



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another year, and my tenth as Head Teacher at Fosse, I want to share a simple reflection. Ten years ago when we asked our children what they wanted to do as an adult, most were unsure, with a limited view of what they could achieve. When I asked the same question yesterday, I saw children with very clear ideas of what they would like to do; they told me that they want to be doctors, film directors, entrepreneurs, actors, artists, cartoonists, psychologists, to serve in the military or be teachers themselves; what stood out the most for me though was the positive view they have of their families, their teachers and, most importantly, themselves. We work hard to support children to develop positive self-esteem and mental health, so it was heartening to see how much the vast majority of our children believe in themselves and dare to dream.

I would like to thank all our families for your support this year as well as all the amazing staff at Fosse who continue to work so hard to provide the best that we can for the children in our care. I would like to wish you all a happy and restful holiday and I look forward to another successful year in 2019-20!

With Very Best Wishes

Richard Stone
Headteacher

Learning Outcomes 2019

We have a mixed picture across the school with some outstanding outcomes and some that show where we need to improve.

62% of F2 pupils reached 'GLD' for the second year running.

78% of Y1 pupils passed the phonics check, a slight dip on 2018, just below national scores.

At KS1, reading and writing results were a slight improvement on last year at 67% and 59% but maths made a huge improvement to 81%, 11% above national scores!

The pattern was similar in KS2 with a 9% improvement in writing and a 12% improvement in maths although both scores are still slightly below national outcomes.

We will use these results to set our improvement priorities for next year; reading, writing and the wider curriculum will be our main focuses in 2019-20.

Diary Dates 2019 - 2020

Thurs 29th August – children return to school

12th – 20th October Autumn Half Term

21st Dec – 6th January Christmas Holiday

Tues 7th January – children return to school

15th – 23rd February Spring Half Term

4th – 19th April Easter Holiday

20th April– children return to school

Friday 8th May – Spring Bank Holiday

23rd – 31st May Summer Half term

11th July End of the 2019-20 school year.

Please note the dates above and only book holidays within these dates. We are under increasing pressure to improve our attendance and we have had to issue more fines this year than ever before. **Beyond anything else, missing school has a negative effect on children's learning. Likewise, children who are late arriving in the morning miss vital learning time as we provide lots of extra support at the start of each school day.**

Waterside Update

I met this week with council officers and Slater Primary's headteacher. The council is now in consultation with the Department of Education regarding our potential new school. Unfortunately we will need to wait until September to have a clearer view. Different options are being considered but Fosse are not part of those discussions but we will be doing all we can to influence decisions the council takes to ensure we can provide the best possible outcome for our children. I sincerely hope I will be able to provide you with better news in the autumn.