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Fishergate Primary School
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Dear Parent/Carer,

This will be the final Newsletter for the Spring Term. Firstly, a reminder that term finishes on **Thursday 1st April at 2.30pm**. There will be a final **Celebration Assembly at 2.00pm upstairs in the hall. All are welcome.**

Headteacher Consultancy

I have been asked by the Local Authority to support another school in York as a Consultant Headteacher during the Summer Term. This will involve about 2 days each week when I may not be in Fishergate School.

The Governing Body have agreed to support me with this work. There will be great benefits to Fishergate for the development of leadership skills in the team as Sarah Dixon and Michael Carr take the opportunity to act as Headteacher when I am not in school.

I have been flattered to be asked to do this and I am sure I will learn a great deal which will also benefit Fishergate. It is a great tribute to the school that the LA regard Fishergate School so highly that they are confident in the quality of the whole teaching team, to take responsibility for leadership while I support another school.

We have worked really hard over the last few years to develop the skills of all our staff and I am sure Fishergate School will be stronger for this experience. It is for the Summer Term only and I will still be in school as much as possible. When I am away, please see Miss Dixon or Mr Carr who will be happy to deal with any queries or any issues.

If you have any questions or concerns about this do please call in to see me or give the school a ring.

Improvements to the School and Playground

During the Easter holidays, **work will be taking place to refurbish the Y1/2 toilets and cloakrooms**. We hope this work will be completed before the start of the Summer Term. Working with the School Council, we will be moving forward with improvements to the playground, supported by money from Friends during the Summer.

I am aware of the poor state of the cycle sheds which seem to have deteriorated and the governors will be looking into ways we can improve or even replace these. They have not been in place very long which is disappointing. However, we will do what we can within the constraints of the school budget which is looking very tight in the coming few years. We are all aware of the national budget crisis which will affect schools, whatever the outcome of the General Election! I will keep you informed as we move forward with these developments. I appreciate the needs of the school building and the playground, but we can only do what we can afford! **Again, please let us know if you have any thoughts and ideas.**

Fulford Cycle Day - March 27thycle Day at Danesgate Skills Centre, Fulford Road. There will be cycle security marking, a Bike Doctor Clinic for basic repairs, Cycle Tryout Road Shows and even Safety Equipment Giveaway! Please drop in if you are able. On **Saturday March 27th** from 9.30am to 3.30pm there will be a C

Tennis Coaching - Yr1/2 will be having a block of 6 weeks tennis coaching during curriculum time, by Damian Galloway in the Summer Term.



Skipping Workshop

Yr 5/6 playleaders will be involved in a skipping workshop on **Monday 26th April**, showing various games in assembly at **2.45 - 3.15pm**. Skipping ropes will be on sale after school if a child would like to buy one. Both of these initiatives have been organised by Jorvik Sports Partnership.

Finally, a plea and a reminder, not to ride bikes on the playground. ALL CHILDREN and ADULTS must walk with bikes until they are outside the school. We have had some near misses! Also, can I ask you to make sure the **children do not climb on the wall on Escrick Street after school. This is again for their own safety.**

I am sure you are aware that the school and all the grounds are a **NO SMOKING** area. I would be very grateful if those who do smoke could move further away from the gate on Escrick Street. Some concerned parents have asked me to mention this after their children had to walk through smoke to get onto the playground or out of the gate. I would value your support with all of these issues.

Thank you for another good term. The children are working hard and enjoying their learning. This is how we like it!



'HAPPY EASTER' Term starts again on **TUESDAY 20TH APRIL** (Monday 19th is a training day).

Andrew Herbert
(Headteacher)