

20 November 2020

Dear Parents,

Covid 19:

We have been very lucky at Fosse to have kept all our pods at school so far. This is due to luck and us all being very cautious, while trying to avoid unnecessary impact on the children.

As of today we have a Little Fosse child off school as their parent has had a positive test. (Very light symptoms, I am glad to say). The child is being tested and, should it be positive, I will let you know. That child happens not to have been in school since Monday, although the positive result in the parent was only known today.

We keep tweaking our procedures and I am **asking parents, from Monday 23rd November**, to wear face coverings when delivering and picking up children from school please. It is also essential that children in different pods do not play together outside when they are collected please.

Should your family find you have contracted Covid at a weekend or in the evening, it is useful for me to know as early as possible. The office being shut at these times, please would you email me at headteacher@fossebankschool.co.uk and also Mrs Baumhauer S.Baumhauer@fossebankschool.co.uk for children in Reception to Year 6.

Parents of those in Little Fosse or Kindergarten should email me headteacher@fossebankschool.co.uk and also Miss Ovenden M.Ovenden@fossebankschool.co.uk

We are following Government advice to keep doors and windows open for the best ventilation around classrooms and as the weather gets chilly I suggest the children wear more layers if they feel the cold. Jumpers and blazers are fine, but under layers can also be a good idea. Having said that, many of the older children seem reluctant to wear even jumpers or coats outside! Gloves and scarves will be needed soon – the new design of school scarf is very smart.

On Monday we saw the children participate in Odd Socks day in support of *United Against Bullying Week*. Discussion on the topic this week has given the children an opportunity to reflect on bullying and how it can make people feel. They also know that we are a school with zero tolerance of bullying.





The huge Christmas tree is now up, provided, as always by one of our Trustees, Mr Douglas Wanstall, to whom we are very grateful. It is early, but we want to make the most of it during the next three weeks.

Nativity Day – Tuesday 1st December in the absence of the usual Nativity plays in which the children would either take part or watch, we have a plan! We would like to invite children, if they wish, to wear a costume from a nativity scene. Kings, shepherds, sheep, stars and angels, lots of Mary's and Joseph's will be good to see. Please do not feel compelled to buy a costume, basics are fine with sheets, a halo on a headband, a sheep mask or anything simple. We will take class pictures/videos to show parents.

Christmas cards – Internal Post boxes:

It is not mandatory that children will send each other Christmas Cards, but as we have been asked if they can do so this year, please can any cards be brought in by 4th December. These will then be sorted and delivered to children on 10th December to take home.

Nativity - Little Fosse and Kindergarten are producing a Nativity play which will be distributed to their parents via Tapestry. The recording will be made on Wednesday 2nd December.

Most children will remember the remarkable session we had seeing and singing with children at the Yomelelani School in South Africa through FaceTime last year. We continue to support them so Christmas jumpers may be worn on the last day in return for a donation of £1 to this charity.

Just for fun! Next week some members of staff are going to be taking on the 'Fosse Feast' eating

challenge. Chef Jane is going to lovingly prepare 5 delicious delicacies (not!) and the children in Year 3 upwards can vote as to decide which member of staff eats which dish. The children will observe their teachers on Zoom. Thank you staff for being such good sports!

Fosse Association

Thank you all for your contributions to Fosse Association funds with unwanted clothes and so forth that you brought in this week.

Santa's Grotto – Today is the last day to sign your child up for the Fosse Association's Santa Grotto. If you would like your child to take part, please arrange payment to them. Their account details are as follows:

Account number: 82037353 Sort code: 60-21-28

Please pay £8 per child with child's name and class as the reference.

Reminder Holiday Club

If you wish to use the holiday club for your child, we would be grateful if you could please complete the form that was sent to parents last week via Parentmail and ensure this is done by **Monday 23rd November 2020**.

Best wishes,

Alison Cordingley.