



Fishergate Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to be able to share some really good news with you in this newsletter. Amy Batchelor is expecting baby number three in September. I am sure that you will join me in sending her huge congratulations. We are also really lucky, as Lisa Dewhurst, who currently job shares with Amy has agreed to work full-time to cover Amy's maternity leave. This means that the children and our Early Years Unit as a whole, will have perfect continuity.

The next two weeks look like they are going to be very busy with pedestrian training for Y3/4s, a trip to The Chocolate Story for KS1, an internet safety assembly for KS2 and our third running of The Fishergate Star Wars marathon. Thank you to Ann Cole, Sahar Dibden, Matt Snowden and Erika Deverall for arranging these important experiences for our children.

I thought that I would give you advance warning of a change as to how we run our Friday Celebration Assemblies. As the school is getting bigger, we have been advised by the Local Authority health and safety team that, due to fire regulations, there is a maximum number of people that we should have in the upper hall at any one time. As a result of this, we have decided to run separate Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 celebration assemblies. They will run at the same time (9am on Friday morning) with KS1 in the lower and KS2 in the upper hall. If you are lucky enough to have a child in both key stages who both have an award on the same day then let Ms Rees or myself know and we will make sure that we coordinate so that you can see both of your children receive their certificates. We will start this new way of doing things on Friday 18th May.

I am sure that some of you will have noticed that we have had a slight change to our staffing in the office. You will know as well as I do what a brilliant job Helen and Emma do and how they never sit still – that is why they are both so slim! They are also unfailingly welcoming, cheerful and smiling – the best office ladies that you could ask for. In order to try and make their workload slightly more manageable we have employed Debbie Waters. Debbie used to come into school once a week in her role as a Local Authority bursar but we now employ her directly. I cannot tell you how delighted I am to be able to welcome her into the Fishergate family.

So, I started off with happy news but will finish with some sad. Ellen Ham, one of our Early Years teaching assistants has made the decision to take early retirement due to ill health. We will miss her at Fishergate and we wish her well for the future. If you would like to make a contribution to a leaving gift for Ellen then please give your donation to Emma, Helen or Debbie in the office.

EMAILS AND WEBSITE

Just to remind you that school use emails as their main source of contact with parent/carers. Please ensure that school have your correct email address on their system that you check your emails regularly throughout the school day. Also, our school website is updated weekly. Here you can find weekly learning and any important dates for your diary <http://www.fishergateschool.com>