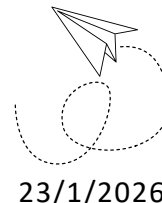




Fishergate Primary School

# Newsletter



## Head teacher's note

It was wonderful to see a hall-full of parents waiting for the Y3/4 writing workshops yesterday. Children make the best progress when they have fabulous support from home and when they see how much their grown-ups value learning and are interested in what they are doing in school. At Fishergate we are so lucky to have so many supportive grown-ups - thank you!

I would like to welcome Anita Griffiths as an official member of our school family. She will be working as a teaching assistant in Year 3/4 - we are very lucky to have found somebody with her skills and expertise.

We also have two new 'beginning teachers' who have joined us from York Uni and are doing their placements in Y2 with David Pennington and Y5/6 with Andrea Walton. Welcome to Feena and Becca!

## Friends of Fishergate

Save the date!

We're meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10th February at the bar in Novotel once again. There is much to chat about, newcomers are always welcome to join the fun.

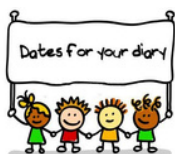
**Pre-loved uniforms on Monday**  
Come along at 3.15pm on Monday 26th January to the lower hall. All uniform items are absolutely free and you'll find items are sorted by age, thanks to our fabulous volunteers. School shoes and winter coats are also available. While cash donations are happily accepted, they're not necessary.

**Christmas design project**  
A massive thank you to all families who purchased art cards, mugs, and more featuring their children's artwork! We raised a fantastic £262.50, all of which goes towards enriching our children's experience at school. There were so many lovely pieces of artwork, we hope you enjoyed the cards and other items. And a special thank you to Caroline Burt, our teachers, and the amazing Helen and Emma in the school office, this project could not have happened without your help!

## Dates

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> - Over and Above Treat

# THIS WEEK



## Phase group updates

**Early Years** this week has been full of high levels of engagement from our little people. We explored the number 6 through a range of activities and enjoyed reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears, which led to making and tasting our own porridge. During Forest School, the children showed fantastic creativity as they built twig houses for mini-beasts, working together and using their imaginations.

**Year 1/2** This week, Year 1 have been innovating their own 'Poles Apart' stories, which they learnt last week. Meanwhile Year 2 have continued learning about the Inuits, looking at Inuit clothing and igloos. In RE, Mrs Burt and Mrs Murray have been learning about Islam and how to wear a hijab. On Monday, KS1 will be having their 'Book Swap' so we hope that your children will be returning home with lots of exciting new books.

**Year 3/4** What an amazing turnout Yr 3/4 had for the parent writing workshop with a record number of parents squeezed into our classrooms! We hope you enjoyed the experience as much as your children did. In science this week, we have been playing with magnets and the relationship between the poles (whether they attract or repel). Look out for magnet research homework this week on how magnets are used in our world.

**Year 5/6** - This is of course a very different and exciting week in Year 5/6. Most of Year 6 have gone on Residential to Robinwood where they are having a fantastic time. Those children who haven't gone are making elaborate masks in a giant art project lasting all three days!



## Bodhi Corner

Woof woof everyone! 🐾

It's me, Bodhi, your four-legged school pal. I've been busy this week making the important rounds – checking classrooms for dropped pencils, having cuddles, and helping out with some excellent finding work on the school field. You'll spot the photo of me lying on my back on this newsletter – that was taken when I was having a well-earned relax after all that sniffing and searching. Finding work really makes my brain tired, so a good roll and a rest were definitely needed!

I've been especially proud of how kind and calm everyone has been around me. Remember, gentle voices and slow hands help me do my very best school-dog work. My tail has been wagging non-stop because of all the smiles and kindness I've seen.

I can't wait to be back soon for more learning, sniffing, and lunchtime strolls. Until then, keep being pawsome and looking out for one another.

Big licks and waggy tails,  
Bodhi 🐶



## OPAL

The play team met at the beginning of the week to work out what we will put where on the playground and field. I won't go into any more detail here as I want the children to be the first people to know and I will be sharing our ideas with them in our assemblies on Monday. But watch this space .....

As you can see from the photo below, we have started to collect tyres and pallets - thank you to Greg Thornton and his wombles for their work on this.

