



Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter October 2019

I am very pleased to be able to let you know that our new parent governor is Charlotte Johnson. Her children are in Year 3 and Reception and she has a great deal of experience; which will enhance our governing body. We are looking forward to working with her.

You will see that there is a reminder about parking elsewhere on this newsletter but I would just like to re-emphasise how important it is that you park with consideration and regard to the law. It has come to my attention that the problem also arises in Melbourne Street. Please think safety when you are parking – it would be dreadful if a pedestrian was hurt due to thoughtless behaviour – especially if it was one of our children.

A huge thank you to Friends of Fishergate for the fantastically organised discos last week. The children had a whale of a time thanks to your incredibly hard work. We are lucky to have you!

It has been good to see those of you who have been able to attend our parent workshops. Approaches to teaching and learning have changed a lot over the last couple of years and it is really helpful for us if you know how we are teaching your children so that you can better support their learning at home. We are also looking forward to seeing you at the parent consultations that are taking place in the first week back after the half-term holiday.

This half term has flown by! I hope that you all have a lovely break with your families and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 4th November.

Tina Clarke

Personal possessions

Can we please remind you that children should not bring any personal possessions into school that are valuable or precious to them. We cannot be responsible for these items.

Wheels required

Mr Deakin is hoping to make a go cart and wondered if you could look around at home to see if you have any wheels/ axles from old bikes, scooters or prams which may be suitable. Please let Mr Deakin or the office know if you have something suitable. Thank you

Yoga Classes

Please see the attached flyer for a new Yoga class at Heworth which is run by our Emma Allison.

Pianist required.

We are looking for a pianist to support choir after school on a Thursday in the run up to Christmas and who would play at Carols by Candlelight on 18th December! If you are a confident pianist and feel able to help, please speak to a member of the office team.

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.**

Please be considerate and park elsewhere. There are parking spaces slightly further away from School. The small walk will help you and your child stay healthy.

Three Free fun days in November.

York Arts education are holding 3 FREE fun music days as part of their outreach work. They are open to children and young people in York. **Please see the flyer attached** to share with anyone you think might be interested. Places are limited at each event and children must be registered in advance via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/york-arts-education-16492575510>

Assistant Site

Manager

We have placed an advert for a person to support Charlie, our Site Manager. This is a part-time role of 15 hours.

Relief MSA's – to work lunchtimes as and when required.

Please look at our website for further details.

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.

Vehicle idling outside school – ‘Kick the Habit’

Over 30,000 deaths a year nationally are linked to air pollution, and children are suffering life-long health problems as a result of poor air quality. Vehicle idling results in unnecessary emissions to air. Switching off your engine when parked up waiting outside school is a simple way of **helping to** improve air quality and **protecting** the health of our school population.

We would like to take this opportunity to advise all parents and carers that City of York Council has recently commenced anti-idling enforcement patrols outside schools. If you are observed by a council officer to be parked with your engine running for more than 2 minutes you may be approached and asked to switch off. If you refuse to do so you could be served with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN).

An anti-idling enforcement patrol undertaken outside Fishergate and St George's schools last week prevented over 44 minutes of unnecessary idling.

More information on the 'Kick the Habit' campaign including free resources to help communities and schools to take their own awareness raising activities can be found at: https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20054/pollution/2347/kick_the_habit_anti-idling_campaign

If you have any further comments or questions about vehicle idling contact public.protection@york.gov.uk

End of term tidy up Could you please ensure your children take their belongings home on Friday 25th October 2019. This will help with our cleaning during the holidays. Thank you

NON UNIFORM DAY – 29th November 2019

Friends of Fishergate have requested we have a non-uniform day on Friday 29th November 2019 in return for a donation of items (bottles, unwanted gifts etc) which be used for the Christmas Fair. Thank you

Early Years Unit and John Lally garden

Could we please ask everyone to ensure that either before or after School, children do not use the Early Years Unit outdoor or the John Lally Garden. Both areas are organised to be used during the School day and children are disrupting the set up by using them outside our hours. Thank you

Known Dates of events – Further details will follow:

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
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

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