

8th January 2021

Dear Parents,

This week we are pleased to welcome Alice and Aaron to the Reception class and Emily to Year 4.

Nine days ago we were expecting all the children to be in school and with four days' notice including the weekend we had to close. I do feel for people in those schools who were in on Monday and closed on Tuesday.

Reception to Y6 children are online, and hats off to those staff organising the breakout rooms, split screens and clever technical magic to help the children learn. My appreciation too to all those parents who are managing home learning again. Having PE, music and French in the timetable has, judging from the comment I have had from you, obviously made a big difference.

Every family has its own stresses and worries, but from what I see of the children, they just get on with their new normal and like to learn and see their friends and teachers. The children online have, apart from the very few with internet problems, been amazing in their independence and quality of work. It has been a pleasure to both teach, and to pop into virtual classrooms to see the children really focused and keen.

Unfortunately we are not able to staff the Little Fosse class at the moment and those parents will have received a letter about this.

For those children of Keyworkers and Kindergarten children who are in school we have added additional procedures to keep everyone safe. I do appreciate the care that those coming into school are taking to keep themselves and others safe.

I am readily available at headteacher@fossebankschool.co.uk for an email or to arrange a Zoom or phone call.

Best wishes,

Alison Cordingley