

Friday 28th February 2020

Weekly Newsletter

Welcome back to another new term – I do hope you enjoyed your half term break.

Thank you very much to everyone who donated towards Arthur's Quest today, we raised **£161.70!** If you would like to know more about the charity or make a donation then please visit the [website](#).

After a long career in teaching, of which ten years have been at Fosse Bank, Mrs Fiona Phillips has decided to leave teaching at the end of August to do all those things on her bucket list that she has not yet had time to do. Mrs Phillips has been an inspirational and hugely encouraging teacher to many children as well as a supportive colleague to many staff through her responsibility for the teaching of English and her enthusiasm for all her pupil's endeavours, including the impressive art work that Mrs Phillips is able to conjure from her children.

Mrs Harriet Jones has been with the school for three years during which time she has been a tremendous teacher, colleague and this year, a member of the leadership team. Wonderfully, for her, but sadly for Fosse, in September she is going to take the opportunity to go and teach at Marlborough College in Malaysia, an English International school. This is run by the Headmaster at Mrs Jones' own senior school. The school being just eight miles from Singapore, I know Mrs Jones and her husband will have an amazing time and she is looking forward to meeting orangutans in Borneo as well as her future pupils. I do hope she will return to Fosse in the future.

While both teachers are at Fosse until the end of the academic year, I am letting you know as I shall be advertising now for two teaching posts for September.

On **Tuesday** Y3 visited Pizza Express to further their learning about making bread. Danica, Emily and Erin said, 'we met Sophie who taught us how to flatten the dough, spoon on the tomato sauce and sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top. Whilst our pizza was cooking we were taken on a tour around the restaurant and up to the staffroom and even went inside the walk-in-fridge! We received a certificate and then came back to school and ate two slices of our pizzas. Best school trip ever!



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At the same time Reception visited the Farmers' Market. The children had not realised that the main attraction of this trip was riding in the minibus, but there was a huge buzz about this as they prepared to leave school. When they arrived at the church, volunteers advised them that the first thing on the agenda was a pancake race! The children raced in pairs and had to, weave in and out of the cones, stop to flip the pancake, step into a hoop and take it off over their heads, race to the finish line and flick their pancakes over the suspended pole and into a bucket. It was all very silly but great fun. If you were an amazing racer, you won yourself a medal! Racing was tiring work so afterwards the children headed inside to sit down and eat a pancake. They had a choice of toppings which included syrup, lemon juice and sugar or plain followed by some juice. It was a brilliant morning, everyone showed impeccable manners and despite being excited and full of sugary treats, they really did themselves proud! Well done Reception.



This week, two of our netball teams took to the courts. On **Wednesday**, our U10/11 girls played against visitors Beechwood. The game play was fairly even with our defence making some great interceptions in order to gain the ball. We worked hard to keep possession, but Fosse's efforts to move the ball into the circle was made difficult by Beechwood, who went on to win the match. Well done to the whole team and congratulations to players of the match, Anna and Iris.

On **Thursday**, we took an U8/9 netball team to The Mead. Again, an even match ensured the girls kept fighting to win possession. We made some fantastic interceptions which put pressure on our hosts and secured us a 2-1 win. Well done to all and also to player of the match, Imogen.



The booking system for Easter Holiday Club is now live on ParentMail and closes on **Monday 9th March at 9.00am**. Bookings after this date will not be possible once staffing has been arranged so please do not miss the deadline.

On **Tuesday** Y4 will be visiting the Apple Store at Bluewater for a STEM trip – please refer to the letter sent for more information. There is also an individual music concert on Tuesday, starting at 4.00pm in the hall. All parents and siblings are welcome to attend.

Dressing up for World Book Day will now be on **Wednesday**, not Friday as first advertised. This is due a photographer coming into school for which all children need to wear smart uniform with shiny shoes and hair tied back as usual.

Also as part of Book Week, Thursday morning is our whole school Poetry Recital, again in the hall and parents are welcome to attend. In the evening we will be holding our Bonfire, Hot Chocolate and Stories in the Yurt. Reception to Y4 are welcome from 5.30pm – 6.30pm and Y5 to Y6 from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Please let the School Office know if your child **will not** be attending.

