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## Newsletter 4

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Guidance on walking to school

Parents and carers are responsible for deciding if and when their child is ready to walk to school on their own. However, we want to offer this as guidance for you when making this decision. At the start of the new school year, we have noticed some children are now arriving in school without an adult. Normally, we would recommend that a child be in year 5 or year 6 before walking to school on his or her own. This is generally the time when they are ready to make this journey independently. However, the route and how many roads there are to cross and how busy these roads are will be a factor in making this decision. This year, we are asking that parents/carers let us know if your child is allowed to walk to school or walk home on their own with your permission. To do this, please complete the slip attached to the bottom of this newsletter if it is going to be the normal routine and return it to school. Thanks.

### Bikes and Scooters on the Playground



**I asked the children in Assembly last Friday morning not to ride their bikes or scooters across the playground at the start or the end of the school day. When the playground is busy it is very dangerous to themselves and to others waiting or playing on the playground. Staff has noticed that this is still happening so please can you make sure your child knows that they must dismount and walk with their bike or scooter until they are outside the school gates?**

### Use of Play Equipment before and after school

Just a reminder that we ask parent/carers to supervise their children while using the play equipment, this means before school starts or after school finishes. Many thanks.

## Parent Feedback

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already returned the questionnaires giving their thoughts on what is already great about Fishergate and what needs to improve. We really want your views on this. We are finalising our School's Raising Achievement Plan and as part of this we are asking staff, children, governors and parents for their ideas. This will help us to plan for the coming years at Fishergate.

Another way you can share your views or find out about how you can help is by coming to our Parent Partnership meetings. These are going to be held on the first Monday of each month during this year at 9am on these dates:

**6th October 3rd November 1st December**

**12th January 2015 2nd February 2nd March 4th May 8th June 6th July**

You are most welcome to join us an informal chat and a cup of tea with Sarah Dixon and Sandra Franks.

## Menu Change

**Please note that there will be a slight change of the menu for next week. The menus for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October will swap. This means that the very popular roast dinner is now on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please make sure you are aware of this when you choose hot dinners for next week.**

## Dates for the diary

Finally, a reminder that Richard, our photographer, is taking **individual photos on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. Please come prepared for this. Siblings will be able to have their photos taken together and this can often make a really great Christmas present for the family!

**"Bikeability" training (cycling proficiency) takes place for Y6 children also on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** so please make sure you have a suitable bike in school on that day.

## Cake Stall



**Cake stalls to start's this week!!! This will take place in the lower hall every Friday after school, this weeks is the turn of Mrs Dibden's class. Any donations of nut free, bought or homemade cake/biscuits will be much appreciated. All proceeds go to the school.**

**Best Wishes**

**Andy Herbert**

**(Headteacher)**