



Fishergate Newsletter 37

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This newsletter has to start off with a huge thank you to Dave Pennington for organising not two but three sports days. The children really enjoy themselves on these afternoons and it is great to see them having so much fun. We also enjoyed transition day this week – it is always exciting to see the make-up of the new classes and to wonder what brilliance they will achieve in the next academic year.

Our family choir is slowly growing and sounding beautiful. Please do come along if you can. It runs from 3:30 until 4:30 in the upper hall on a Monday. It is run by an absolute expert and is open to all members of our community.

I have asked Helen to put some information about Snapchat in this newsletter so please have a read. It is vital that we work together to keep our children safe when they are on the internet. Please remember that your children should not have Facebook or Instagram accounts at all until they are 13. This is because they just don't have the maturity to use these sites properly, and all too often they become platforms for unkind behaviour and even bullying.

Please could you make sure that you are not allowing your children to ride their bikes and scooters on the playground. There are just too many people and we keep on having very close calls. Also a quick reminder that, unless you have spoken to me and have been given a permit, parking in the staff carpark is not permitted.

DRUMMING AT FISHERGATE

Andy Jennings, our drum teacher is in school every Thursday offering lessons to our Fishergate pupils. If your child is interested in learning to play the drums, then please see Emma/Helen in the office for more details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 7/7/17 YR5/6 SPORTS DAY 1.15-3.15PM
- 8/7/17 SUMMER FAIR 2-5PM
- 10/7/17 REPORTS OUT TO PARENTS
- 11/7/17 YR 1/2 TRIP TO TROPICAL WORLD
- 13/7/17 FISHERGATE'S GOT TALENT SHOW 5.30-7.30PM
- 14/7/17 YR 3/4 TRIP TO THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM
- 17/7/17 YR 6 CRUCIAL CREW 9AM-12PM
- 18/7/17 YR 6 LEAVER'S TRIP BOWLING 6PM
- 21/7/17 LEAVER'S SHOW 9AM
- 26/7/17 LEAVER'S ASSEMBLY 9AM
- 26/7/17 BREAK UP FOR SUMMER 2.30PM

Information on Social media:

There are age restrictions on Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook (13years) and Youtube (18 for an account but 13 with parents permission)

Reasons for the age restriction:

1. Personal information is at risk. The Children's Online Privacy act 1998 protects every child under the age of 13. Parental permission is required if information is obtained from social media sites. This act does not protect children who claim they are 13 and have a social networking site and information can be shared with 3rd party advertisers.
2. Research shows it takes children up to 12 years to fully engage in ethical thinking. Therefore, many children are joining social networking and risk being victims of online harassment, solicitation and cyber-bullying before they are ready to respond appropriately.
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There has been a great deal in the media regarding the new Snap map feature on SnapChat.

Snapchat feature: the 'Snap Map'

This location based map allows users to see where in the country their Snapchat contacts are, as well as seeing location based photos and videos. The Snap Map shows a user's Bitmoji, their cartoon avatar within Snapchat, pinpointed on a world map. Users can then zoom into the map to see the exact location of their friends.

How to access Snap Maps

To access the Snap Map in the latest update of the Snapchat app, users need to go to their camera screen within Snapchat and zoom out using two fingers. This will then launch the Snap Maps screen and will allow a user to see their friend's locations.

Choose who can see your location

It is important to be careful about who you share your location with, as it can allow people to build up a picture of where you live, go to school and spend your time.

Given how specific this new feature is on Snapchat - giving your location to a precise pinpoint on a map - we would encourage users not to share their location, especially with people they don't know in person.

There are three settings for sharing your location on the map, these are; Ghost mode, My Friends, and Select Friends. But what do these settings mean?

Ghost Mode

Ghost Mode means that you are the only person who can see your location on the map.

Within Ghost Mode you can still see the locations of your friends but they will be unable to see you. This setting will ensure that you have complete control over who knows your location.

My Friends

My Friends means that all of your contacts on Snapchat can see your location. If turning on this setting then it would be important for users to review their Snapchat contacts and also make sure that they never add someone they don't know in person onto Snapchat.

Select Friends

This setting allows users to look through their friend list and then decide which of their friends they want to be able to view their location. This setting gives users the opportunity to control who can view their location.

Changing settings

When first opening the Snap Map users get to make a decision of who they want to be able to view their location. Once these settings are in place they can always be changed in Snapchat's settings. This can be done in two ways:

In the Snapchat settings

In the Snapchat screen click on the Settings (cog) icon > click on 'see my location' > Choose the setting which suits you
On the Snap Map

Top tips

Sharing location can be a risky thing to do. Our tips for location sharing are:

- Only share your location with people you know in person. Never share your location with strangers.
- Don't add contacts to Snapchat if you don't know them in person.
- Regularly review your settings and take an active decision about whether you want people to know your location. Remember you can switch this off at any time. Think about where you're sharing your location. Location services such as Snap Maps can lead people to your house. Think about what times you're on the app and whether these are locations you want to share – if not, then turn this off within your settings.