Now it is over to you - if possible we would love you to send your child in with a pair of labeled wellies in a plastic bag. These will be kept on their pegs for now so that we can see how many pairs and what sort of sizes we need to provide for those children who don't have any. These wellies will have to stay in school so if you use them at home as well then you will need an extra pair. If you have any spare wellies then please could you drop them at the office.



## Sticky Question

Is being brave the same as not being scared?

- A child feels scared to speak in class but raises their hand anyway—are they brave?
- Someone is afraid of the dark but checks on a friend who needs help—what makes that brave?
- A child admits they are scared—does that take courage?

### Final Question

- If bravery isn't about not being scared, what is it about?







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# York Parents' Survey

## Your Voice Matters

If you're a parent or carer in York we want to hear from you.

Your feedback will help shape services and support for families across the city.

Complete the survey and enter our prize draw for the chance to

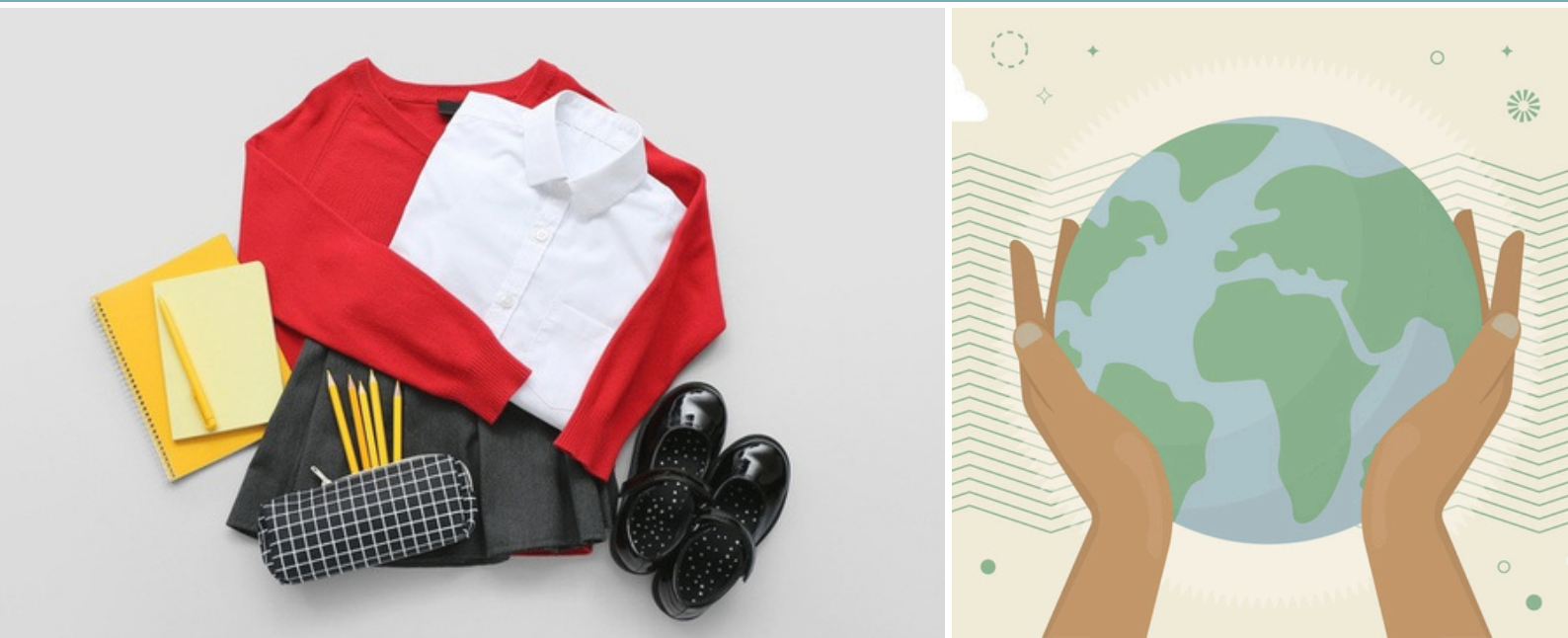
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**Have your say  
before 31 March**

- Visit [www.york.gov.uk/YorkParentsSurvey](http://www.york.gov.uk/YorkParentsSurvey)
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# PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS



## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM STALL

**3.15pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

All uniforms are completely free! Help yourself, help others and help reduce waste. Join us in the school's lower hall to find what you need.

Donations of clean uniforms and cash donations happily accepted, but not necessary.



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