

Happy New Year!

On behalf of all the staff at Fosse, I would like to wish all our families a peaceful and happy 2018. We are ready for a really busy term ahead. Children have returned full of enthusiasm and ready to learn, with some excellent singing happening in assemblies and children using art as a starting point for writing – children have been looking at pictures by artists like David Hockney, Matisse and Monet and using the art to inspire some great writing.

Already this week, staff have had Health and Safety Training and, as part of our commitment to running an inclusive school in which all children are welcomed, teachers and some support staff have received Level 2 training from the Autism Education Trust to help us better understand this complex area. We have also had staff attending more phonics training so that we can continue to ensure the youngest children receive a solid start in the foundations of reading and writing.

School Dinner Thursday!!!!

On Thursday (January 18th) we will be having a special school dinner day so that children who don't normally have school dinners can see how tasty they are – the words chips, sausages, fish fingers, ice cream and chocolate muffins could be used to encourage your child to have a dinner!!!

On a similar note, it is really important that parents of children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 apply for free school dinners if they are entitled. This is because schools receive an extra amount of money for every child that has claimed Free School Meals – we currently receive over £180,000 a year through this 'pupil premium' and losing just a small amount of this would make it impossible to run the school effectively. Entitlement to child tax credits, income support, income based JSA and ESA, receipt of State Pension credit or being an asylum seeker may mean you can claim free school meals. Claiming does not mean your child has to have a school dinner but, as said, it will bring in extra money to the school which will benefit your child and the school as a whole.

Best Wishes
Richard Stone
Headteacher

Waterside Primary Consultation

A group of school councillors met with Leicester city council today to look at plans for the new school and to give their views on what they want it to include. There is still time for you to have your say – please visit <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk> to fill in a two minute survey, even if it is simply to say that you agree or disagree with the proposal.

It is intended that the new school will open in September 2019 so that all children from Year 4 and below (from Fosse and Slater) would automatically transfer to the new school building. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Dates

Jan 19th – Open the Book assembly
Jan 26th – Y2 Chinese New Year assembly
Feb 5th – Governors' Meeting
Feb 9th – Half term begins (at 3.15)
Feb 19th – Children return to school
March 2nd - Open the Book assembly
March 8th – Parents' Evening
March 12th-16th - Community Week
March 14th – Year 4 Performance
March 15th – Annual Community Food Sharing
March 19th-23rd – Sports Relief Week
March 20th Governors' Meeting
March 23rd – Y1 Mothers' Day assembly
March 23rd – Easter Celebrations
March 23rd – Easter Holiday begins (at 3.15)