



City Of York Council  
Fishergate Primary School  
Fishergate  
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## NEWSLETTER No.18

Dear Parent/Carer

I am very grateful for your patience over the locking and unlocking of doors and gates onto the playground and into school. As I mentioned in a previous Newsletter, we are responding to an incident which took place at Funfishers, by ensuring the safety of the children is improved and the building is secure. This has to be our first priority. If you do find gates are locked, please come to the front entrance on Fishergate or by Funfishers gate further down Escrick Street. I am working with Lesley Calvert from Funfishers to find a compromise between security and access to the building. Please keep up to date through Newsletters and we will let you know progress straight after half term.

### School Food Trust Promotions

This week, the first promotion has been going well and nearly 125 children have been enjoying a hot dinner all week for free! We are asking them for their feedback each day which is helping us to find out more about which meals they especially enjoy. The next promotion is due to take place during week commencing **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**.

**Promotion 2:** This is offering children a free school meal on two days during this week: **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. The menu

has been circulated already and can also be found on our website by logging on to [www.fishergateschool.com](http://www.fishergateschool.com)

It would be helpful once again to have indications of take up so the catering staff can order food quantities. There is a simple form to complete if your child would like a **free school meal on either or both days**. Please complete the form and return it to school by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**.  
**Thank you.**

**Weather warning!** - Just now the colder weather seems to have passed. You may well have heard about the shortages of rock salt across the country. We are down to our last stocks but more is on the way! In the meantime, if the weather does turn icy again, please take care on the playground and around the school entrances. It is advisable to wear suitable shoes too. The children may bring a change of shoes if they wish to wear wellies for playtimes. We have tried to get outside in the snow as much as possible, but please do expect some wet clothes if more snow falls!



**Help Needed!**



Calling any keen gardeners! Following the completion of the building work, we now want to start work on improving the outside environment, especially the playground. The first step is to develop the John Lally garden and the garden at the front on Fishergate. **We have received a grant towards this work (our thanks to Emily Flower who put in the application) and Mark Havercroft is leading up a team of volunteers to carry out some work. This will start on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10am, continuing on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.** If you wish to help, please see Mark Havercroft, Jackie Hudson or myself. Please come and stay for as long as you are able and bring tools! Any donations of plants which will add some colour to the front of school will be much appreciated! Joyce Donkin is leading a group of children working on the garden areas as well and she would value any help with plants. Please see Joyce if you can donate a plant.



**Dates and reminders**

Soon after half term, letters will be coming home about **Parent Interviews** for all classes **except Miss Solanki's**. These will take place on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March after school**. There will be an opportunity to make an appointment with your child's teacher and find out about progress and targets.

**Official Opening of our New Entrance, Lift and EYU toilets!**  
Pete Dwyer, Director of Learning, Culture and Children's Services is visiting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10am to officially open our new main entrance. Any parents are welcome.

Andy Herbert  
(Headteacher)

**RETURN SLIP**

Name of Pupil.....Class teacher.....

My child **will/will not** (Please delete as appropriate) be staying for a free meal on either **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  or **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** , or **both days** .

Signed.....Please print name.....

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**