



# Fishergate Newsletter 7

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Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday. The children have certainly come back to us as full of enthusiasm and as ready to learn as ever. We enjoyed beginning off the new term with our Mindfulness day last Friday. Amongst other things, the children had the opportunity to do yoga, run a mile, learn about daily gratitude, and do mindful painting. We also had our first parent and child yoga session at the beginning of this week and it was lovely to see how well attended this was.

Although this half term is short it is going to be full of exciting learning activities. Next week the choir will be taking part in Young Voices at Manchester, every class will be taking part in a judo taster session and a group of Year 5/6s are going to Robinwood.

Letters were sent out at the beginning of this week about elections for a new parent governor. Please consider putting yourself forward for this very important role. If you would like to know more about what the job entails then don't hesitate to catch me for a chat.

My last job in this newsletter is to let you know some sad news. Our lovely Y5/6 teaching assistant, Elizabeth Pitts (Pitzzy) will be retiring just before the end of this half term. She has been part of Fishergate for an incredible number of years. It was her school as a child, she sent her own children here and the legacy continues with her granddaughter. She brings so much creativity, good humour, compassion and fun to everything that she does and I can't put into words how much we will miss her. There will be an assembly to say goodbye to Liz on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 9am. Please join us if you can.

## WAITROSE COMMUNITY MATTERS SCHEME YORK

Huge thanks to our parent Robbie Fisher for managing to get Friends of Fishergate Forest School into the green token box at Waitrose. If you shop at Waitrose or happen to pop in during February, please, please, please put your green token in the Fishergate slot and help raise some funds for future Forest School projects.

## PLEASE READ - IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE KINDLY SENT FROM HOB MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

We wanted to make you aware of a situation we have been dealing with in school this week. We have had some incredibly brave children who have been able to reach out and tell us that someone has been sending them explicit and inappropriate material to their instagram account. The parents of these children have been incredibly supportive and together we have worked with the police to try and put a stop to it.

Please can we ask you to take the time to check your child's device this weekend and ensure they have the maximum security setting in place. Should you need support with this the O2 shop in town will help you and they do not charge. You just need to take your device into the shop and ask them to check the settings.

We also want to make you aware of the name of the account that has been sending such inappropriate materials so that you can be vigilant when checking your child's device. Jak.a2018 is the name of the account and as far as we know it has only been targeting Instagram, however, this is not to say it is not targeting other social media.

If you do find that your child has also been a victim of this please don't hesitate to contact us in school for support or contact 101 to report it.

### **LUNCH ACCOUNTS**

There are far too many outstanding lunch accounts at present. School has to cover the cost of unpaid lunches and we really do not have spare funds to do this. Please can I ask that lunch accounts are kept up to date.

Office staff will be calling parents whose accounts are particularly high this week and asking that no further meals are ordered until their account is cleared. Many thanks for your support.

### **ESCRICK STREET PARKING**

I have noticed that Escrick Street is becoming increasingly busy at drop off and pick up times. I understand that some of you have to drive to school due to distance but can I ask that you are mindful of child safety when parking. Parents must not mount the pavements at any time. Can I also remind you that the car park is not for the use of parents.

### **JANUARY DATES FOR DIARY**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> –Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

Choir singing at Young Voices in Manchester

Yr 5/6 Residential Robinwood

Miss Teale & Mrs Engleman class trip to Art Gallery

Caterlink cookery sessions – whole school participation

Mr Snowden class trip to Art Gallery

### **FISHERGATE TEA TOWELS**

Just to let you know that tea towels are still available to purchase from the office priced at £3.50 each.