

# Early Years Newsletter

November 2017



## **Thank you!**

A huge thank you to those parents who have contributed to the cooking and baking donations fund, enabling the children to continue thoroughly enjoying these weekly sessions with Mrs Ensor.

Also thank you to parents who assisted us on our walks last term; without your help it wouldn't be possible. We are very grateful, especially to those who say yes to helping at the very last minute!

## **Clothing**

As the weather starts to get colder please can we ask that your children have suitably warm clothes, including coats, hats, scarves and gloves. We do have our outdoors play area open in all weathers so they need to be wrapped up warm, especially for Forest school on Wednesday mornings.

Please help us to help you, by putting your child's name in **ALL** of their clothing, so it can be easily identified and returned to their peg or drawer.

All items of un-named clothing will go into the Early Years lost property bucket and then transferred to the KS1 lost property box every Monday which is situated in the lower hall.

## **Dojos (full time children)**

We are continually trying hard to reinforce good behaviour in the Early Years unit and reward them generously! You may have heard your children talking about Dojos...well, these are points that each of the children receive for following our good behaviour rules; being kind, sharing, good work etc. When a child reaches 20 points and every 10 more after, they get to have a dip in the Dojo treat box!

## **Reading (full time children)**

Please can the full time children have their reading books and planners in school every day. We encourage you to take them home each day and read as often as possible. Once you have listened to your child read please sign in their planner with any relevant comments. Your support is gratefully appreciated with this. Our aim is that we will change the children's reading book's weekly. Please see a teacher if you have any further questions or queries.

## **Lip balm**

Some children are bringing in lip balm to school, we would discourage this to stop incidents of sharing lip balms. However, if your child really does need to bring it in please can it be labelled and handed into a member of staff and we will encourage applications before going outside to play.

## **REMINDERS!**

- Please do not let your children bring their own toys/comforters into school unless already agreed with a member of staff. It is causing a lot of distress for them and others when they go missing or another child takes it.
- Your child is not required to bring in their own snack from home, we provide a healthy snack and a carton of milk for each child every day.
- If your child is absent from school it is mandatory for parents to phone the school's absence line, leave a message stating your child's class and the reason for their absence. If your child is vomiting or has diarrhoea then your child will need to stay away from school for 48hrs from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea as per our school sickness policy.
- We are a **NUT FREE** school. This is due to some pupils in school having nut allergies. Direct or indirect exposure to nuts can cause an acute - sometimes life threatening - allergic reaction. As such we remind you that nut products are not to be brought into school. This includes items brought in for packed lunches, snacks or treats. Please be vigilant as many brunch/chocolate bars contain peanuts, hazelnuts and almonds. Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation.
- We know that some parents are new to 'school life' and the general routine. If there is anything you ever need to know or you have any questions/queries please do speak to a member of the Early Years Team or Helen/Emma in the school office.
- Please can we remind you that **ONLY WATER** should be brought in children's water bottles for school, **NOT** juice.

## **Reception places for September 2018 (Part time children).**

Applications for Reception places starting in September 2018 can now be made. This can be done either online at [www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.york.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by requesting a 'Common application form' from the admissions team on 01904551554 or email: [education@york.gov.uk](mailto:education@york.gov.uk). All applications must be made before 15th January 2018. Applicants will be advised of their allocated school on 'National Offer Day', which is 16th April 2018. Please see a member of the Early Years team if you need any further assistance.

## **December dates for your diary!**

Friday 8th - Christmas gift shop. This is run by Friends of Fishergate and they ask that if children wish to purchase some gifts for their family and friends then all they have to do is bring £2 per present. There are a range of gifts and children can buy up to 5. Each present is wrapped and children will be supported to write their own tags.

Wednesday 13th - Early Years Christmas Show, starting at 9:30am. More details to follow.

Get those tissues ready!

Friday 15th - Christmas jumper Day. Bring in a £1 and wear your festive jumpers. All proceeds to 'Save The Children' charity.

Monday 18th - Pantomime trip to the Grand Opera House to see Beauty and the Beast. We will be back later than expected and you will not need to collect your children until approximately 4:30pm. More details to follow.

Tuesday 19th - Christmas Fair, runs straight after school until around 5-6pm. Lots of stalls, games and festive fun.

Wednesday 20th - Early Years Christmas party at 9:30am. More details to follow.

Friday 22nd - End of term, school finishes at the earlier time of 2:30pm. Pupils return on Tuesday 9th January 2018 (Monday 8th January is a staff training day, school closed to pupils).



**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.**

