



FisherGate Primary School Newsletter

29.11.24

Three more weeks of the term left and we are still going strong! Our Children in Need fundraising raised £413.20 – a huge thank you to all of you.

We have decided that from next academic year we are going to ask parents not to bring in sweets/cakes for their child's classes on their birthdays, as well as saying goodbye to crisp Friday. Both of these things contradict our aim to be a healthy school and the work that we will soon be starting on improved dental hygiene. It also puts extra financial pressures on you that are not necessary. This will start from next September to give your children plenty of time to get used to the idea.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend with your families and look forward to welcoming you back to school in December!!

Tina Clarke

DATES

Weds 4th – Christmas Fair donations

Tues 3rd – Y3/4 Reading workshop 9am

Fri 6th – Christmas Fair 3:15pm-5:30pm



FRIENDS OF FISHERGATE

FisherGate School Christmas Fair Friday 6th Opens at 3.15/30pm

Please do come and join us next Friday after pick up, for our annual School Christmas Fair. Entry is free so please bring along and invite your family and friends. It is a CASH ONLY event, so bring your spare change! We look forward to seeing you all there, to enjoy...

- Lots of exciting Tombola and games
- Tea and cake refreshments.
- Gift stalls for those looking for Christmas gifts, treats and decorations
- Raffle tickets will be sold at the event, with the raffle drawn at 5pm
- Children's crafts

Children's Christmas Shop Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December

Children will be invited to come to the School Christmas shop to purchase gifts for family, friends and pets.

We ask you to send your child with their money in a sealed envelope along with a list of people they are purchasing for AND a carrier bag is extremely useful for them to keep their shopping safe before taking it home.

All gifts will cost £2.50 each

PHASE UPDATES

EYU – This week in Early Years, we have been writing about all the interesting little creatures we have seen in the forest. We found slugs, snails, wood lice and wiggly worms. We have also begun rehearsals for our Christmas show so your little ones may come home singing some festive tunes.

Year 1/2 - Key Stage 1 have been working hard rehearsing for their Christmas Shows on Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December. We've also been continuing our T4W work on 'Zog' and 'The Gruffalo's Child'

Year 3/4 – This week in Yr 3/4, the classes have had fun setting up an investigation to see the effect of different liquids on egg shells which are similar to what our teeth are made of. Next week, we can't wait to see if our predictions are correct.

Y5/6 - In Maths, Year 5 are learning how to calculate with negative numbers and Year 6 are learning to order their calculations (BODMAS!). In English, we have been comparing Taylor Swift and King Charles to learn more about formal and informal language. It was great to see so many parents at our reading workshop yesterday!

School of Sanctuary

Fishergate Primary School is proud to be situated in the centre of York, which is a City of Sanctuary and the first UK Human Rights city. Here at Fishergate, we work together with our local community to help families fleeing violence, persecution and poverty. We are committed to ensuring that our children and their families, staff and the community understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary and the struggles asylum seekers and refugees face. We welcome everyone as equal, valued members of the school community. As an aspiring school of sanctuary, we are committed to

- developing a growing understanding across the school about the experiences of people seeking sanctuary to challenge misconceptions, build empathy and solidarity, and to help you know best how to support and welcome them
- taking positive action to embed concepts of welcome, safety and success within the school to ensure everyday culture and practice fosters a sense of belonging and empowerment where everyone can thrive, but particularly students seeking sanctuary
- working collaboratively in the local area, including working with those seeking sanctuary, to share our values and efforts



RAISE York Family Hub





Many organisations in York have been working towards establishing better support for our parents. On the following page I have included some helpful financial links.

There is also a RAISE website with many helpful links – covering the a very wide range of topics.

<https://www.raiseyork.co.uk/>



Raise York
Your Family Hub Network

<p>Don't pay more than you need on your Council Tax. Check if you could get a reduction or discount if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a low income • Get Universal Credit. <p>Find out more and apply at: www.york.gov.uk/CouncilTaxSupport</p> <p>OR:</p> <p>Council Tax Discounts are for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people living on their own • some disabled people • some carers. <p>Find out more www.york.gov.uk/HouseholdCouncilTaxHelp</p>	 <p>Here to help with Council Tax</p> <p>We offer support on Council Tax to eligible people. Find out how we can help you.</p> <p>You're not alone.</p>
<p>Over 1,600 York residents of State Pension age and have a low income are missing out on Pension Credit. Claiming gives you extra money and the Winter Fuel Payment, and can help with housing and other costs.</p> <p>Find out more and apply at www.york.gov.uk/pensioncredit or call 0800 99 1234.</p>	 <p>Here to help top up your pension</p> <p>Make sure you're getting all you're entitled to!</p> <p>You're not alone.</p>
<p>Take control of your money: get more and spend less! Pick up hints, tips, advice and support to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise your household income and get all you're entitled to • Cut your spending on bills • Get good information and advice. Find out more at www.york.gov.uk/benefits 	 <p>Here to help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • max your income • cut your outgoings • get advice <p>Help is at hand</p> <p>You're not alone.</p>
<p>Foodbanks share spare food to people who need it, while also tackling food waste.</p> <p>Find out about community food projects, pay-as-you-feel cafes and where York's foodbanks are at. Pop into your local community centre or library or visit: www.york.gov.uk/HelpWithFood</p>	 <p>Here to help with food costs</p> <p>We're all affected by the high price of food, fuel and energy.</p> <p>You're not alone.</p>

Whether you rent privately or own your home, we can help you cut your energy costs and help you keep warm. You'll be saving on your bills and helping the planet! See if you're eligible and apply at www.york.gov.uk/HUG

Here to help with your home

We're all affected by how much it costs to run a home. Help is at hand.

You're not alone.

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Make sure you are on the cheapest tariff for your gas and electric. Speak to your supplier or use a trusted comparison site. Check out your options and what grants you might get. Whether you rent privately or own your home, we can help cut your energy costs. Visit www.york.gov.uk/EnergyEfficiency

Here to help you with bills

We're all affected by high energy prices. Most providers have special rates - find out more!

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You don't have to struggle to afford reliable broadband and phone services. There are lots of low cost services out there. Find out how to get low-cost 'essential' or 'basic' packages from www.ofcom.org.uk/cheap-broadband

Here to help with your phone and broadband

Most providers offer special rates. Call yours and find out more!

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Need help with the cost of bringing up children? Make sure you're not missing out on help with childcare, school meals and uniforms, and holiday activities, at www.york.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals and www.york.gov.uk/childcare

Here to help with children's costs

We're all affected by today's high prices, and there is help at hand.

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