

Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter May 2019

<u>A message from the Headteacher</u>

We are managing to fit an enormous amount into a tiny half term. Trips, sporting events, end of Key Stage assessments and the Star Wars marathon are keeping us busy. The marathon day gets bigger and better every year – thank you to everyone who was involved – whether you ran, walked our runners to school and back, manned the half-way point, supported or sponsored. Thanks to the children's legs and your generosity we managed to raise £914 for Carecent. We even made it onto the television this year – follow the twitter link on the front page of the school website if you would like to take a look.

Well done to four of our chess players who competed in the final Yorkshire Junior tournament at the beginning of this half term. Noah S-B. was runner up in the Novice section and Japhet won the best under-11 in the Minor section. Beth is now one of the top junior female players in Yorkshire. Nick continues to play and achieve great results in the second from top tier of junior chess.

Tína Clarke

New Greenhouse.

Just before the end of last term, Mr Deakin, Mr Leahy and Mr Bartlett (one of our many school volunteers) have erected a new greenhouse on the school field. This has been provided by our Friends of Fishergate, who we are very grateful to and we appreciate all the help and provisions they provide for our children. We are hoping to be able to grow vegetables so please encourage your children if they come home chatting about their new products.

If anyone has a spare potting bench please let Mr Deakin know.

Volunteer for the Library

We have a fantastic volunteer, Sarah who along with Sarah Wilson has sorted the School library in the holidays and any books not required by School were offered to parents for a small donation with the remaining ones being collected by the Rotary Lions group to be given to children in Sri Lanka.

Sarah looks after the library weekly and would like to work alongside a new volunteer. If you are interested please have a word with the office staff.

Cooking class

Star Education is running a cooking club in May half term at Millthorpe secondary school. The cooking club is going to be focused on cooking healthy delicious meals that get children interested in healthy food, teaching them key skills that will last them a life time. It will be held on Tuesday 28th May for 7 to 9 year olds.

If you think that this would be of interest to you, please see the leaflets in the letter rack in the lower hall which will give further details.

Booster seat

Do you have a booster seat which you no longer use?

Would you be willing to donate it to Fishergate School? If the answer is Yes, could you please have a word with Sallie Fisher in our Early Years Unit.

Thank you.

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.

Funfishers

Cleaner required

Do you know anyone who would be interested in becoming part of the Fishergate family as a cleaner at Fishergate Primary School. We have some flexibility in the hours worked on an evening after school from 2 to 5 nights per week until 6:45pm. Please speak to the office staff if you require further information.

<u>School Stools</u>

We have a few old school stools in good condition which we no longer use. An example is near the main entrance in the lower hall.

For a small donation they may be useful to someone to use for their child at home.

Please look at our lettings board for details of our classes held within School. If you collect or drop off a sibling at Funfishers before the start or end of the school day please make sure that you exit the Funfishers gate and wait on Escrick Street for the School gate to be opened. Do not wait in the playground as this can be a danger / distraction to our children.

Some of the topics in School this month

Early Years Unit

Children enjoyed their trip to Harlow Carr even though the weather was not on our side. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Dewhirst would like to thank all our volunteers. The children have also taken inspiration from the marathon day and are taking part in more running activities.

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The children have enjoyed researching facts about dinosaurs. The children had a great time at the Yorkshire museum making fossils and even holding a fossil, which turned out to be dinosaur poo...

During this half term Yr5/6 are learning about the history of the ancient Greeks and will be doing some Greek art through tapestry and pottery. Next week Yr3/4 have the invasion of the Romans on the Iron Age in forest schools. No doubt children will tell you all about it.

Polite reminder - Considerate parking

A reminder to parents to take care when driving / parking on Escrick Street, for Health and Safety reasons. We ask that parents please be respectful of our local community and park considerately when dropping-off/picking-up pupils at school. We have had a number of complaints about cars being parked illegally and blocking Escrick Street which causes a danger to our children. Thank you.

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:

Monday 20th May

Friday 24th May **Tuesday** 4th June Saturday 8th June Friday 14th June Friday 11th July

School Class photos during school hours

Break up at 3:15pm for May half term Everyone back to School. York Pride walk. Friends Fancy Dress Football 3:30 to 5:00 Talent Show 5:30 to 7:30

Contact us: