

23 April 2021

Dear Parents,

How lovely to come back to school in the sun, even if we are still scraping ice of our cars in the mornings! The children have enjoyed playing on the fields this week.

### **Covid 19**

We are still in Covid mode but are making some small relaxations this term. Still socially distancing from children in other pods, we think Years 3 to 6 can now come in between 8.30 am and 8.40 am, and Reception and Year 1 between 8.40 am and 8.50 am.

The children still sanitise their hands each time they arrive, when moving around the school and either side of break times. Banisters are still sanitised by the teacher every time a class goes up and down the stairs, and lunch is eaten in pods. As we are taking such steps to keep everyone safe we would be grateful if, once the children have been reunited with you after school, they stayed with you rather than playing with each other. If you are collecting children after 4.00 pm please would you go round to the conservatory. Staff are taking a lateral test twice a week. You probably know already, but parents of school age children can get free kits to do so too if you want to. (Parents, not the children).

Choir for Years 5 & 6 will resume next Tuesday at 8am. Running Club has re-started for Years 3-6 on a Wednesday at 8:00 am. Piano and guitar lessons are also back. Please email Mrs Martin if you would like your child to attend either of these clubs. From September, assuming Covid restrictions are as now, we anticipate returning to a full programme of clubs for all years.

If you have time, do look at the pictures on the consultation document on the website. The new Eco building will house Years 3 to 6 with a library, new kitchens and dining hall and specialist teaching rooms which will be also accessed by Years 1 and 2. Early Years will be able to spread out on the ground floor of the main building and Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be upstairs in the refurbished main building with more space and their own library.

On Monday we welcome our new swimming teacher, Fraser Corbett, who currently teaches at Fosse for one of the swimming schools who lease our pool when we are not using it. He will teach Kindergarten to Year 4 and will have Mrs Martin teaching with him, as well as another adult at the side of the pool for the younger classes. I know most children will not have been swimming for some time and I am expecting a mixture of excitement and some trepidation to start with. The older classes will resume lessons at Tonbridge School pool on Monday too.

I wish you all a happy and sunny weekend,

Best wishes

*Alison Cordingley.*

Miss Alison Cordingley  
Headmistress

## Breakfast and Phoenix Club

Please email the office to book your child in for Breakfast or Phoenix club. We would be grateful if you would please also inform the office if your child is NOT going to attend a particular booked session, preferably the day before as food will have been prepared for your child. We of course understand that there will be times when this is not possible in an emergency.

## Reminders:

We are finalising the details of children in Year 5 regarding coaching sessions that are being run on some Saturdays in June/July and also a block of sessions during August. If you haven't already done so, please let me know by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April [office@fossebankschool.co.uk](mailto:office@fossebankschool.co.uk). We will be adding the charges for these sessions to your Parentmail account. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Diary Dates

<b>Early May Bank Holiday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 – no children in school</b>
Year 5/6 residential trip	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 according to Covid rules
Reception & Year 1 Poetry Recital	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 3.20pm - outside gazebo
Poetry Recital – Year 5	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 3.50pm - outside gazebo
Poetry Recital – Years 3 and 4	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 3.30pm - outside gazebo
Poetry Recital – Year 6	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 3.50pm - outside gazebo
<b>Half term</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May- 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>
11+ Session – Year 5	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June – 9am-12pm
11+ Session – Year 5	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June – 9am-12pm
Sports Day	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Whole School Photograph	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00am
FA Campover tbc	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June – more details to follow
11+ Session – Year 5	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June – 9am-12pm
Summer Production	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June - Matinee
	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June - Evening production
11+ Session – Year 5	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July – 9am-12pm
Sports Assembly	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Prizegiving	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (Afternoon)
Leavers' Assembly	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (Afternoon)
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>
11+ Holiday Sessions – Year 5	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August – 9am-11.30am
<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021</b>