

Fosbrook Folk Education Trust

Providing music, dance and song opportunities for

'YOUNG FOLK' IN THE NORTH WEST

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Dear Members and Parents, NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to another half term of Fosbrooks. It will be a five week half term for music tuition so costs will be £17.50 for five short lessons and £35 for five longer ones. Subscriptions are £3 per half term for younger members in year 7 upwards and £5 per half term for regular performers.

Here are the dates for the regular events and classes up until Christmas :

- **Tuesday 3rd November.** ABRSM Theory Exams.
- **Thursday 5th November.** Classes start again. Students whose theory time will be changed will be notified sometime during this term about moving up a group. Theory every Thursday until 10th December.
- **Friday 6th November.** Friday classes start again. Classes every Friday until 11th December, (although 4th December will be combined with Christmas Fair.)
- **Saturday 7th November.** Saturday classes start again. Normal classes every Saturdays until 28th November. The exception is the 5th December (which is rehearsal for Carol Service).

SPECIAL DATES :

- **Saturday 14th November.** Marple Old Folks' Hall performance at 2pm.
- **FOSBROOK EVENT : Friday 20th November.** Ceilidh Party at Banks Lane Junior School.
- **Saturday 28th November.** Last Headstart. Christmas Lights Switch on Ceremony at New Mills. Early evening.
- **Friday 4th December.** Provisional date for school Christmas Fair. *(To be decided according to whether enough school parents volunteer to help).*

• **Saturday 5th December.** Rehearsal for Carol Service at Dialstone Lane Methodist Church.

• **FOSBROOK EVENT : Sunday 6th December.** Fosbrooks' Christmas Carol Service at Dialstone Lane Methodist Church 3pm. Afternoon tea and Santa at church.

• **Tuesday 15th December.** Banks Lane Junior School Carol Service at Saint Mary's in the Market, Stockport. Early evening. Performances by school choirs and Fosbrook Juniors.

• **NB : From Monday 14th December is the final week in school. No music classes or evening classes either. Banks Lane break up on Friday 18th December for Christmas holidays.**

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I have been trying to arrange some holidays for next summer for the members. Here are the details I have so far :

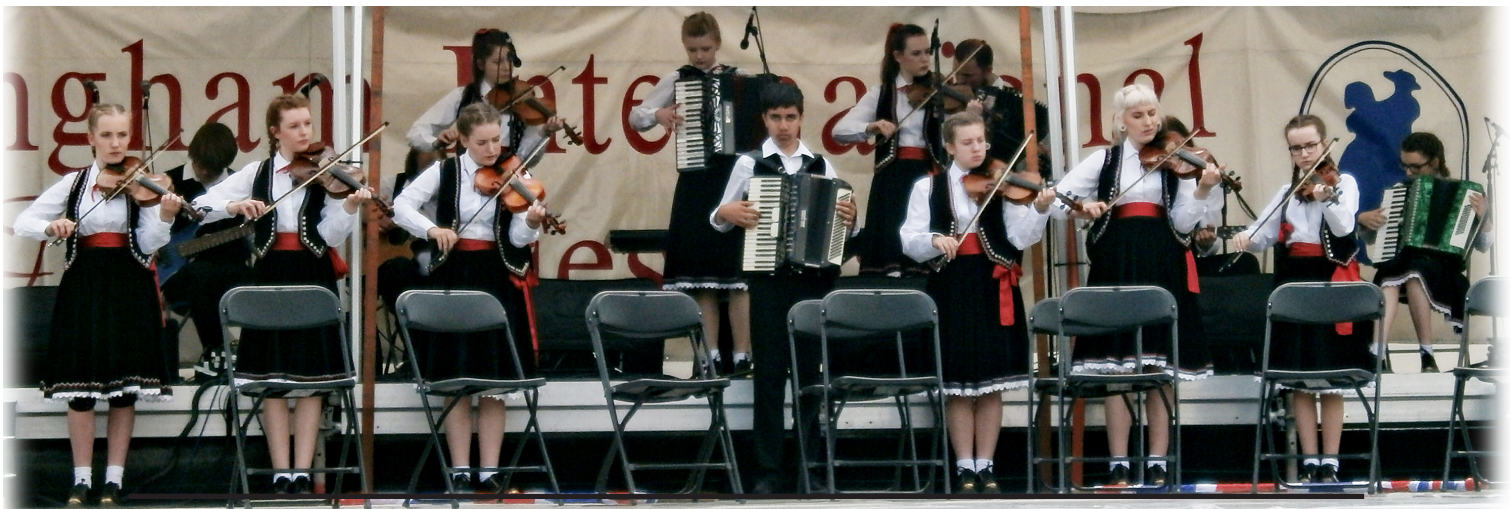
• In September, the young adult group were invited to be the British representatives at the Cioff World Floriada Folk Festival in Mexico in August alongside 70 other countries. Not all of them are available so this has been opened to the next group down. The organisers have said that they are happy to have the slightly younger group so we hope that this will be possible. We are working hard at stabilising the balance of experienced and inexperienced performers, raising the standards of the entire team, finding flights and organising funding for the travel. This is 'Plan A'! 'Plan B' is to go to a European festival by coach instead at the same time of the year.

• The intermediate group have been invited to Ireby Festival in Cumbria from **27th May until 29th May**.

• The juniors have been invited to perform at the Town Hall for the Stockport Folk Dance Festival and will also have a 'sleepover' in summer.

Please put these events on your calendar.

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