



Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter 29th January 2019

Wellington Boots

Mr Deakin would appreciate any children's wellington Boots, size 1 to 5, which could be used as spares for our children when they are outside in Forest Schools. Could you please discuss what you have to offer with Mr Deakin. All donations will be gratefully received.

Labelling Children's clothes.

please could everyone ensure that **all children's clothing** is clearly **labelled** with their child's name. This can easily be done using a permanent marker pen and will save on the confusion and wastage of school clothes at the end of every term.

A message from the Headteacher

A belated happy new year to you all - I hope that the year brings you and your family peace and happiness.

The governing body have asked me to give you an update on our potential academisation. We heard last week that the earliest date that we could join the South Yorks Multi-Academy Trust would be February 2020. This is due to the capacity of the Local Authority to convert schools. The governors remain committed to ensuring that any decision to academise will only be made if they have substantial evidence that it is in the best interests for Fishergate pupils.

I am really enjoying my time with the children who have been selected for an 'Over and Above' treat. This weekly treat is awarded to children who always behave in an exemplary manner. Luckily for me, Fishergate is jam-packed with these amazing individuals.

We are looking forward to welcoming Lynn Paradine to our school family at the beginning of February. She will be joining the Year 5/6 team as a teaching assistant in Mrs Walton's class. We were lucky enough to have a very strong field to choose from and I think that she is going to fit in brilliantly.

In a bid to become more environmentally friendly, as well as saving money and reducing workload we intend to become a paperless school when it comes to communication with parents and carers. We plan to move to a system where all letters and permission slips are sent via 'Parent Mail'. Please look out for further details which will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Tina Clarke

Slight change to the lunchtime menu.

The lunchtime staff had noticed a lot of waste when Battered Fish was on the menu so we have carried out a little survey in school over the last few weeks and decided to change the menu slightly. The change only affects Week one on Friday the option will be MSC Salmon or White Fish fingers not MSC Battered fish.

Two more slight changes rice not noodles week one Thursday and Pasta Bolognese not Spaghetti Bolognese week three Thursday. Please see attached menu.

Children absence from School. Could we re-iterate that if your child is ill or won't be attending School it is your statutory duty to inform School prior to the start of the School day, of the whereabouts of your child and you must telephone the School absence line on **01904 553869**. (Incorrect number on the last newsletter.)

Please look at our lettings board for details of our classes held within School.

Early Years Unit

If anyone has any spare carrier bags they would be very much appreciated by the Early Years Unit to be used for wet / dirty clothes. Please could you pass them to any staff member of the Early Years Unit.

The school council needs you!

- School Council buddies:
We now have 2 buddies from each Key Stage 1 and 2.
- Calling all entrepreneurs:
Mr Deakin and the school council are running a Key Stage 2 inventors competition. Pupils will be invited to design an invention to improve school life! One winner per key stage 2 class will go through to the final. We need a panel of expert judges to judge the finalists inventions. If you are an entrepreneur or an expert in business, please see Mr Deakin or give your name in at reception.
- The school council is continuing to raise money to redevelop the John Lally garden at the back of the playground. Before we can do this we need the area to be cleared. If you would like to help with this please let reception know.
- Date for your diary. The Star Wars marathon day will on Friday 3rd May this year. This year we are raising money for the homeless in York. If you would like to run just turn up on the day or if you are free to help out please see Erika Deverall (located in Mrs Tessier/Mrs Ekers year 3/4 class) or let reception know.

Many thanks for all your support in our projects, it is much appreciated.

Paperless School

In future all Newsletters will be 'mailed' to the children's first contact and placed onto the School website. If you would like a paper copy a few will be put in the holder outside the School office.

Known Dates of events – Further details will follow:

Friday 8 th February	Invention deadline
Friday 15 th February	Non-Uniform day
Friday 22 nd February	Break for half term. Usual finish time.
Monday 4 th March	School re-opens
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 12 th April	Break for Easter at 2:30pm
Tuesday 30 th April	Children return to School
Friday 3 rd May	Star Wars Marathon Day

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