



Head teacher's note

As a staff team, we never stand still at Fishergate and are always thinking about how we can make things even better for our children. This year as well as working with PAWs to have our very own therapy dog in school, we are also going to be improve our playtimes by working with OPAL.

OPAL stands for outdoor play and learning and it's a programme that helps school transform playtimes so that children have the opportunity to be creative, active, social and independent. It will mean that playtimes will feel more varied, fun and inclusive and they will look more adventurous. Our aim is that playtimes will be as important, exciting and enriching as lessons. We start this work after half term so get prepared for requests for 'loose parts' e.g. pots, pans, fabric, cable reels, guttering, to be coming your way for the next year or so.

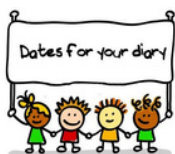
You will be able to book your parents evening appointments soon and I hope that you are all able to attend. We really value your support and could not do our jobs as well without it!

Have a great weekend!

Dates

Mon 6th - Askham Bryan assemblies for KS1 and KS2

Tues 7th - Book Fair Arrives



Friends of Fishergate

Bake Sale on Monday

Year 3/4 will be hosting a bake sale in the lower hall at 3:15pm on Monday 6th October. Y3/4 Families: please send your donated items with your child to school or drop them off at the office on Monday morning. All children and families are welcome to come by and treat themselves, items are sold at 50p each, cash only please. Thank you all for your continued support!

Christmas Design Project update

We have extended the project deadline to ensure families have plenty of time to order their children's Christmas design this year. By next week, your child will bring home their artwork form, please use it to place your order online and then return the artwork form to school no later than Monday 13th October.

Halloween Disco & Pumpkin Contest

Friday 17th October is fast approaching, so dust off your dancing shoes and get dressed up for frightfully good fun! £2 per child for entry to the disco. Snacks and drinks will be sold, and free squash drinks will be provided for all children. Please see our event flyers attached to this newsletter and note the event timings below.

- Early Years & KS1 Disco: 6.00pm - 7.00pm
- Pumpkin Parade: 7.00pm - 7.15pm
- KS2 Disco: 7.15pm - 8.15pm

All children are also welcome to enter our Pumpkin Contest! Label your child's pumpkin underneath with their name and year group. Cost of entry is £1 and decorated pumpkins will be collected at 8.30am on Friday 17th at the John Lally Garden, near the bike shed.

Phase group updates

Early Years This week in Early Years, we've been reading The Little Red Hen. We brought the story to life by acting out the different animals and baking our own bread. In maths, we explored the number 2. We performed our '2 dances' and used objects to show the number in different ways. At Forest School our adventures continued, many of us discovered bugs and worms while exploring nature.

Year 1/2 We've been enjoying our 'A Squash and a Squeeze' Talk4Writing in Year 2 this week, whilst all children in Key Stage 1 have been really focusing on developing their handwriting and letter formation. In Topic, we've continued our geography theme and have been comparing the UK to Japan, whilst in Science we've started to look at seasonal changes as we move into Autumn.

Year 3/4 The Yr 3/4 children have been fun learning about animations using 2Animate on Purple Mash. In science we have been learning that water can change states and what causes this to happen. We even had a demonstration from our caretaker Mick, soldering pipes together to show states changing (solid metal to liquid metal). It is our cake stall on Monday so please bring in tasty treats to sell.

Year 5/6 In Art, the children chose their own method for tie-dyeing their t-shirts. They all look amazing and we look forward to screen printing our Harry Potter designs on them soon. Our biographies are also finished - please feel free to come up to the classroom to read your child's writing.



Other news

York Mosque have their open day this Saturday 2-4pm.

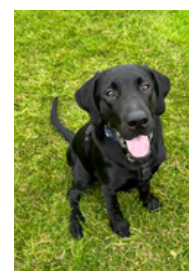
There will be interesting exhibitions, information stalls, free books, complimentary refreshments and an interactive quiz with prizes!

Please come along and join the fun and visit Mrs Murray on her stall!



Bodhi Corner

Another good week in the life of a school dog! Bodhi has has fun playing 'Find It' with small groups of children on the school field. He has also had some more company on his lunchtime walks by the river. We will be starting to timetable this more formally in the coming weeks so the children know when their turn is coming with Bodhi is coming. We will still be very mindful of how young is he though and will make sure that we aren't expecting too much of him. He is still a dog who loves (and needs) his sleep!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

**EY & KS1 DISCO
6.00PM - 7.00PM**

**PUMPKIN PARADE
7.00PM - 7.15PM**

**KS2 DISCO
7.15PM - 8.15PM**

All children must be accompanied by an adult.
A quiet room will be available. Tasty snacks and drinks will be
available to purchase, plus free squash for the children.

£2.00 admission per child, cash only please.



The poster features a light orange background with a decorative border of autumn leaves and pumpkins. The leaves are in shades of yellow, orange, and brown, with some green vines. The pumpkins are orange with black faces, some smiling and some with spooky expressions. The title "PUMPKIN CONTEST" is written in a large, orange, serif font.

PUMPKIN CONTEST

Bring your decorated pumpkins into school
on Friday 17th October at 8.30am to the
John Lally Garden near the bike shelter.

Contest entry is £1.00, cash only please

Be sure to label your pumpkin underneath
with your child's name and year group.

Please note all pumpkins should be taken
home at the end of your child's disco session.
The school does not have a facility to dispose
of these and pumpkins can be poisonous to
some wildlife. Thank you!

GOOD LUCK!