



Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter February 2019

Dinner bands

At lunchtime children are given a red, green or yellow wristband which shows the lunchtime staff what meal they are having that day. School buys the bands but they appear to be disappearing, so we wondered if parents could help by seeing if their child has any of our wrist bands at home. We will have a box to drop them off at the main reception window.

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

Thank you to all of you for a productive and happy half term. I hope that you all have a restful and fun-filled holiday.

Don't forget to check our twitter feed, which is also embedded on the landing page of our website. We are doing a much better job of adding information on a regular basis.

Well done to our fabulous choir who performed at Manchester Arena as part of the Young Voices Choir last week. Mrs Tessier and Mrs Spain were very impressed with their impeccable behaviour and their excellent performing skills.

Finally I would like to share with you my experience of being a midday supervisor out on the playground for a day last week. I was so impressed with how genuinely kind the children are to each other and how they look out for one another. Together we are creating the citizens of the future who will make this world a better place.

Tina Clarke

We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. Please come dressed as your favourite book character. All of the teachers will visit a different class to share a favourite children's book, and every child will receive a World Book Day voucher.

The York Civic Youth Choir have once again been invited by St Leonard's Hospice to perform for them at one of their fundraising events.

"Lights on the Lake" in Rowntree Park will take place on **Wednesday 20th March at 6.30pm**. This is a new event for 2019, there will be a short service (similar to "Light up a Life" at Christmas) followed by lanterns being floated on the Lake in Rowntree Park. The plan is to light the way to the lake with a lantern procession to the lake and the choir have been invited to lead the procession with lanterns and then sing some songs before lanterns are floated.

We would love for as many of the members of the choir old and new to be involved with this as it promises to be a really magical event. We will be having **ONE** rehearsal only on **Saturday 16th March from 10am-3:30pm at St Aelred's School**, including an informal performance for parents and family at 3:15pm.

Please sign up below to take part.

<https://goo.gl/forms/6Ehvisdh0nP3oR9g2>

Children in School. Could we re-iterate that the start of the school day is 8:45 for Year 1 to Year 6. Registers are taken in class before 9:00. Please ensure your child is in school prior to this time as more and more people are coming into school late and this is not acceptable as it causes disruption to classes and staff.

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

Fishergate Footprints:

Enjoying your local area with new walking trails and guided walks through Fishergate

Community groups in Fishergate are working together to launch a walking scheme to support older and isolated people living in the area to get out and about in their local community.

The project will enable residents, who may have limited mobility or live alone and lack the confidence to get out, to once again enjoy their local neighbourhood.

Walking is a gentle, but ideal, way to feel connected to your local area, meet other people, stay physically and mentally active and live a happier, healthier life.

But some people need a helping hand to get out and about.

The Fishergate Footprints walks will be downloadable online from community websites, available in leaflet form from local shops/cafes and surgeries and accessed through an app.

But to do this, we need help! Community projects like this depend on volunteer support. Fishergate Footprints are looking for volunteers to help in all aspect of the project, specifically:

- Residents who can share their favourite local walks and anecdotes about the Fishergate area
- People to help research the walks
- Walkers to trial the walks

Full training and support will be provided.

If you want to share your personal stories of Fishergate, suggest walks or help others get out and enjoy the local area, please contact Sara Mair:

Sara@yumiyork.org or call 07944 911093.

Low Moor Kids allotment :

Angela Johnson from Low Moor have asked Fishergate School to let our parents know that they have a number of vacancies on the Kids Allotment at Low Moor this year. Attached is a flyer that gives the information and the request that interested parents and children should contact Low Moor for more information. It is important that any parents who might want their child involved speak with Angela at Low Moor so that any queries are answered and she would appreciate hearing from parents by 4th March.

Enhancing our Curriculum – school visits and visitors have included: the BFG exhibition at the Art Gallery, pedestrian training, Robinwood residential, Young Voices, Space Gallery and a visiting scientist (and parent).

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 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

Contact us:

Tel: School 01904 555335

Absence Line 553869

LOW MOOR ALLOTMENTS COMMUNITY KIDS' ALLOTMENT

We are located at the bottom of Kilburn Road, just alongside the Allotments Car Park.

The Kids' Allotment has been running for 15 years and has received many awards. It is organised by volunteers and the sessions are staffed by them and parents, on a rota.



We have space for 12 members, aged between 6 and 12 years, Sessions run weekly on Saturday mornings, 10am – 12 noon, between March and end of October. Members pay £1.00 per session.

During the session the children are helped to “garden” the allotment - growing fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Whilst the work has to be done, we make it fun. Produce is shared out after harvesting and brought home.

This year we have a number of vacancies for new members. For more information, or to register your child's interest, please contact Angela Johnson, angela3147@hotmail.com