



Fosse News

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What a great school we've got!!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, schools across the country received the results of their Key Stage 2 SATS – the tests that children in Year 6 take every year. This year the children were tested on a much more challenging new curriculum – **I am pleased to say that our children were above the national average in all areas** – reading, writing, grammar, maths and the combined reading, writing and maths score.

I want to commend the children for all their hard work and to thank not only the Year 6 team who have worked so tirelessly but every member of staff at Fosse who all work so hard to do the very best we can for your children. I am proud to be the headteacher of such a vibrant and successful school.

With Best Wishes to everyone in our school community.

Richard Stone
Headteacher

Champions!

We're so proud of the Fosse Girls Football Team who were champions of their league. This is the first year the girls have been able to take part in a competition against other schools – they won 8 games, drew one and lost only one game. They also only let in one goal!

What a great effort from all the girls and huge thanks go to Miss Ellis in particular as well as all the parents for their help and support.

Well done to Maria, Rahmat, Daniela, Yasmine, Ameliah, Leah, Amrit, Rylie, Niamh.



We're getting bigger ...

For several years Fosse has been oversubscribed – more parents want to send their children here than we have places. We have been talking to the city council and, after long consideration, have decided to expand by taking up to 60 children in every year group. As a result we will have a new, much larger, mobile classroom block on the car park. Because of the way that schools are funded, the increased numbers will allow us to continue to maintain and hopefully improve the pupil to staff ratios. Many other schools are making staff redundant and then struggling to offer the support that children need. We know what the children here need and will do all we can to ensure we can continue to provide it.

We will be reorganising breaks and lunchtimes so that the younger children will not have breaks with the oldest children in the school – so although there will be more children in the school at lunchtime there will be less children in the playground from a maximum of 285 at present to a maximum of 180 next year.

We are aware however, that the school is a challenging building to work in for children and adults; in the longer term we need a new school building and we will continue to press for this with the council over the coming months.

Term times and holiday dates for 2016-17

We have had to make a slight alteration to our holiday dates for 2016 – 17. We have brought forward a training day from just before the February half term to Friday 30th September – we have important Health and Safety training that needs to take place as soon as possible but could not be booked on the days before the start of the autumn term.

The full dates are as follows:

Term No 1: 33 days

Schools Open

School closed for staff training

Schools Close

Autumn Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 30th August 2016

Friday 30th September

Friday 14th October 2016

Monday 17th October 2016 – Friday 21st October 2016

Term No 2: 40 days

Schools Open

Schools Close

Christmas & New Year Holiday

Monday 24th October 2016

Friday 16th December 2016

Monday 19th December 2016 – Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Term No 3: 32 days

Schools Open

Schools Close

Spring Half Term Holiday

Wednesday 4th January 2017

Friday 10th February 2017

Monday 13th February 2017- Friday 17th February 2017

Term No 4: 30 days

Schools Open

Schools Close

Easter Holidays

Monday 20th February 2017

Friday 7th April 2017

Monday 10th April 2017 – Friday 21st April 2017

Term No 5: 24 days

Schools Open

Schools Close

Summer Half Term Holiday

Monday 24th April 2017

Friday 26th May 2017

Monday 29th May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017

Term No 6: 30 days

Schools Open

Schools Close

Summer Holiday begins

Monday 5th June 2017

Friday 14th July 2017

Monday 17th July 2017

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