



Fishergate Newsletter 13

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10th March 2016



Dear Parent/carer,

We are sad to say goodbye to Nicola Eyre, one of our Year 3/4 teaching assistants this week. We wish her the best of luck in her new venture; teaching English to adults. We are interviewing for her replacement on Friday and will let you know the outcome next week. We will also be recruiting an additional EYU and KS2 teacher after Easter – more details to follow.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our parents' evenings last week we really value the partnership that we have with you. Teachers will be contacting any parents/carers that they missed to try and arrange a mutually convenient time in which to chat.

Please could I ask you to remember that the gates to school are not unlocked until 8:30am. Please plan your journey accordingly; we are increasingly seeing a large group of parents/carers waiting at the front of school and causing the pavement to become very congested.

Finally, I would like to say huge congratulations to Lucas Whitehead – he is now the Under 9 Yorkshire chess champion. What an achievement, we are all hugely proud of this tremendously talented young man!

Tina Clarke

Carecent Charity Day



Thank you to everyone who brought in donations and dressed up for our annual Carecent charity day. Once again your generosity has been amazing. Nicky from Carecent had a car load full of donations to be used at Carecent in the coming months. We lost count of the number of tins of beans we donated!

Thank you to the Sociology Department at the University of York who collected £50 to give to Carecent- this donation will help to buy cheese and other much needed groceries.

An extra thank you to Mr Bartlett (a volunteer at Fishergate school), Mr Kelly (dressed as Mrs Cole for the day!) and Jessica and Finn for helping to sort all the donations and put them into Nicky's car.

Thank you all for your support!

Relief Midday Supervisor

We are in need of some relief MSA's who would be willing to cover at lunchtimes when needed. Brief training will be given and there is an application form to complete. Please see Helen or Emma in the office if you are interested in this.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

There will be a second hand uniform sale in the lower hall on Monday 14th March straight after school at 3.15pm.

ATTENDANCE

I would like to make you aware that the Department for Education has recently laid out the new challenge for school attendance by raising the level at which a child is deemed persistently absent from school. Persistent absence data will now include all pupils whose attendance is 90% or less as opposed to 85% previously. This change will inevitably make it easier for children to fall into this category and I would therefore like to ask you to ensure that all children are in school every day unless the reason for absence is unavoidable. Many thanks for your support.

Learning and Careers for Parents too ...

We're taking part in a survey to find out what information and support parents need if they're interested in attending courses or want to start a new career in the near future, including working in schools. If this applies to you, please complete this survey to share your views:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ParEng2016>

Also, please come along to a Learning, Careers and Information Event for Parents/Carers at York St John University, De Grey Building, Room 125, on Friday 18 March, 10am-1pm (drop in any time during the event). For further details, contact your Family Learning Community Development Workers *Julia Watola 07785 996895* or *Sally Waudby 07785 546366*.

Important Notice

Can we just remind all parents to come into school through the back doors at the beginning and the end of the school day.



FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

EYU & KS1 6PM-7PM

KS2 7.15PM-8.15PM

All children must be supervised

£1.50 Entry Fee