

27 November 2020

Dear Parents,

First, can I congratulate all those involved in the making of the 2021 School Calendar. It is a triumph and I will be proud to send a copy to my family and friends for Christmas.

### **Year 5**

I am pleased to say that we have appointed a teacher to work with Mrs Ferguson-Gow as the other part of a job share from January. Her name is Mrs Francesca Affleck and she arrives with a great deal of experience of teaching, predominantly in Years 5 and 6 and including preparing children for senior school. This as well as having been teaching consultant in Singapore and the UAE, with a Master's degree taken in Finland and a book on the UAE to her name. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Affleck to the school in January.

### **Absences/ Covid**

If your child is going to be absent or needs collecting early due to a medical appointment. We would be grateful if parents would please inform the school office rather than the teacher either by email or telephone. Teachers are not always able to see emails first thing in the morning whereas the office staff will. If the office do not have notification as to why a child is not in school a member of the office, either Mrs Martin or Miss Stevens will call you as we have a duty of care and should know why pupils are not in school. Thank you for your help in this.

COVID-19: during these difficult times, we are all being urged to follow the government guidelines, 'Wash your hands, cover your face and make space.' With that in mind, we ask everyone to leave space between themselves and others. Thank you all for wearing face coverings at drop off and pick up times. Should you have a child who shows Covid symptoms and have a test, please would you keep me informed as I can then pass on relevant information, particularly important for those families with vulnerable family members. We will never name names, just inform the Fosse Bank community of any incidences of suspected symptoms. Should a child have a positive test, then I would follow advice from the Local Protection Team and you would be advised as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Mr Tipler, Mrs Richardson, Mr Kington, Miss Ochmann, Mr Hickmott, and Mrs Rose for being such good sports as they tucked into eyeballs, cockroaches, maggots and so forth. They were all extremely brave and the whole school enjoyed watching them from the safety of their classrooms. The cries of encouragement could be heard from all round the school! Thank you too Chef Jane for producing these individual delicacies.



## Instagram Account

Fosse Bank has recently set up an Instagram Account where we will regularly post items to showcase the Fosse Bank experience. Please follow us as @fossebankschool

A parental permission slip to enable us to use your child's image on Instagram will be sent home with your child. We would be grateful if this could be signed (separate one for each child) and returned to the school office by next Friday at the latest.

Best wishes,

*Alison Cordingley.*