

Weekly Newsletter

As you are aware we are currently advertising for two new teaching posts within the school. The following is not set in stone, it may still depend on applicants for the advertised teaching posts, but the plan for the next academic year from September 2020 for Year 2 to 6 is as follows:

Year 1	Mrs Coates-Dale (full time)
Year 3	Mrs Baumhauer
Year 4	Mrs Boyce job share with new Y4 part time teacher
Year 5	New teacher (experienced specifically in teaching Year 5)
Year 6	Mr Tipler
Staff for French, Music, PE, Forest, and Learning Support remain the same.	

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The Department of Education has now launched a new Coronavirus helpline for parents and staff to help answer questions related to education:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk (8am to 6pm Monday to Friday)

They have also launched this week an Action Plan which can be accessed via this [link](#). We have been advised that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England. Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. The latest information regarding COVID-10 can be found by visiting the government's [website](#) and travel advice for those travelling can be found [here](#).

The Government [guidance](#) makes it clear that self-isolation is only required in specific circumstances:

1. Where staff or pupils are 'contacts' of confirmed cases of Coronavirus. The definition of a contact includes:
 - *any pupil, student or staff member in close face-to-face or touching contact including those undertaking small group work (within 2 metres of the case for more than 15 minutes)*
 - *talking with or being coughed on for any length of time while the individual is symptomatic*
 - *anyone who has cleaned up any bodily fluids of the individual*
 - *close friendship groups*
 - *any pupil, student or staff member living in the same household as a confirmed case, or equivalent setting such as boarding school dormitory or other student accommodation*
2. Where pupils or staff have travelled to a Category 1 specified country or area, **even when they are currently well** and not displaying symptoms. This includes Wuhan City and Hubei Province; Iran; Daegu and Cheongdo in South Korea and certain Italian towns under containment measures.
3. Where pupils or staff have travelled to a Category 2 specified country or area, only if they develop symptoms. This currently includes the remaining part of Italy (including those other parts of Northern Italy not in Category 1); China and South Korea; Cambodia; Hong Kong; Japan; Laos; Macau; Malaysia; Myanmar; Singapore; Taiwan; Thailand and Vietnam.

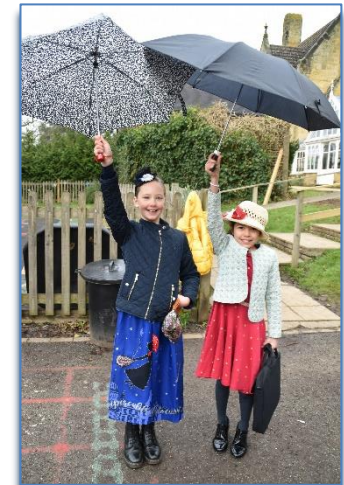
With the Easter holidays fast approaching, please can you ensure that you make the school aware if you, or any members of your family are planning to travel to infected regions in the UK and overseas. Detailed maps of specified areas can be found [here](#).

FOSSE BANK

On **Tuesday** Y4 visited the Apple Store at Bluewater. The children were learning how to block code with Sphero robots. First they learnt how to code with basic instructions, by the end of the session they were programming their robots through obstacle courses! It was a wonderful trip and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Wednesday was full of colour thanks to World Book Day dress up! The outfits were amazing and we held a parade at our lunchtime assembly and each child shared with everyone which character / book they were dressed as.



Thursday was our whole school Poetry Recital. It was an absolute joy on Thursday to hear every child from Reception to Year 6 recite a poem to the school and many parents who were able to attend. I was particularly proud of those who have previously been shy in this event but really shone with confidence this time. Congratulations are due to everyone for their choice of poem and the excellent reciting of it.

Good luck to everyone taking part in tonight's Fosse Association quiz which starts at 7.30pm. All proceeds from the quiz will be donated to Arthur's Quest along with last week's own clothes day donations.

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. Year 3 upwards are asked to provide cakes for the FA Easter Event on Friday 27th March 2020.

The booking system for Easter Holiday Club is still 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.

The bookcase in the conservatory is starting to fill up! The idea is that both children and parents can bring a book and take one at any time, just dropping 20p into the box. All donations go towards new playground equipment.

Items on Parentmail that may require action:

- **Phoenix Club** – invoices have been applied to accounts and the deadline for payment to be received is the 6th March. If you are planning to use childcare vouchers please advise the school office.

Finally I have good news regarding the owl box which has been installed today. Fingers crossed we will be able to share information regarding new inhabitants in the not too distant future.

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 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](#)