



Head teacher's note

Our final parent governor slot has been filled by Samantha Craggs - one of our Y3 parents. She brings a lot of valuable experience and in-sight and I am looking forward to working alongside her.

Please see the NSPCC flyer below. They will be making the platform free for 2 months for schools or individual families.

A huge thank you to Alisun for giving some of her Year 6 singers the opportunity to record themselves at a music studio at York Uni. Again - pictures can be found below.

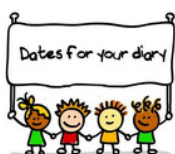
I would like to finish by wishing all of our leavers' all of the best for their future adventures - we will miss you but are very proud of all that you have accomplished at Fishergate.

Happy summer holidays to you all.

Dates

Weds 9th September - First day back for children

Friday 18th September - an early heads up for Global Evening 6pm - 7:30pm



Friends of Fishergate

Cor, what a year we've had! With your help, we've raised so much money for our school and have put a good many smiles on faces. We hope you've enjoyed the events and your children have found benefit from the many 'spends' we've made from OPAL activities to Father Christmas visits and bouncy castles to boring-but-necessary coach trip expenses (costing more than you'd think).

I wanted to say a huge thank you to the many volunteers - parents and even past pupils - who've made all of this possible. Unfortunately, we have two people who are stepping away from the Committee at the end of this school year: Andrea Blakeston our Secretary, Marketing & Comms guru and voice of reason and Heidi Fox our Procurement expert (think The Scrounger from The Great Escape) and all-round good egg. They've been absolutely dedicated to the cause, spending many hours planning, writing and running around and we and I will miss them greatly.

So, I end with an appeal: even if you only have one hour a month to spare, even if your English isn't that good, even if you're not particularly sociable and can't bear the idea of being on a stall at a loud school disco, we have a role for you! Our little community needs you. Please contact me at friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com and we can chat over the summer and see what's suitable.

Yours gratefully.

Tamsin Whitehead, Chair of Friends (PTA)

Phase group updates

Early Years - We have had a fabulous final week in Early Years, we visited our new Year 1 teachers for our final transition afternoon and we met more of our new starters who will be joining us in September. We have been busy writing all about ourselves for our new teachers and consolidating all of our math problem solving skills. Thank you for a wonderful year little Fishies, we have loved teaching you!

Year 1/2 - KS1 have had a lovely final week watching the leavers show, writing up stories for our new teachers, working on Seaside pictures and practising TT Rockstars. Thank you to all our fantastic families for their amazing support this year. We wish all our Year 2's the best of luck as they move up to Key Stage 2 and look forward to seeing our Year 1 pupils back in September. We hope you all have a wonderful Summer. All the best. The Key Stage One team.

Year 3/4 - Mrs Burt wanted to pass on a comment about the Yr 3/4 's attitude on their trip to St Lawrence's Church last week. She said that they were awesome, respectful, questioning and reflective and that she was very proud. All the children have brought home completed stories books made by themselves which were so imaginative and great fun to read. Enjoy reading them! Your children have grown so much in the last year and we know that the Yr 4's are ready for the next step to upper primary. We can't wait to have the Yr 3's back as we know how wonderful they will be with the new children in our classes. Good luck to all those families who will be leaving Fishergate to start new adventures. Finally, the Yr 3/4 team wish you all a happy and safe summer.

Year 5/6 - Year 5/6 have surpassed even our high expectations with a cracking performance of The Traitors. The Year 5 dances were polished, the singing was heartfelt and their acting was terrific! On Thursday night, Year 6 enjoyed tea out at Hollywood Bowl - they deserved it! The teachers are sad to see such a vintage cohort leave but we know they are ready for that next stage of their education.



