



# Fishergate Newsletter 19

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I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to David Pennington for two superbly organised sports days. I hadn't been to a sports day that has been split into track and field before and I really enjoyed it. Thank you as well to all of you who volunteered and who made sure that the both afternoons ran like clockwork – from the place givers to the measurers, the ice lolly buyers to the scorers; you support was invaluable.

Since I last wrote we have also had our Art enrichment week and the children's works of art are starting to make their way on to our school walls. If you get a chance come in and have a look at the display on the Y5/6 stairs. Brilliant work by the children that the talented Liz Pitts has then presented so effectively!

The 5/6s are busy preparing their Leavers' show which they will perform at 9am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. I am looking forward, with slight trepidation, to my first Fishergate Leavers' experience. Please come and join us if you are able. We will also have our Leavers' assembly at 9am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Again, all are welcome.

School has been a little bit quieter than usual this week. The children have been taken to The Sea Life Centre, The Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Frankie and Benny's and next week the Y5/6s will be going to Bridlington. I am sure that I don't need to tell you how lucky we are to have such brilliant teachers and teaching assistants who make sure that they give their classes the best possible experiences. What you might not know is that all of these trips involve an awful lot of background work – including risk assessments – thank you Ann Cole!

## Instrumental lessons at Fishergate

We are very lucky to have such a wide range of instruments on offer for children to learn at Fishergate. Currently, we offer lessons in woodwind (oboe, clarinet, alto sax, flute and recorder), violin, cello/double bass, drums and piano/keyboard.

If your child is interested in starting to learn any of these instruments please contact the relevant teacher by email or come and see Miss Teale in school. We would love to see more children starting lessons in September!

**Woodwind: Rosie Lynch** [rosielynch1@googlemail.com](mailto:rosielynch1@googlemail.com)

**Violin: Sarah Loughran** [s.c.loughran@googlemail.com](mailto:s.c.loughran@googlemail.com)

**Cello/Double Bass: Catherine Strachan** [catherinestrachan@gmail.com](mailto:catherinestrachan@gmail.com)

**Drums: Andy Jennings** [andy@yorkdrumteacher.co.uk](mailto:andy@yorkdrumteacher.co.uk)

**Piano/Keyboard: Mike Hankiewicz** [mikehankiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:mikehankiewicz@yahoo.com)

## Family Learning

### FREE COURSE

Keep up with the Children in Maths

Fishergate Primary School Tuesdays 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017

9.15am – 11.15am

More information Contact Sally 07785 546366 or email

## LUNCH PAYMENTS

Please be aware that there are numerous lunch accounts with high outstanding balances. These MUST be cleared by the end of term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. If your child is in year six please ensure that their account is clear before they leave. Any outstanding balances will be transferred to their secondary school. School cannot be responsible for covering unpaid lunches. Please call into the office ASAP to arrange payments. Many thanks.

### **ONLINE PAYMENT FACILITY**

Towards the end of this academic year your child will bring home a letter about our new online payment facility PARENTPAY. In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking that parents use this online payment method for things such as dinner money trips as of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016. All children will be given a unique account number and password in order to do this. When you receive your letter you can activate your child's account immediately ready for use in September. Can we please ask that your child's current lunch account is up to date at the end of this summer term (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July) so that this one can be deactivated. Any outstanding balances will be transferred to their ParentPay account (or to their new school in the case of year six pupils) at the end of term. Any credit remaining on a child's account can either be refunded or transferred at the end of term. If you do not have access to the internet or wish to pay cash then please contact Emma/Helen in the office to request the option of paying via PayPoint. We appreciate that it is going to take some time for parents (and us!!) to get used to a new, online payment system but we are hoping that, in time, we will all find it an easier and more efficient way of working. We thank you in advance for your support.