



Fishergate Newsletter 11

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Dear Parent/carer,

I have just come back in after planting my very first tree! Our Forest School area is going from strength to strength and we now have just over three hundred saplings putting their roots into Fishergate soil, thanks to our team of dedicated volunteers who have spent the day helping the children, and me, to plant their very own tree.

Upstairs was filled with a variety of musical icons yesterday; we had everyone from Elvis to Hannah Montana. The teachers and teaching assistants did their bit too, although Josh Burnell's legs are still recovering from wearing platform boots all day! The children in Key Stage 2 had a wonderful day of learning and really were enriched by our music day. Thank you to all of you who went to such lengths to find your child a costume from the decade that they were representing.

It amazes me to see that we have already reached the end of our first half term of 2016. On behalf of all of us at Fishergate I wish you a happy week's holiday and look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and raring to go, on Monday 22nd February.

Tina Clarke

Did you know that O2 have partnered up with the NSPCC to support their work on online safety?

If you have a device that you require support with setting up fire walls, safety mechanisms etc. O2 will help you set things up (for free). The devices do not need to have been purchased from O2 and the O2 team will also provide you with information on a helpline for those times where you have those "if only I could ask moments".

Also, we are looking to run an online safety workshop for parents run by the NSPCC. In this workshop parents have scenarios to work through and think about the most effective way of keeping your children safe whilst informing them of what and how to use the internet safely.

If you would be interested in attending this session please let Lisa Solanki/Dani Rees/Tina Clarke know and suitable times (during school/after school etc.). Once we have indication of numbers we can contact NSPCC to arrange dates.

Thank you for supporting the Young Carers cake stall on January 29th! We raised £87.03 which we will give to York Carers Centre to provide resources for the LAFFS support group for young carers in our area. During the same week, Key Stage Two classes had a visit from a local young carer and former pupil, Ellie Elliott, who spoke frankly to the children about her life. In Year 5/6, we also wrote problem page letters to support fictional young carers with challenges in their lives. The children asked Ellie some really thoughtful questions and we were proud of their attitude. Liz Roberts from young carers will be coming to assembly on Friday to thank all the children.



Carecent charity day: Friday 26th February



Carecent charity day is back! After half term we will be asking you to bring in your donations of tinned food for this amazing local charity. This year we are asking that pupils come dressed up as something beginning with the letter **C**. So you may be a cat for the day or a clown or come as something cool- prizes to be won for the most original costumes. We have been amazed in the past at your generosity and hope that you can support this charity again this year. More details to follow after the half term break.

OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY

Please could we ask that all dinner money accounts are cleared by this Friday 12th Feb.
Any child with an outstanding balance of £20.00 or more after half term will need to bring a packed lunch until their account is cleared. School cannot be responsible for unpaid lunches.

Any queries please see Helen/Emma in the office



Reminder

Not to bring dogs into the school playground, and please do not leave dogs tied up in front of school.
Many thanks

Absence Line

If you are reporting your child's absence you will need to call (01904) 553869. There will be a recorded message and you will need to leave your child's name, reason for absence and class.

Gymnastic competition Results

Last week the gymnastics team took part in the York gymnastic competition at Archbishop's Holgate Secondary School. Each team performed really well and the results were very close with stiff competition from nine other York schools. We are pleased to announce that both the year 1/2 team and the year 3/4 team won their categories and are through to the North Yorkshire Gymnastic finals. The year 5/6 team did not win this year but performed brilliantly in their tough group.
Well done to the whole gymnastics squad for their effort. We are very proud of you! Good luck to the Year 1/2 and year 3/4 teams for the North Yorkshire finals in June.



UPDATING PERSONAL INFORMATION

It has come to my attention that on numerous occasions we have not been able to contact parents due to having incorrect information on our system. If your personal details change could you please make the office aware immediately. I cannot stress enough how important it is that parents are contactable during school hours.
Many thanks