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Dear Parents



Two exciting projects have been launched today. The first, led by Mr William Glover, one of our governors who is very involved with the English Speaking Union, was joined today by three other members of this charitable foundation. William Glover has written a book which has been illustrated by Chinese students working with the ESU, and the ESU has today presented each pupil with a copy of this inspiring book. It is beautifully illustrated and I hope the children will treasure their books. Years 4 to 6 will, as part of the English curriculum be writing their own e-book over the coming months. Our visitors were impressed that many children had already chosen their theme. The idea is that it should be the true voice of the child, writing something that they feel strongly about, which could be a dog, a toy, climate change or anything else. These books will be available on our website when complete. There will be prizes awarded later in the year.

The second launch of the day is the Homework Challenge. Your child from Reception to Year 6 will have received a grid of 90 homework activities. These are in addition to normal homework and are optional. They include many different kinds of tasks and the children have allocated a range of Challenge points to each activity. Tasks can be completed by siblings and the full points allotted to both children. Parents do NOT collect challenge points so please keep only a very light hand on any activities! If an activity is completed at school the teacher will physically sign it off. If at home please would you sign it and if practical send in a photo if it is a practical homework challenge. X challenge points (tbc) will equal prizes.

I would like to thank all the parents who met with us on Wednesday and gave us the opportunity to outline our plans for the school, the proposed new facilities, and how we can make it happen. I was pleased to hear today that parents appreciated talking to those ex-parents who are 'Patramus'. The

evening raised three important questions from parents and I thought it useful to share them with all parents. They were:

1. *What is Patramus?* Representatives of those very committed parents who bought this building eighteen years ago.
2. *What happens if we do not get the development?* The school would continue as now but with a much, much slower refurbishment.
3. *When will it happen?* The planning application is with the council and from when we hear the result it is likely to take two years to complete the project.

We are proposing a series of further drop-in sessions for parents to meet members of Patramus; to give you the opportunity to hear first-hand about our plans and ask questions. If an evening meeting or drop-in sessions during the day would be useful, please let me know and it will be arranged.

You can find more information about the proposals on the school's website at <https://fossebankschool.co.uk/development-proposals/>

We really need the Council to hear that our parents are supportive of our proposals. Can I please ask you, if you have not already done so, to give your views by clicking on this link?

<https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=R182YSQH0IA00&activeTab=summary>

Children in Years R-6 have enjoyed a visit this afternoon from West End in Schools drama company, partaking in a workshop getting inside the minds of characters and immersing themselves in the story's world. I think, judging from the noise and excitement coming from the dining hall, that they all enjoyed the session.



Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Children in Need collection, our direct link to BBC Children in Need is still open and when it closes we will let parents know how much Fosse have raised.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5695>

Link for Fosse Bank School – BBC Children in Need

We shared some pictures on our social media page yesterday but here are some more of yesterday's antics of Pudsey and Blush! The children all thoroughly enjoyed meeting them and looked fabulous in their glamour and glitter.



Lastly, thanks to last year's Year 6 leavers, we are now the proud owners of a working weather station. The digital information is fed to a screen in the entrance hall and has been studied by many of the children this week.

Best wishes for a good weekend

*Alison Cordingley.*