

# Early Years Newsletter

January 2020



## **Thank you!**

Happy New Year!! Welcome back. The children have all come back full of enthusiasm and fully absorbed in their learning, through play.

A huge thank you from all the Early Years team for all of our lovely, and very thoughtful Christmas gifts that we received. It was such a pleasant surprise and you are all very kind.

## **Volunteering**

We always appreciate volunteers in school. We especially need helpers on a Friday morning during our Forest School sessions. Please speak to an Early Years teacher if this is of interest to you or, indeed, if you want to volunteer at any other times. We are always appreciative of an extra pair of hands; listening to children read, being creative in the art room or generally supporting and playing alongside children in their chosen activities.

## **Early Years Cake Stall**

This term Early Years cake stalls are on the **7th February and 20th March**, as always volunteers to run the stall are appreciated! We also appreciate any cakes and biscuits (bought or homemade) being brought in on the morning of those days. All proceeds are for the Early Years to spend. In recent times we have bought the sand pit and blocks to add to our small construction area. Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**.

## **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 whenever is possible. Once you have listened to your child read please sign in their planner with any relevant comments. A page a day is often more beneficial than a longer session once a week. Our aim is that we will change the children's reading books weekly.

## **P.E**

Mrs Burt would like to remind everyone that P.E. kits need to be in school every Wednesday. This needs to be a plain t-shirt, shorts or jogging bottoms and a suitable change of footwear. Kits need to be clearly labelled and in a separate bag to their every day school bag. The children will be working hard on their independence skills and having a separate bag will make the task of changing much more manageable. Thank you.

## **Welcome**

Welcome to Miss Charlie Malarkey (an ex pupil of Fishergate) who is in her final year of teaching practise. Charlie will be in everyday for most of this term. Once she has found her feet, Miss Malarkey will be involved in the teaching and learning with all children. Please do take the time to introduce yourself and say hello.

### [www.espresso.co.uk](http://www.espresso.co.uk)

This is a useful educational website that we regularly use in school to support phonics and maths development. You can also access this at home—please ask a member of the Early Years staff for the login details.

Once logged in then you are given access to a number of phonics and maths games/challenges. If you have any queries or questions regarding this then please speak to one of the Early Years teachers. The phonics section shows you all the sounds we have been, and will be learning this year.

### Learning from Home

We love to hear about all the fantastic things that your child does out of school. Feel free to bring in any pictures and achievements. This then contributes to your child's learning journey book, which is yours to take home and treasure at the end of their time in the Early Years Unit. We appreciate that being a parent is very demanding of your time so feel free to email school with any photos and a short caption to [admin@fishergateschool.com](mailto:admin@fishergateschool.com) with 'FAO Early Years' in the subject field. We will then transfer them to your child's learning journey book. Thank you.

### Room on the Broom

As you know we chose not to attend the pantomime. On Wednesday 25th March the full time children will instead attend Room on the Broom theatre production at York Theatre Royal, a letter will be coming soon. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE PART TIME SESSION ARE CANCELLED ON THIS DAY.**

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 31st January 2020:** 'Friends of Fishergate' are organising a Family movie night. TBC.

**Friday 31st January 2020:** Non uniform day. £1 for Carecent charity.

**Friday 7th February 2020:** Early Years cake stall, lower hall at the end of the school day.

**Friday 14th February 2020:** Second hand uniform sale, lower hall at the end of the school day.

**Wednesday 25th March 2020:** Full time children's trip to see Room on the Broom at York Theatre Royal. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE PART TIME SESSIONS WILL BE CANCELLED ON THIS DAY.**

**Friday 20th March 2020:** Early Years cake stall, lower hall at the end of the school day.

**Friday 27th March 2020:** Easter disco. Early Years and KS1 6pm. KS2 7:15pm. More details to follow.

### Stay and Play sessions

Spring term parents evenings will run as Stay and Play sessions within the school day. This will give parents an opportunity to stay and play with their children and have a chat with an Early Years teacher. More details will follow soon.

**We finish school for half term on Friday 14th February at the usual time of 3:15pm and return Monday 24th February.**

**As ever, we thank you for your continued support, we are very lucky to have such helpful parents.**