



City Of York Council

Fishergate Primary School, Fishergate, York. YO10 4AP

Head Teacher: Tina Clarke

Tel: **01904 555335** Absence Line: **553869**

Email: admin@fishergateschool.com

10.12.21

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you would imagine, next week is filled with Christmas fun. The children have their Christmas parties on Monday (KS1) and Tuesday (KS2) and will be visiting Santa's grotto on Tuesday. Christmas dinner is on Wednesday and school finishes at 2:30pm on Friday. Thank you in advance to all of you for sending your children in with the right things on the right days. Thank you as well to our Friends of Fishergate for arranging for Santa to visit the children again.

Speaking of thanks, I would publically like to thank every single member of Fishergate staff. This half term has been the most tricky to navigate so far in terms of Covid cases and sickness and the flexibility that everyone has shown has been amazing to see. People have literally dropped everything and changed plans at the very last minute - always putting the needs of the children first and always with a smile. I cannot tell you how lucky we are to have people like this at Fishergate - it takes a very special person to be able to react to adversity in this way and we have a school full of them.

Which brings me on to Covid! I don't think that we have a class that hasn't had a case now. Since half term, 46 children and 6 members of staff have tested positive. All of our staff are double vaccinated and it is still getting through. I know that I have said this before but although luckily children don't seem to be too badly affected the same cannot be said for double vaccinated adults. So please could you make sure that you are lateral flow testing your children regularly, especially if you have been notified that there has been a case in your child's class. If your child has symptoms then please get a PCR booked and keep them at home until you have had a negative result. If a member of your household has Covid then please lateral flow test your child daily. As always, thank you for your support with this.

After Christmas, we will be having a big push on using cutlery properly at lunchtimes. The number of children who do not know how to use a knife and fork is concerning - this is such an important life skill! Teachers will be taking it in turns to sit in the hall with the children, modelling how to use cutlery and the midday supervisors will also be encouraging children not to use their fingers or to spear their food with a fork and eat it like a lollypop. We would appreciate it if you could continue to reinforce this at home.





City Of York Council

Fishergate Primary School, Fishergate, York. YO10 4AP

Head Teacher: Tina Clarke

Tel: **01904 555335** Absence Line: **553869**

Email: admin@fishergateschool.com

For those of you who don't yet know we have appointed Yvonne Petruso to cover Lauren Moss' maternity leave in January. Yvonne knows the school really well and it is lovely to have her back with us. We also say congratulations and goodbye to Jess Swift, one of our higher level teaching assistants. She is now Mrs Kettlewell following her wedding last weekend hence the congratulations. She leaves us for pastures new at the end of this term and we wish her every happiness and success.

Take care,

Tina Clarke

