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Friends Newsletter May 2017

Dear all,

Welcome back to the summer term – for many the year will be flying by as their children get older and perhaps ready to move on to high school. For others I imagine it seems like a long time since their child was first starting out as a new pupil. Whichever camp you're in, I hope it's been a great year so far and let's make this term the best yet.

### **Important date:**

### **Summer Fair Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2-5pm –**

Please note the date - helpers on the day and in the run up are **essential**.

It simply cannot be done without substantial parent help.

**Friends AGM** – we say enormous thanks to Emma Coulson and Rachel Shaw who are stepping down in their respective roles as Treasurer and Secretary. Their work behind the scenes has made for a smooth running of Friends and allowed us to contribute to the school in the massive way we have. They will be replaced by Hester Cashdan and Mickey Finn, to who we also say thank-you.

Looking ahead to next year- I will be stepping down as Chair in September so someone will need to replace me...it's also possible to do as a job share?? In addition, there are currently several very active parents, whose children will be entering year 6 and therefore thinking about leaving the school. We are very short of parents from children in the EYU and KS1. Please consider getting involved now as there is so much support and help available.

There are many benefits to volunteering with Friends, it is sociable and fun, it can help develop your skills, especially if you're looking to get back to work and your kids love it and benefit from it.

Do email [friends@friendsoffishergate@yahoo.com](mailto:friends@friendsoffishergate@yahoo.com) or visit us at the Facebook Friends of Fishergate page and let us know what you'd like to do.

## **Frozen Friday**

Sorry to say but due to lack of parent availability we are unable to run the Friday ice-cream stall this half-term.

This requires a few people who are available on a Friday to:

- buy the ice creams/lollies – you are immediately repaid
- store what is possible in the staff room freezer
- bring the rest in the provided ice box to sell.

It's always a bit of a scrum so we need at least 3 parents – could it be you?? Please let Emma in the office know if you can help ASAP???

**Recent events** have included Fishergate hosting the York Chess Congress in which 12 Fishergate children successfully participated. Massive thanks to all the parents who helped make the day happen. The children loved being part of it and wearing their special Fishergate chess club t-shirts. We raised some money on our refreshments stand which will benefit all children at the school.

## **Money**

We've spent a huge amount of our money this year, which was the right thing to do. We bought the new speaker system upstairs, the new Chromes, we subsidised the panto trips and will be contributing to the summer trips. We've contributed to the Forest School, art projects, science days and recently helped purchase a new beam for gymnastics. We are now in need of raising some money again – so apart from the summer fair, if you have any new ideas for raising money – please let us know.

We will hold two meetings on the week after half-term to discuss the Summer Fair. We will meet on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> June Seahorse Pub 8pm. For those of you who can't make an evening meeting, we will also meet in the school field after school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 3.15pm to put our ideas together. I hope you can join us for one or both of these meetings. Enjoy the rest of the half term.

Selena

