



Fishergate Primary School Newsletter

10.1.25

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break! We are looking forward to making 2025 another great year to be at Fishergate and feel so privileged to be able to work with your children. Saying that, we know that being a parent or carer can be one of the hardest jobs and are always looking at ways in which we can support you. I have mentioned the Raise York partnership in previous newsletters, but they now have a new suite of support available which is completely free to all York residents – it covers areas including child’s mental health and wellbeing, the impact of the pandemic on your child and understanding your own trauma. There are more details further down the newsletter, you just need to click on the link and sign up. I tried and I promise you that it is very easy!

I hope that you have all met our new crossing patrol person and are saying a cheery hello and thank you as he helps you to cross the road safely at the beginning and end of the school day!

DATES

Thursday 16th – Census Day – the more children who have a school dinner today the better as this has a direct impact on how much money the government gives us.



FRIENDS OF FISHERGATE

Friends always look to warmly encourage new and existing families to get involved, welcoming fresh ideas, wider skill sets and experience from all. There is always a positive team spirit, a strong sense of achievement and bonding at each of our events. Above all else it is a great way to get to know other families in the school, make new friends and reinforce the school community.

Are you interested to find out more about FoF fundraising activities?

Do you think that you can help out on a basis that suits you?

Do you want to come to a meeting or become a committee member?

Please drop an email to friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com say hello and join our mailing list. We can’t wait to hear from you!

[Click here for the Friends of Fishergate fundraising hub!](#)

If you have any suggestions for fundraising, please contact us or come to a meeting and let us know your ideas. We would love to see you.

PHASE UPDATES

EYU – This week in Early Years we braved the elements and had a lovely frosty morning in the forest, we were good guardians of the forest and did some litter picking to keep our forest clean and safe. We have been reading The Owl Babies and creating owl art with lots of different feathers and paint.

Year 1/2 - Key Stage 1 have begun our new topic 'All About Fishergate' where we'll be learning about the history of our school and studying our locality. Year 1 have begun studying newspaper reports whilst Year 2 have been making their New Year's resolutions.

Year 3/4 – Happy New Year to all of you! Thank you for sending in your child with hats, gloves and scarves this chilly week. In Yr 3/4, we have been creating superb winter images through pictures and words so when you are out walking in this cold weather, enjoy exploring the senses and talking about what you see, feel etc.

Y5/6 - We are already loving our new topic of 'Space', finding out about what it's like to live on the International Space Station. This will link to persuasive writing, our focus in English. Year 5 are moving onto division in maths while Year 6 have started a fractions topic.

IN OUR PLACE – SOLIHULL APPROACH

The Raise York partnership is aiming to help with this and has worked to 'catalogue' all the available courses and support groups available for parents in York. There's more than you might think!

Visit www.raiseyork.co.uk/families/parents to find out about the FREE online and face to face courses for families to help parents and carers deal with challenges and help their children. You can search by theme; the age of the child; the level of need and for online only. You can also find a wide range of peer support groups here too!

NEW to York is the '**In Our Place – Solihull Approach**' suite of online courses and resources covering all aspects of support for parents and carers. This is paid for by Raise York for all York residents that want access. Click [here](#) to read more.



Stories, Songs and Rhymes

A free 5 week course to increase your confidence as a parent or carer in supporting children's early learning through stories, songs and rhymes. Explore and share ideas to engage children in speech, language, communication and play.

Find out how they can be adapted for children of different ages.

Dates: 23 January - 13 February 2025

Times: Thursday afternoons, 12.45 - 2.45

Venue: St Hilda's Church Hall, YO10 3SF

Free Childcare - creche (availability limited)

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Welcome to Early Start and Early Start +

Have fun developing your child's listening, speaking and communication skills through simple activities using rhymes, books, songs and play.

Early Start +

Tuesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30

12 Nov, 19 Nov, 26 Nov and 17 Dec

Clifton Green Primary School

Early Start

Thursday morning 9.30 - 11.30

16 Jan

The Avenues Children Centre, Tang Hall

Free Childcare - creche (availability limited)

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