 th October	Inter house Hockey	1.40pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 31 st October	Pumpkin carving competition for £1	
Thursday 31 st October	Y6 Class assembly (parents invited)	9.00am – 9.30am
Thursday 31 st October	U9/8 girls Hockey v Hilden Grange (away at Tonbridge School)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 31 st October	Flu vaccinations Reception – Y6	
Friday 1 st November	Y5 trip to National Portrait Gallery	9.00am – 4.00pm
Friday 1 st November	Fosse Association – Pumpkin Treat Trail	3.45pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 6 th November	Music Recital - Individuals	9.00am – 10.00am
Wednesday 6 th November	U11/10 Netball v Derwent Lodge (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 6 th November	U11/10 football v Radnor (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 7 th November	Inter house football	1.40pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 7 th November	U9/8 netball v Russell House (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday 8 th November	Fosse Association meeting (music room)	9.00am- 9.30am
Monday 11 th November	Y3-6 Remembrance Service at Church	10.00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 13 th November	U11/10 Mixed Hockey v Hilden Oaks (away at Longmead)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 14 th November	U9/8 netball v Beechwood (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 20 th November	U11/10 Football v Beechwood (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 20 th November	U11/10 netball v Derwent Lodge (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 21 st November	U9/8 Football v Beechwood (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 21 st November	U9/8 netball v Radnor (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 21 st November	Y4 Class Assembly (parents invited)	9.00am - 9.30am

Thursday 21 st November	U9/8 Football v Beechwood (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday 22 nd November	Non uniform day in return for tombola bottles	
Friday 22 nd November	Own clothes day in exchange for tombola bottles	
Sunday 24 th November	Fosse Association – Christmas Market	
Wednesday 27 th November	U11/10 netball v Hilden Grange (TBA)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 28 th November	Y3 Class Assembly (parents invited)	9.00am – 9.30am
Thursday 28 th November	U9/8 netball v Hilden Grange (TBA)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Monday 2 nd December	Carol service rehearsal	9.00am – 12.00pm
Monday 2 nd December	Carol Service at Tonbridge School Chapel	6.00pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	Children to sing at Hildenborough Farmers Market	9.30am – 10.30am
Tuesday 3 rd December	High Hopes Panto	
Wednesday 4 th December	Sports Assembly	1.20pm – 2.20pm
Thursday 4 th December	U9/8 Netball v Radnor (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 4 th December	U9/8 football v Radnor (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 5 th December	EYFS to Y2 Nativity (parents invited)	9.30am – 10.30am
Friday 6 th December	Secret Santa	
Monday 9 th December	Little Fosse and Kindergarten reports to go out	
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas jumper day, parties, lunch and singing around the tree at 3.00pm	
12 th December – 7 th January	<i>Christmas holiday (Holiday Club available for some dates)</i>	
Thursday 9 th January	U8/9 Netball v Beechwood (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 15 th January	U11/10 Mixed Touch Rugby v Beechwood (Away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday 21 st January	Little Fosse & Kindergarten Parents Evening	3.45pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 6 th February	Y1/2 Assembly (parents invited)	9.00am – 9.30am
Thursday 6 th February	U9/8 rugby v Mead (TBA)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
17 th – 21 st February	<i>Half term (Holiday Club available)</i>	
Wednesday 26 th February	U10/11 Netball v Beechwood (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 27 th February	U9/8 Netball v The Mead (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd March	Individual Music Concert	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	
Thursday 5 th March	Poetry Recital	9.00am – 10.15am
Thursday 5 th March	U9/8 Netball v Russell House (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 5 th March	U9/8 rugby v Mead (TBA)	2.00pm – 5.00pm

See more comprehensive diary dates on the school website [here](#)