

3rd December 2021

Dear Parents,

What a busy week it has been! On Tuesday our Year 6 class visited Hildenborough Farmers' Market to sing Christmas Carols and this was much appreciated.

The Nativity Play from Reception, Year 1 and 2 on Wednesday was just lovely, and I know everyone enjoyed the performance. As well as congratulating the children who sang, spoke and danced so wonderfully, my thanks also go to all the staff involved with the performance; teaching songs and dances, helping the children to change into their costumes, and with all the rehearsals.

Thank you to the many members of the Fosse Association who organised and took part in the Secret Santa event today, the children all thoroughly enjoyed selecting gifts for their families and came away very pleased with the presents they had bought.

In the absence of Miss Davies, I have very much enjoyed teaching Year 2, and was impressed that today, having reached the top of their 'treat trail' the treat they chose was to play chess and 'make stuff'. We used miles of Sellotape and the results were very colourful. Well done Zac for teaching others to play chess.

I have been impressed by the calibre of work coming in for the Homework Challenge. Top marks at the moment go to Imogen who has already acquired 49 points.

Reminders for next week:

Christmas Carol Service at St John's, Hildenborough at 6pm Years 4 (with violins), 5 and 6 (with ukuleles) should arrive at the church at 5.30pm please, and Year 1 and 2 by 5.45pm. Construction club will not take place due to the Carol Service and After School Club will only run until 5.15pm, parents will need to collect any children by 5.15pm (apart from Early Years). Year 4 and 6 will need their instruments on Monday morning too. The service will finish at approximately 6.45pm. We are delighted that we are able to go ahead with this event when many schools have cancelled, but we do ask parents to wear masks for this service please.

Christmas Jumper Day on Friday is in aid of Yomelelani. At 3.25pm all the children from Reception to Year 6 will sing carols outside the school and you are all welcome to join us. And, of course, the FA have organised the Open Your Boot activity which I am really looking forward to.

As you will be aware, part of our plans for the future of the school are to greatly improve the facilities with the addition of a new eco-classroom block, as well as a multi-purpose hall for arts, music, sport and full school events. A planning application has been submitted to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council but we need your help to make this happen. You can find more information on the 'Development proposals' section of the school's website.

A message from Debbie Skinner - FA

Fosse Bank School

Celebrate 130

You may now be aware that Fosse Bank School will be celebrating its 130 years in 2022.

The School was founded in 1892 by Madame Vetterli King as a private boarding and day school for girls. The original school site was in Tonbridge High Street and went on to add new houses to meet increasing demand, settling on its current location at Noble Tree Road.

The School, Fosse Association and Governors are delighted to celebrate 130 years with current pupils, staff and parents, as well as alumni and founding families of the school who formed Patramas Ltd in 2003.

We hope to have 130 events in 2022 with the children contributing their thoughts on how to celebrate. Of those 130 we hope to include three main events, one in each term. One of those events will be a Fosse Bank School Ball to be held in September (date to be confirmed).

We therefore need a “Celebrate 130” Committee to work together with the existing Fosse Association and Governors to help manage the three events. We would ideally like one person from each year group so that we cover age-appropriate themes from those in early years up to year 6. We would also very much appreciate anyone who has particular skills in event management, catering and entertainment/music contacts.

Please note that the Fosse Association will continue to arrange their usual annual events, so this is in addition to those.

Please could you email the Fosse Association with your interest on fosseassociation@fossebankschool.co.uk so that we can invite you to a planning meeting in January. We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating in 2022.

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley.

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