

Friday 7th February 2020

Weekly Newsletter

It is always sad when a teacher leaves us and Mrs Carpenter will be leaving Fosse at Easter. Having started teaching here in 2006, with just a brief spell in another school, there are a great many children who have passed through her class and will have very fond and happy memories of their time with Mrs Carpenter. She has made a difference to the school with her lively teaching, outstanding pastoral care for the children and the pride she has in her pupils when they produce outstanding work (that is to say, most of the time!) Mrs Carpenter is not retiring, but going to do all those things she has not had time to do yet and we will wish her all the best when the time comes.

Wednesday afternoon saw Years 3 to 6 take part in our annual Inter-House Netball tournament. The Year 6 House Captains took on the challenge of carefully planning their own house team, bearing in mind the skills of all the boys and girls. With mixed age groups playing, it was a great opportunity to see plenty of teamwork in Chartwell, Hever, Penshurst and Scotney. The children's ability to defend and intercept really stood out, as did their shooting - a whopping 24 goals were scored! Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer them on.



Year 1/2 were absolute stars in their assembly on **Thursday**. The *Emperor's New Clothes* was wonderfully acted and sung and was very funny at the right moments. The children especially enjoyed the part when the Emperor was showing off his underwear! The children enjoyed speaking and singing to all the parents.





After the assembly Mr Keepin called us via FaceTime from the Yomelelani Pre-School in Zwelihle and we met the children who sang us a wonderful song! Fosse Bank reciprocated and sang Siyahamba whereupon they joined in with us – a wonderful moment. It was lovely to see where all the kind toy donations have been sent.

Please be reminded that on Monday **23rd March** we will be holding our Reception to Year 2 Swimming Gala in the school pool from 9.30am – 10.30am. The children will also be joined by Kindergarten, some of whom will be taking part whilst the others cheer along from the side of the pool. The children have been working very hard on developing their swimming skills and enjoyment of being in the water and we will be celebrating their achievements at this event. All children in Reception to Year 2 are expected to take part.

Children should wear their school swimming kit (Girls Plain Royal Blue Swimsuit/Boys Plain Royal Blue trunks) for Reception to Y2, along with their house coloured hat. Please provide two towels so that one can be taken poolside.

Spectators are most welcome to attend but please remember that it is very warm poolside.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this exciting event. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Martin via email (mmartin@fossebankschool.co.uk).

Mrs Martin would also like to remind parents that should children have a verruca they can take part in their swimming lessons providing they have an appropriate [verruca sock](#).

Do not forget the FA Quiz Night which is taking place on Friday 6th March 2020 from 7.30pm. The evening will include a wide variety of team questions (last year's "build a fashionable outfit from recyclable objects" springs to mind!), FA bar and lots of laughs along the way. You can join this event by arranging yourselves into teams of 8 and signing up on the new FA community board (situated behind the bar in the school conservatory). Sign-up sheets and flyers are up in the conservatory and the entrance fee is £10 per head, payable to the FA bank account as follows (please use your Surname and the word 'Quiz' as a reference).

Sort code: 60-21-28

Account: 82037353

Name: Fosse Association

We would ask that all teams are registered by **Friday 28th February 2020**. Contact your class rep for more information

Items on Parentmail that may require action:

- **World Book Day Workshop** – West End Schools will be coming in to run Drama workshops with a World Book Day theme for Reception to Y6. Cost is £4.00 and deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 10th February 2020**.
- **French Trip** – two instalments for the remaining payments are now available.
- **February Half Term Holiday Club** – invoices are live on ParentMail and need to be actioned by **Friday 7th February**.
- **Y5/6 French Trip** – Final Information form – please complete these form by Friday 14th February
- **Y1/2 trip to Howletts** – invoice is live on ParentMail for this trip. The deadline for payment to be received is 24th February.

Miss Greener would like to thank everyone for the kind donation of coats that have been coming in this week. She now has over 300 safely stored. A large selection are heading off to a local food bank in half term to be given out to those people who need them. If you know of any organisations (food banks, churches, health professionals) please do share this project with them to further spread the message to ensure Coats for Kids can help as many people as possible. If anyone would like to make contact you can do so via coatsforkidstwellsandtonbridge@outlook.com.

The girls in Year 5 are having a cake sale in aid of animals which have been hurt in the Australian fires. It will be held immediately after school on **14th February**. Cakes and biscuits will cost between 50p and £1.00 and you are all invited to visit the tea and cake stall in the gazebo.

Final reminder is that Y6 will be visiting Biggin Hill Airport on Monday – please see the letter that has been sent for more information regarding this.

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley
Headmistress

Diary Dates

Wednesday 12 th February	U11/10 Netball v Hilden Grange (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 13 th February	U9/8 Netball v Sevenoaks Prep (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Friday 14 th February	School Council Takeover day	
17 th – 21 st February	Half term (Holiday Club available)	
Tuesday 25 th February	Reception to Farmers Market for Pancake races	9.30am – 10.30am
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)	2.30pm – 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	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	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
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
Tuesday 24 th March	Spring Concert	6.30pm – 7.30pm
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

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