A bookcase is now in position in the conservatory. This was a suggestion from a number of parents and the idea is that both children and parents can bring a book and take one at any time, just dropping 20p into the box. I have told the children that the money from the tin donations can be used for new playground equipment. First, of course, we need to fill the shelves, so all appropriate books will be appreciated.

In addition to the regular teacher, school and parent communications, we are proposing to introduce an ‘open classroom’ concept to our end of term activities, for children in our Reception to Year 6 classes. These will be held towards the end of each term and will give parents and family members the opportunity of a short visit to their child’s classrooms, where we will share with you your child’s work and you can see what the class has been working on throughout the term. Please also feel free to visit other classrooms, you may find it useful to see what the older years have been doing in preparation for future years!

We will be trialling this with the first open classroom to be held on **Friday 20th March, 9.00am – 9.30am**. The school day will start as normal, with the school being open to parents from 9.00am. We do hope you can join us.

Items on Parentmail that may require action:

- **French Trip** – one instalment for the remaining payment is now available.
- **Breakfast & Phoenix Club** – invoices have been applied to accounts and the deadline for payment to be received is the 9th March. If you are planning to use childcare vouchers please advise the school office.

School Council suggested that we had a Maths and English Mix Up morning and this will be taking place on 11th March. During the morning teachers will be hosting Maths and English sessions with titles such as ‘The Dragon within me’, ‘Tell me a Story’, ‘Snap’ just to name a few and the children have been given the titles of the sessions and made their choices.

Finally, please can I remind you that should your child require medication to be given during the school day a Medicine Form will need to be completed at the office.

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley
Headmistress

Diary Dates

Tuesday 3 rd March	Y4 to Apple Store at Bluewater STEM visit	9.00am – 3.45pm
Tuesday 3 rd March	Individual Music Concert	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 4 th March	World Book Day – Dressing up	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day / Poetry Recital	9.00am – 10.15am
Thursday 5 th March	Starry Night stories Reception to Y4 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm Y5 to Y6 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm	
Thursday 5 th March	U9/8 Netball v Russell House (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 5 th March	U9/8 rugby v Mead (home)	2.30pm – 5.00pm
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day Dress up (book characters)	
Friday 6 th March	Fosse Association Quiz	7pm onwards
Saturday 7 th March	Open Day	10.00 – 12.30pm
9 th – 13 th March	Open Week	
Wednesday 11 th March	Maths & English Mix Up morning	
Wednesday 11 th March	U11/10 Netball v Russell House (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 12 th March	Inter-house Cross Country for Sports Relief	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday 13 th March	Y5 to Brixton Chocolate museum	9.00am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 17 th March	Y1/2 trip to Howletts Wild Animal Park	9.00am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 18 th March	U11/10 Mixed Hockey v Beechwood (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 19 th March	Inter-house Touch Rugby (Y3-6)	2.30pm – 3.45pm
Friday 20 th March	Open classroom event	9.00am – 9.30am
Friday 20 th March	Mother's Day Ritzy Tea	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Monday 23 rd March	KS1 Swim Gala	9.00am- 12.00pm
Tuesday 24 th March	Spring Concert	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Sports Assembly	1.20pm – 2.20pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents Evening	4.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Service/Activities at Church - Y3-6	9.30am – 11.00am
Friday 27 th March	Fosse Association Easter Activities	
30 th March to 20 th April	<i>Easter Holiday Club available</i>	
Tuesday 21 st April	Staff Development Day	
Wednesday 22 nd April	Term Starts	
Tuesday 28 th April	SALUS Workshop for Y6	9.00am – 12.00pm
Friday 1 st May	Climate Change Workshops (Rec – Y6)	1.20pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 6 th May	U11/10 Boys Cricket v The Mead (Home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 6 th May	U11/10 Girls Cricket v Hilden Grange (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 7 th May	U9/8 Cricket v Hilden Grange (TBC)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Friday 8 th May	VE Day Bank Holiday	
Thursday 14 th May	Y3 Class Assembly	9.00am – 9.30am
19 th – 22 nd May	Y5/6 French Trip	
25 th – 29 th May	<i>Half Term – Holiday Club available Tue to Fri</i>	
Wednesday 3 rd June	U11/10 Girls Cricket v Russell House (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 10 th June	Individual Music Concert	9.00am – 10.00am
Thursday 11 th June	Y1/2 Class Assembly	9.00am – 9.30am
Friday 19 th June	Harry Potter Day	

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