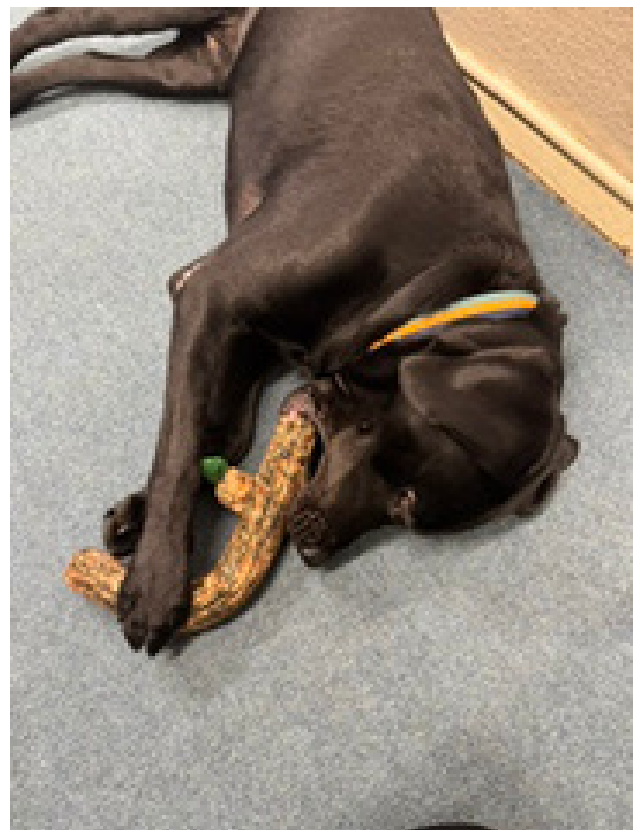
Bodhi Corner

Woof woof!

I have been a very lucky dog this week. Thank you so much to everyone who brought me lovely presents, tasty treats and lots of cuddles. My tail has been wagging non-stop! I feel very spoiled, and I am so grateful to have such kind friends at Fishergate.

A special goodbye goes to our amazing Year 6 children. Thank you for being so gentle with me, playing with me and always stopping to say hello. I know you are going to do brilliant things at secondary school. Be brave, be kind, make lots of new friends and remember—you'll always have a furry friend cheering you on from Fishergate.

Good luck, Year 6. I will miss you... but I'll make sure I keep an eye out for your younger brothers and sisters (and any biscuits you might accidentally leave behind!).
Lots of love and tail wags,
Bodhi 🐾



RIVER NEWS

We are pleased to share that the York rivers trail: the rivers and us is now open.

Thank you to the schools who have helped shape the trail and the rivers and us programme - your input has been invaluable.

The trail is a walking and wheeling experience along the River Ouse, linking parks, green spaces and locations across the city. It connects directly to the rivers and us learning programme.

It also offers a great opportunity for families over the summer - a free way to explore the river, spend time outdoors and discover stories, exhibitions and interactive elements along the route.

A programme of summer activities is also taking place at different locations. For the latest updates, including dates and locations, please follow City of York Council on social media: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Nextdoor @CityofYorkCouncil

Find out more and plan your visit:
www.york.gov.uk/YorkRiversTrail

25th July The rivers and us: Messengers of the Ouse Clay Sculpting Workshop at Rowntree Park

26th July The rivers and us: Wild Water Walk Leeman Park to North Street Gardens

1st Aug The rivers and us: Tremendous Trees and Precious Plants Homestead Park

6th Aug The rivers and us: photo walk from Millennium Bridge to Tower Gardens

10th Aug York Book of River Beasts with York's Hidden History at York Explore

11th Aug York Book of River Beasts with York's Hidden History at Tang Hall Explore

13th Aug The rivers and us: photo walk along the Ouse towards Homestead Park

14th Aug York Book of River Beasts with York's Hidden History at Clifton Explore

27th Aug The rivers and us: Rivers2U van at Homestead Park – drop-in event 11am-12.30pm and 1.30-3pm

29th Aug The rivers and us: Tracing the River through Time in Drawing Patch, The Bonding Warehouse



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88%^{reported} increased
reading enjoyment
in their children

91%

reading confidence in
their children

97%^{would} encourage
their child to take
part again

What parents said after last years challenge

“Reading is fuel for our imaginations and
reading aloud is all about confidence...
So let's get reading!”

Clare Balding CBE, Challenge Ambassador



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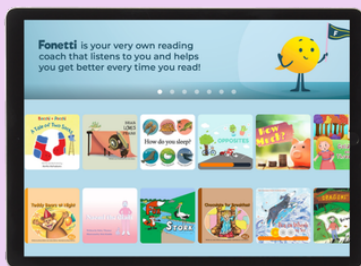
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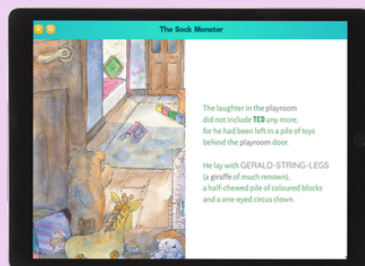
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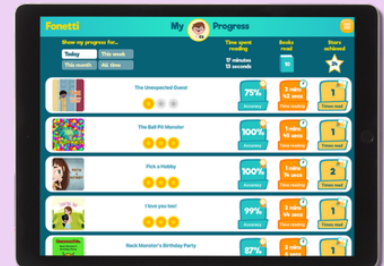
Meet Fonetti



Children choose from a library of engaging books and simply read them aloud. Progress and stars achieved are shown to inform and encourage.



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