

13 November 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Whilst Armistice Day was very different as we were unable to come together as a whole school and remained in our pods, it was still a very moving experience. All the children were, of course, impeccably well behaved and respectful during our two minutes silence.



Class Pods

Now that most exams are over for our Year 6 children, the combined Year 5 and 6 pod has been restored. We are all keeping up our defences until the vaccine reaches us.

Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day – Monday 16 November



Fosse Bank will be participating in Anti-Bullying Week next week to raise awareness of bullying. On Monday all children (and staff!) are invited to come to school wearing odd socks.

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks. It couldn't be simpler!

100 Club

In Year 3 and above we run the '100 Club' (100 questions completed accurately in five minutes) to show progress and achievement in learning multiplication tables which then move on to include percentages, fractions and decimals. Mrs Baumhauer has only ever given out one Diamond Award for achieving the Platinum Plus 6 level and today Benjamin in Year 5 has received his Diamond Award and is the youngest person to have achieved this. Congratulations Benjamin!

Holiday Club

Information regarding sessions which are available to book for our Holiday Club have been issued today via Parentmail. Please note that, depending on numbers, we could have two holiday pods, one for older and one for the younger children. This could be Little Fosse with Kindergarten, and Reception upwards. Those parents who are keyworkers will have priority.

We are able to offer this as there is a gap between holiday club and the beginning of the spring term when the children will return to their school pods. Note that children would, at the end of term, be going from school pods to Holiday Club pods with only a weekend between.

If you would like to take advantage of the Holiday Club, please would you ensure your child is booked on via Parentmail which closes on **Monday 23rd November 2020**.

Congratulations to Clarissa in Year 6 who has won a National Poetry Competition. Well done Clarissa!

“A Simple Cat Am I” by Clarissa aged 10,

A simple cat am I,
snuggling down, I sense the day go by.
Reclining on a soft, silk pillow;
lounging in sun-dappled shade by the willow.

A thankful cat am I,
for the mice that creep, the birds that fly.
Animals that sacrifice their meat,
to make the juicy food I joyously eat.

A curious cat am I,
long tail twitching like a flag on high.
Watching! Eyes of inquisitive green
spy dragonflies dance with electric-blue sheen.

A grateful cat am I.
Loved from birth until the day I die.
Dawn ‘til dusk I feel heavenly bliss.
Other cats don’t experience life like this.

Best wishes,

Alison Cordingley.