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Dear Fishergate pupils, ex-pupils and parents/carers,

You will remember that last year, the children put together 'Operation Fishergate Rocking Horse' to restore our beautiful Victorian rocking horses. I am delighted to say the campaign was a huge success and we have our Victorian rocking horses back in school. They look stunning.

We would like to invite ex-pupils of **all ages** back to Fishergate to admire the rocking horses. The event will be open to the public and is on **Sunday 27th November at 15:30 sharp**. It will be an occasion for the local community to come together to share memories of Fishergate and celebrate a new chapter in its history.

During the campaign, as featured in [this York Press article](#) and on BBC Radio York, I received numerous phone calls, letters and visitors who wanted to share their memories of the rocking horses, in some cases from as long as 50 years ago. If you have a connection with Fishergate, please come and celebrate with us - we would love to hear your memories and stories.

Admission is limited due to capacity restrictions. **Please book your place in advance either by following this link**

<https://www.seetickets.com/event/unveiling-of-fishergate-rocking-horses/fishergate-primary-school/2463008>

**or by phoning 01904 555335. Booking online is preferred to reduce workload on our office staff. When booking, please specify the number of tickets you will need. I.e. If you are bringing a family of five, select five tickets.**

We anticipate places will go quickly, so please book early.

**The event is free entry**, but we will be collecting donations towards restoring our Fishergate Log Books: a collection of handwritten diary entries written by Fishergate's headteachers since opening in 1895.





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On arrival, please come through the main entrance of Fishergate Primary School at 15:30. The actual unveiling will take place shortly after this time.

Photography is permitted, so long as no flashes are used. Photographers will be present and you will have the opportunity to have a photograph with the horses.

**Do you have any memories of Fishergate? A film crew will be at the event and we would love to interview ex-pupils about their time at Fishergate. Our aim is to create a short documentary film to record the human history of Fishergate Primary School and to create a resource for the future children at Fishergate to learn about their school's history.**

During the event, pictures of the restoration process, completed by Fangfoss Rocking Horse Shop, will be available to view.

Please tell your friends and family and anyone you know with a connection to Fishergate and help us spread the word!

I look forward to seeing you on the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Joshua Burnell

Year 5/6 teacher and History leader

