

7 May 2021

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday Russell House sent three teams over for cricket fixtures against all our U11/10 children. With three matches spread across the sports fields there was plenty of excellent bowling, superb fielding and wonderful batting. Special mentions go to Christopher for his bowling, Teddy for his batting and Clarissa for her fielding. Fosse Bank managed to come out on top in all three fixtures, so well done to all. A big thank you to Mr Kington and his team for preparing the three pitches for us. A thank you to the Fosse Association (that is to say, all of you) for buying new cricket shirts, our children now look very smart.

I think this is probably the swimming parents rather than any of you, but just a reminder to drive in and out of the grounds slowly and safely please. A few people have been spotted on the phone recently. Swimming parents have been reminded of the rules this week so I hope that will be the end of it.

We expect Miss Davies back on Monday but I have so enjoyed teaching Reception for some sessions this week and I am quite reluctant to give the children back. I have also enjoyed tie-dying with Y6 and Y4, and lunch with Reception and Y1 has been a revelation; how do such slight children manage to put away so much food! Puddings may be restricted to one pudding and then fruit, but vegetables have surely never been so popular.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome some children into Reception and Y4 for taster days and with two more prospective families visiting late today (always after 4pm due to Covid) it feels as if we really are getting back to normal.

I am including below, a letter that Chef Simon wrote to me this week as I found it inspiring, and very Fosse. We are also very lucky to have Chef Jane running a cookery classes next academic year. Should we succeed in being able to build as planned, I anticipate more cooking classes being available to both children and adults.

I wanted to take the time to write to you, to firstly thank you for supporting The Pollen Partnership. 2020 has been a challenging year for everyone, from those in hospitality, to airlines and us in education. We have had to adapt to new ways of working, new regulations and new challenges that many of us have never experienced before. I am very proud of our Pollen People, and hope we have been able to support you, as you have supported us. We really enjoy working with you at Fosse Bank.

*2021 and beyond presents a number of exciting opportunities for us, and we are starting by changing the way in which we support your pupils educational experience. When I created The Pollen partnership in 2018, I did so to challenge the way school catering is delivered, looking to create a stronger partnership between caterers and educators. My wife was a PE teacher for a number of years, with many of our family friends being in education. One thing that stuck out to me was the lack of quality in the food being delivered, but also the apparent lack of care by contractors. At The Pollen Partnership, we always try to support the fantastic work of your teaching staff, and our new **Food Event Calendar** looks to support your team even further. We have started to draft various events throughout the year, which will look to reinforce the hard work that teachers do, whilst bringing to life the fun element of learning. Highlights would include a focus on literature, such as Roald Dahl Day including 'Matilda's super power salad bar' & 'Charlie and the chocolate factory's super sticky toffee goop' or education about different cultures and history such as Black history month featuring dishes such as Jamaican chicken or stews.*

*Through our **Seasonality Calendar**, we will look to train, develop and educate our teams further on the importance of sustainability, seasonality and the positive impact that it can have on the environment and the food they produce. We will focus on increasing the locality of produce to support British farmers and continue to provide the very best quality food that nurtures hungry minds. We are working on companywide accreditations, from 'Slow food' to 'MCS'. School catering has historically been about creating food that is easy, quick and cheap. This has never been the main focus for The Pollen Partnership. As such, we will look to develop recipe cards and increase our teams' skills which will enable us to provide a wider range of recipes for them to draw on, adding variety to your pupils' meals. Focusing on the ingredients we use will enable us to create balanced meals, that support pupils learning and development.*

Simon Silvester

To the wonderful sound and smell of our playing fields being mowed near my office, I wish you all a good weekend,

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley.

Miss Alison Cordingley
Headmistress

Diary Dates

Year 5/6 residential trip	w/c 17 th May 2021 according to Covid rules
FA Meeting	Friday 21 st May – 9am – Sports Hall tbc
Reception & Year 1 Poetry Recital	Monday 24 th May 2021 – 3.20pm - outside gazebo
Poetry Recital – Year 5	Tuesday 25 th May 2021 – 3.50pm - outside gazebo
Poetry Recital – Years 3 and 4	Wednesday 26 th May 2021 – 3.30pm - outside gazebo
Poetry Recital – Year 6	Thursday 27 th May 2021 – 3.50pm - outside gazebo
Half term	Monday 31st May- 4th June
11+ Session – Year 5	Saturday 12 th June – 9am-12pm
FA Bag2School Collection	Friday 18 th June
11+ Session – Year 5	Saturday 19 th June – 9am-12pm
Sports Day	Wednesday 23 rd June
Whole School Photograph	Thursday 24 th June 10.00am
FA Campover tbc	Friday 25 th June – more details to follow
11+ Session – Year 5	Saturday 26 th June – 9am-12pm
Summer Production – Yrs 3-6	Tuesday 29 th June - Matinee
	Wednesday 30 th June - Evening production
11+ Session – Year 5	Saturday 3 rd July – 9am-12pm
Sports Assembly	Wednesday 7 th July
Prizegiving	Thursday 8 th July (Afternoon)
Leavers' Assembly	Friday 9 th July (Afternoon)
Term Ends	Friday 9th July



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11+ Holiday Sessions – Year 5	Monday 23 rd August - Friday 27 th August – 9am-11.30am
Term Starts	Thursday 2nd September 2021