

Friends of Fishergate

As we approach half-term I wanted give you a few dates about exciting things coming up. Before I do massive thanks for the uptake in cake-providers year 3/4 took over double our usual amount so well done everyone who brought in and those that bought and ate them!

Christmas cards – as many of you will have gathered the site where we order the Christmas cards on has been suffering massive technical issues. However, these are now resolved and we have an extension until midnight Thursday 20th October so enormous please, the children have worked so hard on their pictures – please order your cards now and return the pictures by Friday 21st October. Any problems email friendsoffishergate@yahoo.com

Celebrate Autumn with Apple Pressing and Pumpkins at Fishergate!

On the last day of the half term (**Friday 21st October**), Friends are organising activities to celebrate the changing season. Every child in the school is invited to carve a pumpkin, and bring it to the rear playground (with a £1 donation) before the start of the school day. There will be prizes for the best pumpkins (awarded in assembly that day), and all will be lit and displayed in the evening between the KS1 and KS2 Hallowe'en Discos (7pm)! Please come and admire the lighted display and do note we do use real night lights so do supervise your children. NB. Pumpkins must be taken home after the disco!

Also on Friday 21st, local food charity Abundance will be bringing their jazzy apple press to the rear school playground at 3:15. If you can access some local apples, bring them to school at pick-up time, and you can have a freshly pressed glass of apple juice to see you into the holiday in style! If you wish to bring a bottle, you can take some home with you too!

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| Not strictly speaking a Friends event but Sam Hulse and Lucas Whitehead were inspired by recent running events and will be running the equivalent of 101 laps around the playground on the morning of the 21 st October. That's over 10 miles which is quite something for years 6 and 5. They are fundraising for MacMillan and Alzheimers Society and if you can throw some spare change their way on the morning that would be appreciated. |
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Halloween disco 21st October – all proceeds to subsidise the Pantomime trip so do come.

6 – 7pm EYU/KS1

7-7.15pm Pumpkin viewing outside in the playground.

7.15-8.15pm KS2 disco – if you can stay to tidy up that would be appreciated. All pumpkins to be taken home at the end of the night.

4th November Miss McBride's cake stall week

11th November EYU cake stall week

NEW DATE for the calendar - Film night

Friday 11th November 6pm for a 6.15 start. £1.50 a ticket – adults free but need to stay. Wear your pyjamas (children but adults too if they like!) and a cushion. Hot dogs, drinks, sweets and crisps on sale. Grown-ups will have access to drinks in the staff room.

Friday 18th November ALL year 5 and 6 cake stall week

Saturday 19th November – 7 – 8.30pm - Benefit gig with Mr Burnell's folk band. Please do come along for what promises to be a great night. £5 entry including your first drink and children are free. Drinks and snacks will be available. If you can help set up after school or before it starts please email friendsoffishergate@yahoo.com and we'll co-ordinate.

Friday 25th November - Non-uniform day – wear what you like and bring in your Christmas tombola prizes, filled jam jars (sweets, crafts, coins, anything you like).

Also it's Mr Pennington's cake stall day that day.

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Fair – I can't emphasise enough how many helpers we need to make this work, if you have any time that week (an hour is enough) and especially on the Thursday or Friday then we'd really appreciate your help.

Tuesday 6th December 1-3pm Rachel Teale has organised for the children to sing carols and raise some funds for us in St Helens Square. If you can help at all please do but either way please spread the word and encourage friends and family to go and support them.

TBC but either Thursday 8th or Friday 9th December Christmas shopping day! This was an enormous success last year and the children really enjoyed buying presents for their friends and family. Each gift is £2 and the children get to choose the gift and have it gift-wrapped. Elves to help with the wrapping would be appreciated – we need a rolling group of volunteers as it was incredibly busy last year and we expect at least the same this year.

Anyway, loads of time to discuss all of this next half term but in the meantime – enjoy your pumpkin carving, have a great disco and fantastic break.

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| <p>When you are starting your Christmas shopping please register Friends of Fishergate as your nominated charity with www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Once done you can buy from almost any shop you like and they make a small donation to us – it's brilliant, costs you nothing and we all gain.</p> |
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Next meetings to discuss above events - do join us you'd be most welcome.

Wednesday 9th November – 8pm Seahorse Pub

Monday 21st November – 8pm Seahorse Pub

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