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NEWSLETTER 5

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Dear Parent/Carer

Many thanks to all those who have returned their completed response forms to share views about Fishergate School. It has been really good to see the thoughtful and helpful responses we have received.

The strengths of the school have been recognised and have highlighted:

- The warm, friendly and positive feel about the school
- The relaxed and professional attitudes of all staff
- The way the school deals with problems promptly and positively
- The quality of teaching and support given to the children
- The Growth Mindset culture
- The strong sense of community, inclusive of all backgrounds and a celebration of the school's diversity
- The increased focus on PE and school sports
- The tracking and monitoring of children's progress
- Communication with parents who feel they are kept informed
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Some areas for development to make our school even greater were:

- Helping parents to support their children, for example through workshops on phonics, reading, maths etc
- Offer a wider range of clubs, not just those that focus on sports
- Improve the quality of the school meals
- Further develop the teaching and learning of a foreign language
- Make sure the school website is kept up to date
- Maintain the focus on a child-centred education and resist giving way to government pressures and Ofsted
- Continue to develop the Growth Mindset culture
- Expand the access to and use of the school allotment
- Extend music provision with more singing
- Improve communication to parents and carers, especially for those who work full time
- Develop more "forest school" activities

I am really grateful for these suggestions, many of which we have already started to focus on or plan to develop in future years. When finalised and agreed, I will publish a summary of the school's Improvement Plan (or Raising Achievement Plan) on the website for parents and the community to see.

Parents and Carers Evenings

You should have received a letter with information about the opportunity to arrange an appointment to speak to your child's teacher this term. I do want to encourage you to make use of this as it will really help to give you a full picture of the way your child has settled and is working this term, and also how you can support at home. This year, governors have agreed to lay on tea and coffee and light refreshments in the upper hall and we hope that this will give parents an opportunity to speak to a school governor and also grab a drink while waiting for an appointment. Julie from Kool Kidz uniforms will be in school on Wednesday 22nd October in the lower hall from 3pm onwards, so this will give you chance to buy any extra uniform you may need.

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning: Don't forget Parent/Carer coffee morning every Thursday in the Staffroom at 9am. Everyone welcome tea, coffee biscuits and toys for the little ones available. Come along and get to know other parents/carers at Fishergate.

School Lunch Menu

Just to remind you that Week 1 menu for Monday's only, new menu below:

Macaroni Cheese/Cheese & Tomato Quiche

Final Reminders:

School individual photos on Friday 3rd October

Bikeability training for Y6 starts on Friday 3rd October

Parent Partnership meeting will be held on Monday 6th October, 9am in the staffroom



If you have any Morrison's Let Grow Vouchers, we would be very grateful if you could pop them in the collection box on Reception.

Again, many thanks for your support and involvement in the life of our school. We do value hugely the contributions that many of you make as volunteers each week supporting teachers with hearing children read, helping with learning key Maths facts and helping generally in the classroom. For those who are unable to help in this way, it is fantastic to see the way you are supporting your children with homework at home and in you positive attitudes to all that goes on in school.

Best wishes

Andy Herbert

Headteacher