Friends of Fishergate School Newsletter September 2016



28th September 2016

Dear all,

I hope you're all well settled into the new term and your children are happily enjoying their new classes. Those of you who came to the global fortnight evening may well have been given a flyer and asked for their email details to be added to our Friends list. Friends is all of us with children at Fishergate and we organise events to have fun and promote a feeling of community in the school. If you would like your name to be added to the list, please email me on friendsoffishergate@yahoo.com

So far this term we've bought ice lollies to welcome the children back to school, the new speakers and microphone in the hall are due to your support and the purchase of Chrome books soon to arrive are an exciting part of what we have been able to do at Fishergate. All of the above though means we need to raise some more money this year and if you have any grand ideas, do let me know. In the meantime this is what we have planned so far this term:

Up and coming events for your diary:

21st October – Halloween disco and pumpkin carving competition. More details to follow but bring your carved pumpkins on the morning (and £1), they will be judged and prizes given at assembly. We'll then light them in the evening of the disco and please take your pumpkin home with you. Please note we do use real tea lights as they look lovely and so do supervise your children during the lantern display. Come dressed up to the disco – scarier the better. Anyone who is free to help either for the EYU/KS1 disco 6-7pm or the KS2 7.15-8.15 please email friendsoffishergate@yahoo.com and your help will be gratefully received.

19th November – Mr Burnell is organising a benefit gig with his band, who I've heard are excellent. £5 entry (including a free drink), children free – 50% of the proceeds are to support us and 50% are for Macmillan. Please save the date and come along and support us. If you'd like to help with tickets or man the bar please let us know at friendsoffishergate@yahoo.com

 2^{nd} December Christmas fair – this runs after school 3.15–5pm and it's all hands on deck to get it prepared. If you can come and help on the day that would be totally brilliant – it can't run without you.

Christmas cards

Hold off buying any Christmas cards this year as the children will be producing amazing ones that you can buy. The teachers are organising that the children's cards will be ready for you to look at by 7th October. You will be given an online code to go and order your cards, gift tags and wrapping paper for yourselves and families. Art work is then returned to school on Monday 10th October to be sent off for printing – they look great when done.

Fruit and Veg and Cake stall

There has been a suggestion that we use the cake stall money to fund free fruit and veg for KS2 – in the same way that the school does for KS1. There are lots of positives to this but it is quite a lot of money (less than half is raised this way). So several things for you to think about – we are going to trial until Christmas a once a week delivery which will give enough fruit for 2-3 days for each child. In order to sustain this though, we do need your support for the cake stalls on your children's class days.

Here's the list of when it's your class' turn – home-baked is lovely but totally non-essential.

Please make a note of your class cake day:

September 30th Mrs Dibden

October 7th ALL classes years 3-4

October 14th Mr Pennington

October 21st No cake stall due to disco – ALL contributions for the evening disco cake stall appreciated

4th November Miss McBride

11th November EYU

18th November ALL class years 5-6

25th November Mr Pennington

2nd December ALL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION TO CAKE STALL AT CHRISTMAS FAIR

9th December All classes years 3-4

16th December – school breaks up early so no cake stall

Think that's all for now

Any questions or you'd like to help at any of the above events or have an idea you'd like to take further do email on friendsoffishergate@yahoo.com – have I mentioned the new email enough now?!

Selena