



Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to our children, parents and carers and in particular those who have joined us in September. It was good to have the children back inside the school after the summer holiday and our two training days – it always feels very empty and strange without them in it. Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart and with everything that they need for school. Just a word of caution; we are experiencing some difficulties with the boiler at the moment which will be resolved at the end of this month. Luckily, it has been warm outside but as it starts to get colder please could you make sure that your child comes in with a jumper/cardigan and a coat. You may want to pack up the summer dresses a little bit earlier than usual as well and get the skirts and tights or trousers out.



Global Assembly

I am looking forward to seeing you at Global today and hope that as many of you as possible can make it.

The teachers have asked me to say a huge thanks, on their behalf, for the many gifts that they received at the end of last term. We really are lucky to be able to do a job that we love and to get presents for doing so!!

Tina Clarke

Clubs

As the clubs for our children begin next week we would like to thank all the Fishergate Primary School staff who give up their own time to provide these varying clubs for our children, both during and after the school day. We are sure that everyone from the Fishergate School community appreciates their hard work and dedication to support our children in extra curricular activities.

Collecting children at the end of the day.

Please could we ask that all parents leave the school by the exit that they came in rather than leaving by the main front door. This will ensure the office staff are aware who is coming into the building and safeguard our children

Lettings

During the evening we have built up strong relationships with our 'Lettings' groups who provide various activities for children and adults. These involve Karate classes, Rainbows and Brownies, Football Tots, Dance works, an adult art class, choir and Sporty Futures (a new club for children on a Saturday morning, run by Helen Hawes who provides PE classes in school during the week.) Full details including, contacts of the lettings will be placed on our lettings board, which is on the right, just as you enter the main school door.

Works during the Summer holidays.

During the summer holidays we had an electrical rewire for the whole of the lower school which has been funded by the City of York Council. It should show a vast improvement in the future electricity costs and we are assured that the upper school will be rewired from July 2019.

As we are working towards a calming Learning Environment you may have noticed that we have changed the layout of some of the classrooms and have made a start on painting the school. This is work in progress and depending on the school budget will depend on how quickly we can apply the principles to the remainder of the school.

Music Lessons at Fishergate

At Fishergate, we offer a variety of instrumental lessons open to children in school through Approved Tutors. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument, please contact Tutors directly using the details below or come and see Mrs Tessier in school to discuss things further.

Woodwind: Rosie Lynch
rosielynch1@googlemail.com

Violin: Sarah Louchran
s.c.loughran@googlemail.com

Cello: Catherine Strachan
catherinestrachan@gmail.com

Drums: Andy Jennings
andy@yorkdrumteacher.co.uk

Guitar: Steve Powell
stevepowell726@gmail.com

Keyboard: Tim Farnhill
tim@yorkkeyboardschool.com

If your child receives Free School Meals or is on the SEN register we can apply for a bursary that will allow your child to have instrumental lessons free of charge. If your child is in any of these categories please come and discuss the possibilities with Mrs Tessier in school who will be glad to help.

Notice boards and access to information throughout the school.

The majority of the information that is sent out to parents can be found on our website.

www.fishergateschool.com

We do have a parents notice board in the main reception area, with a leaflet dispenser which holds information such as term dates, dates of clubs, change of pupil details, the dinner menu and medical forms. Please ensure your own contact details are kept up to date just in case we need to get in touch.

Parent Pay

As you are aware this is a changing world and Fishergate Primary should be a cash free office. This entails all future payments for any services (Dinners, School trips, swimming, clubs etc) provided by School should be paid via Parent Pay, our online finance system for parents. For future charity events we will collect the cash in the classrooms as we have always done previously.

Diary Dates for the Autumn term

Celebration Assembly 9 am weekly:

Parents of children involved will be invited to the relevant assembly nearer the time

TODAY	Global Evening 6pm
8/10/2018	Safety week
15/10/2018	Walk to school Week
5/11/2018	History week
21/11/2018	Maths workshop Y3/4: further details to follow

Lunches

Please note that if your child has just moved upstairs into year 3, they now need to pay for school lunches. The cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day and can be paid via ParentPay.

If you require a ParentPay login please contact the school office for details.

Could we remind all parents with children who have packed lunches to include a drink to be taken with their lunch and food that is healthy, no sweets, nuts or fizzy drinks.

Contact us:

Tel: School 01904 555335

Absence Line 553869