



City Of York Council

Fishergate Primary School
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you managed to have some time together as a family. The second half of term has started very quickly and it seems as if we have never been away!

It was sad to say our goodbye to Lisa Solanki as she started her maternity leave and we wish her well over the coming weeks and look forward to hearing news of her baby in due course.

It is great to welcome back Sarah Dixon as she returns following her maternity leave. Sarah is teaching in Y1/2 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and is sharing the role of Assistant Head with Mr Carr.

Parent Interviews

There is an opportunity next week to meet the teachers to discuss your child's progress. I hope you are able to make an appointment. If both Monday and Tuesday after school are not convenient, please see the teacher to arrange another time.

Building Project Opening

We are holding a special ceremony to officially open the new front entrance to school and the internal alterations on Friday 13th March at 10am. Any parents are welcome to come. Pete Dwyer, Director of Learning, Culture and Children's Services is coming to 'cut the ribbon' and the press will be invited to attend. There will be some light refreshments and a short assembly for the children.



Red Nose Day

This takes place on Friday 13th March and a group of Y6 children

have asked that we take part by holding a 'Crazy Clothes and Hair Day'!! This will mean children can come in fancy dress and bring £1 donation for Red Nose Day. If you would like to take part, please do and bring £1 on the morning so we can pass this on. This will look good in the press photos for the opening of our building!

World Book Day

This takes place on Thursday 5th March and children can come to school dressed as a book character! We have a special assembly in the morning and it gives us a lovely opportunity to focus on books and the enjoyment of reading.

Our new library furniture has been ordered and we hope will arrive before the end of term so we can set up our wonderful new library. We have bought a software package which will enable us to catalogue the books and there will be a new system for children to take out books.

We are in the process of updating our books and taking out some older books from our stock. Some of these may be available for a small donation on Friday's next to the cake stall - look out for the Y3/4 cake stall on Friday this week (Mrs Pickering's class).

I am really grateful to Taneth Russell and Sarah Wilson who have given much time and enthusiasm to help sort out books and are very keen to be involved in setting up the new library.

Crossing Patrol

Mrs Donkin has asked me to mention that sometimes she is finding it difficult to know when to stop the traffic because people are standing on Fishergate chatting! She would be grateful if you would perhaps move away from where she operates the crossing patrol if you are not intending to cross! This will really help her - thanks.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please keep passing these to us if you have any! Mrs Cole organises these collections. She says Tesco's is starting again soon!

Thanks for your continued support. I have received some messages of appreciation that these Newsletters are now available on line through our website www.fishergateschool.com. There is a calendar of events too - do take a look!

School Food Promotion 2

The second Free School Meal Promotion takes place next week on Tuesday and Thursday. Take up of the first one was very good - thank you for your support. We have had about 50 slips returned requesting a free hot dinner on Tuesday and Thursday next week. This is less than we are currently getting of our regular paid hot dinners at the moment. **You will not be able to have a free hot dinner on Tuesday and Thursday unless you have pre-booked it by returning the slip before the end of this week.** It is really important so our kitchen staff know how much food to prepare. **Please return slips by Friday 27th February.** If you are **not** taking part on **Tuesday or Thursday 3rd and 5th March, your child will need to bring a packed lunch.**

Andy Herbert
(Headteacher)