Fishergate Primary School

Newsletter

20/11/2026

Head teacher's note

Last Friday, our science afternoon involved the whole school having a mission- to protect aliens landing on Earth! KS1 had to cushion their alien pod to protect their alien egg whilst KS2 had to slow down their alien's descent to Earth using a strict budget of equipment. It was fantastic to see all the children busy working in teams and the excitement when theirs was dropped could be heard throughout the school.



Dates

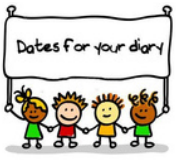
Weds 25th - Y1 parent maths workshop

Weds 25th/Thurs 26th - Y3/4 tootbrushing investigation

Weds 25th - 5pm - show around for new EYU parents

Thurs 26th Y5/6 writing workshop

Fri 27th - Y5/6 Yorvik



Friends of Fishergate

Dear Families,
Our Christmas Fair is almost here! You are very warmly invited to our welcoming, fun, and cheerful event on Friday 4th December, from 3:30 - 5:30pm. There'll be all the usual stalls of a traditional fair - tombolas, things to play, things to craft, refreshments and of course raffle prizes to yearn for.

This means that our usual pre-fair Donations Day will be on Thursday 3rd December. We will be accepting your donations for the Christmas Fair between 8.30am - 10am in the school's lower hall. Prior to this date, you are welcome to leave donations with the school office. Attached to this newsletter is a handy guide to help you prepare your donations.

We greatly appreciate every single donation you can offer, your support is what makes these events for our children a success!

As with all events, we always need volunteers, so please email us on friendsoffishergateschool@gmail.com if you can give up an hour or so on the day or in the preparations beforehand.

Buying books for Christmas? We've been told of a clever way you can get a discount and get cashback for the school. Go to www.scholastic.co.uk and use the code MERRY5 for £5 off on purchases of £30+; MERRY10 for £10 off £50+; MERRY20 for £20 off £80+. Purchases will get cashback for the school when you enter your school's name.
Yours Friendfully.
The Friends (PTA) Team



Phase group updates

EYU - We had a great time reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit', creating drawings with our favourite colours and writing three letter words. In Maths, we have continued to work on our number bonds to 5 and deepening our understanding of each number to 5. We had a very wet but fun time in the forest; we compared the size and shapes of leaves and used natural ingredients to make potions. We also created leaf art using collage of different types of paper.

Year 1/2 - Year 2 have begun a new phase of Talk4Writing based on the Julia Donaldson book 'Stick Man', whilst Year 1 have been working on nouns and adjectives as part of their 'innovate' phase of the Gruffalo. In Maths, Year 1 have been working on 2D shapes whilst Year 2 have been learning to add and subtract tens from a two-digit number. Don't forget that Mrs Moss will be hosting her second Maths workshop for Year 1 parents this Wednesday (25th November) at 9am in her classroom.

Year 3/4 -This week in Yr 3/4, we have started to learn about non chronological reports and have been skimming and scanning texts to find answers quickly. Next week we will start to write a report about our history topic-The Stone Age. In computing, we have been learning to send emails and open attachments in a safe way within our class. Next week we look forward to brushing our teeth in school and using disclosing tablets to show up the missed plaque!

Y**ear 5/6 -** We are excited to have planned our Viking-themed cam toys which we will start constructing next week, In English, we have planned our own Viking myths and in Maths Year 6 have been practising adding and subtracting with fractions while Year 5 have been learning to use 'bus stop' division. We are excited to welcome parents to our writing workshop next Thursday at 9am. Join us for one of our English lessons if you can.



Bodhi Corner

This week I discovered that cushions are full of clouds! I pulled a little bit out to show everyone, then sat very nicely next to my discovery so Tina could take a photo.
Apparently, the clouds are supposed to stay inside the cushion. You learn something new every day at Fishergate.
Love,
Bodhi 🐾

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The play team would like to say a huge thank you to our Golden Welly winners this week. Eric, Fred, Deniz, Billy and Robin can always be counted on to be super star helpers when it is time to tidy everything away. We think that they are brilliant!



DONATIONS DAY

We will happily accept any of the following types of donations:

Filled jam jars:
Clean glass 'jam' jars of any size filled with whatever goodies fit! Think mini stationery, crafting, small toys, puzzles, collector cards (Pokemon, Lego, etc.), stickers, sweets, loose change (£1+), hair accessories, badges, temporary tattoos, fun jewellery, etc.

Teddy Tombola:
Recycle and declutter in one go! Soft toys, teddies, plushies and characters that are in clean, very good and loveable condition.

Chocolate & Sweets Tombola:
Chocolate gifts, treats, boxes, bars and multi-packs. Sweets (Haribo, etc.) in bags, tubes, selection boxes. Biscuits of any size, shape & flavour. Nut-free, please.

Bottle Tombola:
Wine, beer, cider, sparkling wine, spirits, posh cordials, mixers, liqueurs, sherry, port, tonics, pop, sparking water, soft drinks. Must be unopened. Any child who wins a bottle of alcohol must have their adult collect it.

General Tombola:
New giftable items. Stationery, toiletries, home & garden items, gadgets, games, toys, puzzles, clothing, accessories, etc.

Raffle Prizes:
Larger value items, vouchers and hamper food items welcome. Non-perishable food and drink, please.

Cake Stall:
Mince pies for the cake stall are being accepted on Donations Day, but we kindly ask that you bring other cakes and bakes to the Christmas Fair or to the office the morning of the event.

Thank you from Friends of Fishergate!

FRIENDS OF FISHERGATE Primary SCHOOL

SEND CENTRAL

York SEND Local Offer

DECEMBER 2026 ONE OFF SESSIONS AT SEND CENTRAL IN COLLABORATION WITH PARENT CARER FORUM YORK

Thursday 3rd December 11am -12.30am
Parent and Carer Wreath Making

Come and join us in a morning of free wreath making - take the opportunity for some time out, have a cuppa and begin the month of December with a festive activity.

There are a set number of spaces on this activity. Book your place email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk

Thursday 3rd December 1pm-2.30pm
Barriers to School Attendance

An information session led by the Educational Psychology Team around understanding barriers to school attendance and how to support your child or young person when they are experiencing significant barriers to school engagement. No booking needed - held at SEND CENTRAL

Friday 11th December 11am - 12.30am
A Multi Agency Preparation for Adulthood Drop In

A multi agency drop in that consists of The City of York Specialist Learning & Employment Adviser (SLEA) Team who can advise around pathways that may be available for young people Post 16 in York, a Preparation for Adulthood Social work service manager, social worker and our NHS Transitions Nurse.

No Booking needed

Monday 21st December 1pm- 2.30pm
Christmas Craft Activity

Join us for some free Christmas themed craft activities for young people aged 7+ with SEND who live or study in York. Parents and Carers will be asked to remain on the premises and can engage in the Parent Carer Forum Catch up and Cuppa alongside the session.

To book your place email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk

Monday 21st December 1pm - 2.30 December
PCF Catch up and Cuppa

Joinusforacuppaandbiscuitwhileyourchildrencan participateinthe Christmasthemedcraftingactivities.Takeabreatheras you embark on the Christmas school holidays.

All held at SEND CENTRAL , Clifton Family Hub on the site of Clifton Green Primary School, Water Lane York YO30 6JA
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