



Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter September 2019

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been a lovely first couple of weeks in school; getting to know the new classes and hearing about what the children have been getting up to. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Global Evening tonight and I know that the children are excited to share their learning with you.

We are changing the way in which we will be teaching maths. We have moved towards a mastery curriculum – one in which pupils have a really secure understanding of mathematical concepts and strategies. Teaching maths for mastery offers all pupils access to the full maths curriculum. This inclusive approach, and its emphasis on promoting multiple methods of solving a problem, builds self-confidence and resilience in pupils. The children are taught the objectives from their year group and then their learning is deepened and embedded rather than them moving to the objectives from the next year group. To enable the children to learn in this way they will be taught maths in single year groups as far as possible. Some pupils will be following objectives from the year group below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

This year I will be teaching on Thursdays. I will be with Mrs Moss's class in the morning and Mr Deakin's in the afternoon. If you need to speak to anyone on a Thursday then Dani Rees will be available.

Thank you for your continued support of Fishergate School – being able to work in partnership with you makes our jobs so much easier!

Tina Clarke

Packed Lunches

Could all parents please ensure packed lunches contain healthy food. Please do not include chocolate, nuts, sweets or any product in a glass container.

School Resources

Would you please check at home to see if any of Fishergate Primary resources have managed to get lost at home. We would appreciate if you could return any School Books, whiteboards or any other items to your child's class or the School Office.

Children's clothes.

Please ensure all of your children's clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Potting Bench Required.

Would anyone have a potting bench or anything that can be used as a potting bench for the greenhouse at forest schools? If you think you may have anything suitable please let Ryan Deakin or the School Office staff know. Thank you

Parking around School

This is a constant problem on the streets around School. Virtually every day parents are parking on the double yellow lines on Escrick Street and the top of Blue Bridge Lane. **This puts everyone walking or cycling in danger.**

Cyclists on Blue Bridge Lane end up cycling uphill, blind into oncoming traffic, often where vehicles who are in a hurry turning onto Blue Bridge lane. As we have a lot of families that cycle this way to school please be considerate and park elsewhere. There are parking spaces further down the hill or in the local area.

Blue Bridge Survey works - For your information

City of York Council will be carrying out survey works on Blue Bridge on Monday 16th September between 9:30 - 3:00. This will involve lifting the bridge during brief periods of the day so the access along the River Ouse foot / cycle path at New Walk will be stopped during this time.

Relief Mid-day supervisor required

Do you know anyone who or maybe you, would be interested in becoming part of the Fishergate family as a Relief Mid-Day supervisor at Fishergate Primary School.

This involves you being available to work occasionally between the hours of 11:30 to 1:15 to cover absence of our lunch time staff.

Please call in to discuss further details with the office staff.

Please look at our lettings board for details of our classes held within School. We have Rainbows and Brownies, Karate, Dance and Football groups available.

Parent Consultations

We will be sending letters out in October asking you to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress at parent consultation. To enable parents to plan their time the dates for parent consultations are:

Tuesday 5 th November 2019	3:00 until 4:30	EYU
Wednesday 6 th November 2019	2:30 until 4:00	EYU
	3:30 until 6:00	KS1 / KS2
Thursday 7 th November 2019	3:00 until 4:30	EYU
	3:30 until 6:00	KS1 / KS2

Please don't try to book an appointment at the moment. Wait until you receive the letter in October and only then, send the reply slip back into school.

Collections to help School

We will be collecting vouchers from **Aldi** and crisp packet recycling as both ideas are supporting Schools to raise funds.

If you spend over £30 at Aldi you will be given a voucher for Schools, so if you could bring that into Fishergate main entrance, we will add it to our chart and once it is complete we send it off and could win up to £20000.

We are also looking at the environment and how we can help by recycling **crisp packets**. This will also be a whole School initiative run by the Eco warriors and once we have the relevant information and collection points in place we will send further details home.

Thank you for your support.

Transport Survey

The York Civic Trust, York Bus Forum and York Environment Forum are carrying out a study regarding their approach to transport in future years. Fulford Rd congestion, parking, buses, cycle routes potholes etc often feature in Cllr Andy D'Agorne's mailbox so this is an opportunity for you to respond and help to influence future transport policy.

Please see the attachment for further details. To take part in the survey, York residents can access it directly via:

<https://surveys.garesearch.co.uk/YorkTransportResidents.asp>

Known Dates of events – Further details will follow:

Friday 13 th September	Global evening. 6pm start
Friday 18 th October	Halloween Disco
Friday 25 th October	Children finish at 3:15 for Half term Holiday
Monday 4 th November	Everyone back to School
Tuesday 5 th November 2019	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 6 th November 2019	Parent Consultations
Thursday 7 th November 2019	Parent Consultations as above
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 18 th December	Carols by Candlelight
Friday 20 th December	Children finish at 2:30 for Christmas Break

Contact us:

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