

Friday 13th March 2020

Weekly Newsletter

Uncertain times mean we are all having to think differently about what we do. I am confident that we have the short term future covered, largely thanks to the very efficient staff at Fosse, and particularly Miss Greener.

You will have received yesterday an update on the coronavirus, together with a new policy to answer as many questions as possible. You will also have seen the instructions on how your child can access the Fosse Bank Virtual Classrooms on SharePoint in the event the school is advised to close. Please ensure your child has attempted to login in as soon as possible and advise the School Office of any problems in logging in.

In line with new recommendations from the government, from **Monday** if your child has mild symptoms of a cold or cough or temperature we are asking you not to send them to school for 7 days. Parents will be asked to collect any children presenting with these symptoms whilst at school.

With the Easter holidays fast approaching, please can you ensure that you make the school aware if you, or any members of your family are planning to travel to infected regions in the UK and overseas. Detailed maps of specified areas can be found [here](#).

Last Friday the Fosse Association held their annual quiz night. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and for those involved in the organising. It was a wonderful event and raised over £250 pounds for a worthy cause – Arthur's Quest. A special thank you to the quiz masters who made the evening so much fun for all. Some pictures below of the 'hat making from recyclables' challenge!



On **Wednesday** we had a great English and Maths Mix up morning where the children were able to choose different sessions to work with different teachers and in mixed year groups. In maths we had activities such as smarties fractions, shopping, emoji codes and number games whilst in English, we had such activities as word play, poetry about dragons and story writing. The children enjoyed the different range of activities and the mixing up of the morning.

Also on **Wednesday** the U11/10 netball team played a match against Russell House. In general the team were stronger however Russell House gained an early lead. When the netball was their end, Russell House were fearless. By the end of the 3rd quarter we were 5-2 down. Mrs Rose gave a good pep talk to the team and at the end of the match Fosse Bank were victorious, with a win of 7-5! Well done to everyone who played.

Iris Fairbairn

Thursday should have been our Inter-House Cross Country but the recent wet weather forced a postponement. Instead the houses took the chance to instead compete in an Inter-House Rugby competition.

Despite a slightly soggy pitch and a few downpours, children in Years 3 to 6 took part in our annual Inter-House Touch Rugby event on Thursday. All of the boys and girls have been working on their Rugby skills since January and the competition was the perfect opportunity for them to showcase what they have learned.

Some great team work from all of the Houses meant that all of the matches were incredibly close scoring games! Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to winners, Chartwell.

Results

Chartwell	Hever
8	5

Chartwell	Penshurst
9	7

Chartwell	Scotney
6	6

Penshurst	Scotney
5	4

Hever	Scotney
6	6

Hever	Penshurst
6	9

Our Spring Concert is due to take place on **Tuesday 24th March** from 6.30pm in the Sports Hall. Please see attached letter for more information regarding this event.

Items on ParentMail that may require action:

- **Easter Holiday Club** – invoices are live and the deadline for payment to be received is **24th March 2020**. If you are planning to use childcare vouchers please make the School Office aware.
- **Swim Badges** – invoices for badges that will be given to out at the next Sports Assembly. The deadline for payment to be received is **20th March 2020**.
- **Parents Evening** – the system is live on ParentMail to book your appointments to see teachers on **25th March 2020**. The system closes on the 24th March.
- **Mother's Day Ritzy Tea** – under the Events section on ParentMail please complete this form if you are planning to attend this event so we can plan accordingly.

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 on **Friday 20th March** 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! There will also be a café in the Music Room with myself if you would like refreshment afterwards.

On **Friday 27th March** it will be Arthur's Quest - Superhero Day. Little Fosse, Pen'y Fan, Kindergarten and Reception classes are invited to come into school dressed as superheroes and there will be activities and party snacks. Arthur unfortunately missed our own clothes day due to being unwell. Many thanks to those who have already donated. If you would like to know more information or donate please visit <https://uk.gofundme.com/f/answers-for-arthurslc6a1-raregenes>.

The Fosse Association are asking for **Little Fosse to Year 2** parents to provide cakes (homemade or shop bought) for the Mother's Day Ritzy Tea on **Friday 20th March 2020** for Little Fosse to Year 2.

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley
Headmistress

Diary Dates

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 Rugby v Beechwood (home)	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](#)