

# Early Years Newsletter

November 2018



## **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! And finally a big thank you for your support and cooperation with our new entrance into school.

## **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.

## **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 and add 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.

## **Sponsored Treasure Hunt**

We completed our Forest school sponsored Treasure Hunt on Wednesday 14th November and what a great time we had, searching for all the natural objects to earn as many points as we could. A huge well done to all of our wonderful children. Please return all sponsor money as soon as you can, we are going to put the money towards buying some new resources to improve our outdoor playground.

## **REMINDERS!**

- Please do not let your children bring their own toys/comforters into school unless already agreed with a member of staff. It can cause a lot of distress for them and others when they go missing or another child takes it. This includes lip balm, which seem to be shared amongst some of the girls at the moment. If lip balm is required in school, please label it and hand it in to a member of staff. We will encourage applications before going outside.
- 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 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.
- You can still bring in your family photos and add them to our family tree.

## **Reception places for September 2019(Part time children).**

Applications for Reception places starting in September 2019 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 2019**. Applicants will be advised of their allocated school on 'National Offer Day', which is **16th April 2019**.

## **Crucial dates for your diary!**

Friday 16th November: Children in need day. Pay £1 to come to school wearing anything spotty, stripy, jazzy...! The more colours the better

Friday 7th December: Christmas Fair, runs straight after school until around 5-6pm. Lots of stalls, games and festive fun.

Wednesday 12th December: Early Years Christmas Show, starting at 9:30am. More details to follow. Get those tissues ready! Please see attached our Nativity songs, please can you sing with your children at home to help learn the words.

Thursday/Friday 13th/14th December: 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.

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

Thursday 20th December: Pantomime trip to the Grand Opera House to see Cinderella. We will be back later than expected so you will not need to collect your children until approximately 4:30pm. Please return the reply slip and pay online by Parent Pay as soon as you can. Thank you. **PART TIME SESSIONS WILL NOT RUN ON THIS DAY.**

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