

4th December 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your kindness and best wishes on hearing the news that I will be leaving Fishergate after Easter. I have really appreciated your warm and positive comments. The Governing Body are responding very proactively and have written to you to let you know the next steps in recruiting a new Head teacher for this great school. I know this is in safe hands and the school will continue to improve and thrive under the leadership of Sarah Dixon and the rest of the team during the Summer Term.

<u>Christmas Events</u> Christmas Fair Friday 5th December 3.15pm Christmas Show Year 1/2 Tuesday 9th December 2pm & Wednesday 10th December 9.30am Christmas Lunch Wednesday 10th December Pantomine Trip Monday 15th December Early Years Christmas Show Tuesday 16th December 1pm Carols by Candlelight Wednesday 17th December 6pm

Carol Service at St Lawrence's Church

This year we have been invited to join with children from St Lawrence's School to sing carols and songs at St Lawrence's Church. This will be our first time doing this and joining with others in our local community to celebrate Christmas. This takes place on Thursday 11th December starting at 2pm. We will be walking the children in Y1-6 round and parents are welcome to join us for this service. It will be a relaxed occasion with children singing and doing readings and do join us if you are able. Then children will walk back to Fishergate for collection from classrooms at 3.15pm in the usual way.

Ebola quiz night

We had a great evening at the recent Quiz Night organised by Lauren McBride and there were over 100 people in the upper hall! With contributions from everyone, so far over £1500 was raised for the Ebola Appeal which is brilliant! We saw some slides from Lauren's trip to Sierra Leone and heard about the work she did over there in the summer. It was a great evening and thanks to those parents who came and took part.

Scholastic Book Fair

This year, you spent £890.57 at the Book Fair! Because of our 60% commission rate, this meant we raised an impressive £534.34 for classroom books. These were chosen by the children and are already being enjoyed in our book corners. Thank you so much for your support.

Christmas

Finally a reminder that the fair takes place this Friday after school and all are welcome to come! Friends have been working hard organising this event and there will be ways you can help, please come along and support.

Miss Teale/Mrs Ekers class visit to Willow House

This week Y3/4 children from Miss Teale and Mrs Ekers class went to Willow House as part of the Musical Connections project which facilitates interactive music sessions in residential homes for the elderly and those who suffer with dementia. We all took part in singing carols, parachute games and even some festive dancing! It was heart-warming to see the smiles on the faces of both the children and residents and the happiness they brought just by being there. The children were fantastic and made us all really proud with their impeccable behaviour and friendliness with the residents. They have all made at least one new friend from the older generation! Thank you children!

We are looking forward to future ventures with Musical Connections and Willow House after Christmas.





Thanks and best wishes

Andy Herbert (Head teacher)