



City Of York Council
Fishergate Primary School
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your responses to the school meals promotion week coming up on February 9th. We have a good number choosing to have hot dinners during this promotion week and arrangements are being made to have two sittings for lunches during this week.

School Website

We are having a focus this year on developing ICT in the school, especially the teaching and learning of ICT and developing the ways we use ICT across the curriculum.

Staff are receiving training during this year on new software which can be used to support children's learning in other curriculum areas.

Alongside this, we are developing our website further and step by step using this as a point of contact for parents and friends. There are two aspects of the website to point out - you will see these by logging on to www.fishergateschool.com.

- I. Newsletters - these are available on line, follow the 'Letters' link on the website. Paper copies will continue for the time being, usually on a Thursday and an electronic copy will be available on Friday. I will fully consult with parents/carers about any future move to reduce letters home. The Government have targets for schools to become 'paper free' by 2010, but I am aware there may be families for whom this will present issues. We will move towards this gradually in the coming months.
- II. Calendar - follow the link to the Calendar on the website. We are trying to keep this up to date. Do take a look; if you hover over a date entry, another box opens up with more information. Again, I will continue to use paper copies of Newsletters to keep you all aware of diary dates each term as well.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the website, please let me know. During the coming months, the Local Authority will be developing a City wide Learning Platform which will be used by all primary schools. This may well change the look and organisation of the website in the future so we are making small but important changes in anticipation of this. Again, I will keep you fully informed.

Finally, I appreciate your support with being in school ready, on time, for the start of each day. If you are late, please can you come into school via the main entrance. This helps to ensure the office staff can put your child down for a packed lunch or hot dinner.

Thank you for all your support. Best wishes

Andy Herbert