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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a fabulous week we have had in school. The Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas productions were so entertaining and well performed and Carols by Candlelight was absolutely magical. A huge congratulations to each and every one of the children who performed – they showed such confidence! I would also like to say a big thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants for all of their hard work and time. Final thank got to our singing teacher Alisun – her singing groups were a real highlight, and Laura who provided the piano accompaniment.

All of the teachers have asked me to give a very special thanks to our Friends of Fishergate. They have worked incredibly hard to make this a very special time for our children. From the Christmas Fair, to Santa's Grotto and the Christmas shop; every single thing that they have done has been fantastically organised and they have really worked around the comings and goings of school-life making it as smooth as possible for class teachers. Thank you Friends – we are very lucky to have you!

Next week is slightly less packed, but only slightly, we have the Christmas parties and the pantomime. You should have had details sent out about these already. Just ask your class teacher if there is anything that you are unsure about.

As you know, we have had a number of incidents on the pedestrian crossing at the front of school in the past few weeks – a couple of near missed and a child being knocked off their bike. The amount of cars that do not slow down or even fail to stop is very worrying to say the least. Please could I ask you all to sign this petition and share it with your friends and neighbours. You do have to sign up but it is easy and quick to do.

<https://democracy.york.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=351>

A message from chess club:

On Sunday the 26th of November Fishergate School managed to field not one but two teams in the annual York Interschools Chess Tournament 2023.

The team members were Alfred, Gabriela, Daisy, Lulu, Dev, Logan, Olivia and Joe. Girls are often underrepresented in the chess world so the team was notable for having an even split of girls and boys.





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On the day both teams performed extremely well with every team member managing to win at least one game. The first team finished an excellent fifth and can consider themselves unlucky not to place higher, being only half a point away from third place and having drawn against the second and third placed teams. The second team also placed well and with two team members not in year six it bodes well for the future.

It is worth noting that many local schools struggle to field a full team so having two is very impressive. Huge thanks go to the parents on the day who patiently waited for the returning players during match times and provided endless encouragement, support, entertainment and snacks. Thanks also go to Dan Staples who runs the Fishergate school chess club who meet after school every Monday between 3:15 and 4:15, please contact dan@chessinschools.co.uk for further information if you are interested in your child joining the club, all abilities are welcome.

Thank you for all of your support this term, we really value our relationship with you and enjoy working alongside you to help your children be the very best that they can be.

Have a great weekend,

Tina Clarke

