



City Of York Council

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We started off the new half term by finding out who our new school councillors are. Firstly a very well done to all of the children who had the confidence to put themselves forwards – it takes a great deal of bravery to put yourself in to a position where you might not get chosen! They all ran very good campaigns, really thinking about how they would make school an even better place to be. I am very pleased to be able to share with you that our new school council is made up of: Jaehyun, Billy, Mallory, Anna, Ben M, Lulu, Oscar T, Astrid L, and Olivia. I am sure that they will do an exceptional job.

We have recently started to review the average cost of sending your child to Fishergate and to see if there are any ways in which we could reduce the cost whilst still providing the same exciting and engaging curriculum and provision. This includes looking at where things such as book fairs and school photos are scheduled in the school year to try and make sure that we are not asking you for lots of money in the same few weeks. We are too late to be able to do anything for this Christmas but will try to do better next year! We also intend to pull together a list of things that you will have to pay for during the year and publish them in September so that you can see where the more expensive times might be and plan accordingly. We are also planning to give those who would like it, much more notice and time to pay for the Y5/6 Robinwood residential. If you can think of anything else that we could do then please don't hesitate to let me or someone in the office know.

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding then the cost of any trips is automatically discounted by 50%. If you are not eligible for this funding but need help to cover the cost then please let one of us know so that we can help.

Having said all of that, this paragraph is all about fundraising! Christmas jumper day is Thursday 7th December. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and bring a pound to raise money for Save the Children. We are aware that we have several fundraising events this Christmas and this is an expensive time of year - please only donate if you feel you are able. If your child does wish to take part then don't feel that you need to buy a jumper - a home decorated one or just something in red or green would do just as well. Please also look out for school council emails re fundraising for Salvation Army and RAY (Refugee Action York)





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We are heading towards a very busy time in school so here is a reminder of the dates that you will need:

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8th December – Christmas Fair 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday 12th December – KS1 Christmas Show 9:30am and EYU Christmas Show 1:30pm

Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Show, School Christmas Dinner and Santa's Grotto

Thursday 14th December – Carols by Candlelight 5:30pm and Christmas shop

Friday 15th December – Christmas Shop

Monday 18th December – EYU and KS1 Christmas parties

Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Christmas party

Wednesday 20th December – Pantomime

Friday 22nd December – End of term at 2:30pm

Have a great weekend,

Tina Clarke

