



Head teacher's note

Walk to School Week

Thank you for supporting Walk (or bike or scooter!) to School Week just before the half term holiday. Ms Rees and Miss Champness' class won our competition to be the class with the highest percentage of pupils arriving on foot and are delighted to have earned an extra playtime.

A quick reminder - please could you make sure that you go out of the front door after you have been to an assembly/event in school. Last week the Y1/2 door was left open - which obviously has safeguarding implications.

You may have seen Fishergate in the press over the weekend, celebrating our School of Sanctuary Award. We have also been interviewed by That's TV! and BBC Radio York this week to talk about what it involved and how proud we are. We will send an update about when the interview will air next week.

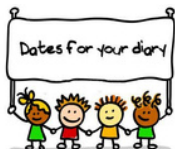


Dates

Weds 26th - KS1 Book and a Biscuit
Fri 28th - Snooker Visit pm
Fri 28th - Y5/6 Harry Potter film night

For your diary:

Y5/6 writing workshops - 3rd and 4th December
Christmas fair - 5th December
KS1 performances - 9th and 10th 9:30 and 1:30
EYU performance 9th at 1:30pm
Carols by candlelight - 11th



Friends of Fishergate

Christmas Fair Volunteers

Dads! Mums! Carers! Grandparents! We need you, the more helpers we have, the lighter the load becomes for us all.

DID YOU KNOW? Running a stall is made up of two shifts, each one taking 45 minutes. Volunteering for one shift means you can enjoy the festivities with your family.

This year, please say you'll help cover a shift for the fair. Areas needing cover are: event set up, food & drinks, tombolas/games stalls, and the tidy up after. Get in touch at friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com.

And a massive thank you to those who have already offered your time at the fair and to wrap presents, we literally could not make the school holiday magic happen without you!

Christmas Fair

Attached to this newsletter is our Christmas Fair poster. We have been working to bring new and exciting activities to the fair this year and cannot wait to share them with you!

Pre-Loved Uniform Stall

Thank you everyone for your brilliant support! The stall went beautifully on Monday. We had six large bags of new items donated, and unsurprisingly, many of the winter coats were taken, brrr, what a chilly week it has been.

Phase group updates

Early Years This week in Early Years we had great fun playing in the snow, exploring different ways to make 5, and getting creative with our egg-box constructions. We also enjoyed reading *The Day the Crayons Quit*, drawing pictures in our favourite colours, and finishing Thursday with a wonderful visit to the library.

Year 1/2 have had a busy week with assessment week and preparations getting underway for the Christmas Show. Thank you to Mrs Renny for leading a fantastic Writing workshop, which was the final event in our series of parent workshops. We look forward to seeing lots of you at our 'Book and a Biscuit' afternoon on Wednesday.

Year 3/4 we have started the modelled writing of our robot story and have been using lots of wonderful expanded noun phrases for descriptions. Our pneumatics topic in Design and Technology is well underway so we are excited on how these models will develop. Start saving any old children's books in good condition, for our Yr 3/4 book swap. We will be asking the children to bring those in on the week commencing 1st December.

Year 5/6 have finished their mammoth stories and enjoyed sharing them with each other. They worked hard at their maths assessments, even when it snowed! Everyone is very excited about Harry Potter Day - they have prepared and cooked their own meals, and then enjoyed a feast in the 'Great Hall'.



Other news

Helen Craggs, Y3/4 teacher and computing lead thought that you would find this parent guide 'Parenting in a digital world' useful. Especially with the run-up to Christmas and some children being lucky enough to get new electronics.

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Bodhi Corner

Woof woof everyone! It's Bodhi here. I've been having the BEST time this autumn. The river path is full of crunchy leaves, perfect for sniffing and zooming through — sometimes one even sticks to my nose!

And I've just been on my first-ever walks in the snow. At first I wasn't sure about the cold, fluffy stuff, but then I realised it's like a sparkly carpet. I left pawprints everywhere, tried to catch snowflakes on my tongue, and I'm still learning that snowballs aren't snacks... even though they look delicious!



This week's sticky question was "if you dig up buried treasure is it yours?"

It has been discussed in class and hopefully you child will come home with some ideas to discuss with you.

There is no right or wrong answer but it is a prompt for discussion and sharing of ideas.

A LITTLE BIT MORE

A huge thank you to York Cares and Portakabin, for supplying many volunteers in the holiday to paint downstairs doors and KS1 cloakroom and toilets along with the staff entrance. This has been a massive saving and help to school. Hopefully they are coming back in another holiday to do more.



We are looking for parents who would be willing to come and do some gardening in the beds at Forest School; one or two hours when you can, ideally weekly to get the beds sorted out. Then we can use them to get the children planting vegetables which Lou is planning to use in her school dinners.

Finally the children enjoying their book swap and amazing creations with only 2mm of snow!!

