

# Early Years Newsletter

November 2019



## **Thank you!**

A huge thank you to those parents who have contributed to the cooking and baking donations fund, enabling the children to continue thoroughly enjoying these weekly sessions with Mrs Ensor.

Also thank you to parents who assisted us at Forest school last half term; without your help it wouldn't be possible. We are very grateful, especially to those who say yes to helping at the very last minute!

## **Clothing**

As the weather starts to get colder please can we ask that your children have suitably warm clothes, including coats, hats, scarves and gloves. We do have our outdoors play area open in all weathers so they need to be wrapped up warm, especially for Forest school on Friday mornings.

Please help us to help you, by putting your child's name in **ALL** of their clothing, so it can be easily identified and returned to their peg or drawer.

All items of un-named clothing will go into the Early Years lost property basket and then transferred to the KS1 lost property box every Monday which is situated in the KS1 cloakroom.

## **Sponsored Forest Hunt**

We will be completing our sponsored Forest school hunt on Friday 15th November. Please try to get as many sponsors as possible as we are going to put the money towards buying some new resources to enhance our Early Years provision.

## **Pantomime**

This year we have opted out of going to the pantomime with the rest of school. As a team we feel it is a little too much for our reception children. It is a long show and can have scary parts which some children have found distressing in previous years. However, we have a plan! We will be attending the Theatre Royal production Room On The Broom next March. Details will follow after Christmas.

## **REMINDERS!**

- Please do not let your children bring their own toys/comforters into school unless already agreed with a member of staff. It can cause a lot of distress for them and others when they go missing or another child takes it. If lip balm is required in school, please label it and hand it in to a member of staff. We will encourage applications before going outside.
- If your child is absent from school it is mandatory for parents to phone the school's absence line, leave a message stating your child's class and the reason for their absence. If your child is vomiting and/or has diarrhoea then your child will need to stay away from school for 48hrs from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea as per our school sickness policy.
- We know that some parents are new to 'school life' and the general routine. If there is anything you ever need to know or you have any questions/queries please do speak to a member of the Early Years Team or Helen/Emma in the school office.
- Please can we remind you that **ONLY WATER** should be brought in children's water bottles for school, **NOT** juice.
- Please can all parents/carers exit through the lower hall with their children at the end of the school day. Hopefully this will stop the bottle neck effect at our Early Years back door.
- We are still waiting on a day when all full time children are in school to re-do the class photograph. Mrs Fisher will NOT be giving up her day job and will have nothing to do with the taking of this photograph, unlike the one for The Press!

## **Reception places for September 2020(Part time children).**

Applications for Reception places starting in September 2020 can now be made. This can be done either online at [www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by requesting a 'Common application form' from the admissions team on 01904551554 or email: [education@york.gov.uk](mailto:education@york.gov.uk). All applications must be made before **15th January 2020**. Applicants will be advised of their allocated school on 'National Offer Day', which is **16th April 2020**.

## **P.E**

P.E is every Wednesday afternoon, alongside music. Mrs Burt would like to inform you that all children will need to have their sports kit in school within the next few weeks as she will be encouraging changing into them this half term. It would be great if you could support your child to dress and undress independently.

## **Library**

Our library session is every Thursday morning. Mrs Wilson takes small groups up to Dotty's library to choose and exchange library books. If your child would like to exchange their library book please hand it in on this day. However, your child may like to keep their books for longer, or they may have forgotten it, this is fine, they will still get to visit the library if they wish to.

### **Crucial dates for your diary!**

Friday 15th November: Children In Need day. Children are invited to come dressed in their own clothes, the brighter, jazzier, the better! £1 donations will go to the Children In Need charity.

Friday 29th November: Non-uniform day. Please bring in donations for the Christmas Fair; bottles, raffle prizes, items for the tombola, filled jam jars.

Friday 6th December: Christmas Fair, runs straight after school until around 5:30pm. Lots of stalls, games and festive fun.

Wednesday 11th December: Early Years Christmas Show, starting at 9:30am. More details to follow. Get those tissues ready!

Thursday/Friday 12th/13th December: Christmas gift shop. This is run by 'Friends of Fishergate' and they ask that if children wish to purchase some gifts for their family and friends then all they have to do is bring £2 per present. There are a range of gifts and children can buy a maximum of 5 gifts. Each gift is wrapped and children will be supported to write their own tags.

Friday 13th December: Christmas jumper Day. Bring in a £1 and wear your festive jumpers. All proceeds to 'Save The Children' charity.

Wednesday 18th December: Early Years Christmas party at 9:30am. More details to follow nearer the time.

Wednesday 18th December: Carols By Candlelight. Starts 5:30pm in the school hall. Please join us for festive singing and mince pies. This event will definitely get you in the Christmas spirit!

Friday 20th December: End of term, school finishes at the earlier time of 2:30pm. Pupils return on Tuesday 7th January 2020 (Monday 6th January is a staff training day, school is closed to pupils).

### **Pupil Premium**

Is your family eligible for Pupil Premium? Do you receive any of the following?

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit

Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

If any of these apply to you please speak to the school office staff to complete the relevant forms. Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to directly improve the attainment of those eligible children. It makes a huge difference to our school to get this additional money, so please do let us know if you are eligible.



**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.**

