

Fosbrook Folk Education Trust

Providing music, dance and song opportunities for

'YOUNG FOLK' IN THE NORTH WEST

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Dear All,

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2016

Once again we are at the start of a New Year with plans, ideas, resolutions and all the optimism which comes with turning the page and starting afresh!

I started back at work on Monday 4th January and the children went back on Tuesday 5th. Music and theory lessons start will start again that first week and Headstart will be happening on Saturday 9th January and every Saturday after that until we break up.

I have lots of plans for new repertoire and skills including English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh dancing and lots of Great British songs. This is because we are working towards a super performance at Easter involving our guests from France who are coming over on a cultural exchange with a whole week of activities culminating in a big performance and a party.

Our first event for the New Year is on **Saturday 23rd January** when it will be our **Burns Night Celebration**. We will be having a **ceilidh** and **'Silent Auction'**. Please keep any unwanted Christmas gifts to donate for this event so that there will be bargains galore. The doors will open at 6.30pm for a first round of bidding at 7pm.

Here is a diary list to help you plan the spring :-

Tuesday 5th January - Junior children back in school

at Banks Lane.

Thursday 7th January - First Theory of Music classes for 2016. These will be every Thursday after school during term time (7th, 14th, 21st, 28th of January and 4th and 11th February).

Friday 8th January - First Friday Fosbrooks. Times are 3.30 to 4pm Country Dance. 4pm to 4.30 Improvers' Band. 4.30 to 5pm Intermediate Band. 5pm to 5.30pm Senior Band. 5.30 to 6pm Faster Senior Band. 6pm to 6.30pm Trainee Dance Class with Lydia Smith. These classes will be every Friday in term time (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of January and 5th and 12th February).

Saturday 9th January - First Saturday Headstart. Times are 9.30 to 10am registration and social dance. 10am assembly. 10.15 band, some dance and instrumental skills. 11am break. 11.25 - dance classes. 12noon singing. 12.20 praise and 12.30 finish for younger members. (Trainees in until school is tidy.) There will be a Saturday class each week of the half term (9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th of January and 6th February).

Friday 12th February - we break up for half term. Classes will still be happening after school as usual. Half term is from Saturday 13th to Sunday 21st February. Sunday 14th February is down as an, Inter-Faith concert/service at Dialstone Lane Methodist Church. More about this when I find out who is interested in participating in this.



Monday 22nd February - Junior children back in at Banks Lane.

Special Dates are :-

Monday 14th March is Stockport Schools' Folk Dance Festival at the Town Hall in the evening. Thursday 31st March - Banks Lane Choir at Town Hall for choir festival.

Saturday 19th March - Hot Pot and Ceilidh Evening.

Regular classes are :-

Thursday Theory Classes on 25th February and on 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th March.

Friday Fosbrook Classes on 26th February and on 4th, 11th and 18th. Friday 25th is Good Friday at the beginning of the Bank Holiday Weekend.

Saturday Headstart Classes on 27th February and on 5th, 12th & 19th March. (None on 26th as it is a Bank Holiday Weekend.)

Monday 28th March - Banks Lane off for Bank Holiday.

Banks Lane break up after classes on Friday April 1st.

Juniors at 24 Hour Easter Sleepover Sunday 3rd April. (Some intermediates and seniors at French Exchange during week.)

French Group Arrive Monday 4th April.

Great British Performance Show Friday 8th April 2016.

Party for French Departure - Saturday 9th April.

There will be lots of information about the French Exchange and the Great British Performance Show during the spring term.

There will be two trips this summer :-

The first one will be to **Ireby Festival**. We will leave in the evening on Friday 27th May and stay in Cumbria until the afternoon of Sunday 29th May so that we can return early Sunday evening. This trip is for accomplished intermediate performers.

The second one will be to **Plozevet CIOFF Festival**. We will leave the UK on August 12th and spend 10 days performing in the villages of Brittany before returning on 24th August.

Wishing you all a very happy and productive New Year.
Liza



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