



## FisherGate Primary School Newsletter

6.12.24

For the last couple of weeks, the upper hall has been in full swing with rehearsals for the Christmas shows. The children are sounding wonderful, and I hope that many of you can join us for their performances next week. We also hope to see lots of you at the Christmas Fair tonight!

As you know, we've been working towards encouraging a smartphone-free childhood. You might find a new Channel 4 documentary, *Swiped: The School That Banned Smartphones* interesting. It follows a fascinating experiment where a school challenges its students to give up smartphones for 21 days to explore the impact on their learning, well-being, and social connections. This thought-provoking series airs on **December 11, 2024**, and could provide some valuable insights. The link below gives you a flavour of what to expect.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G0aNBf8Wnl>

### DATES

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccinations

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – KS1 and EYU  
Dress rehearsals

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:30am KS1  
show

EYU Show 1:30pm

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> – KS1 show  
1:30pm

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas  
Dinner Day and  
Christmas Shop

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas  
Shop

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – Over and Above  
Party

### FRIENDS OF FISHERGATE

#### **Children's Christmas Shop Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December**

Your children are warmly invited to come to the Friends Christmas Shop in school on Wednesday and Thursday, to purchase gifts for family, friends and also pets.

If you would like your child to purchase gifts, please send your child in with:

- their money in a sealed envelope (£2.50 per gift)
- a list of people they are buying gifts for written on the envelope
- a carrier bag to safely pack their gifts to bring home.

Most of the classes will be invited on Wednesday to come shopping, time allowing. Thursday will allow for the final few classes and anyone who may have missed the day before. All 'edible' gifts will be nut free as per the school policy. Any change required will be sent back with your child in the envelope which it came.

**Helpers:** we still need parent/carer helpers to help coordinate the children from their classes as they come through the shop on Wednesday AM, PM and Thursday AM. If you can spare a morning or afternoon please let us know. Thank you!!

## **PHASE UPDATES**

**EYU** – This week the Early Years Unit became a jam making factory. We have picked plums from the forest, made jam, poured it into jars and made labels. This will be on sale at our Christmas show next week. We have also been working hard on our Christmas show learning songs, poems, dances and actions - we can't wait for our families to come and see our performance next week!

**Year 1/2** - Key Stage 1 have been busy practising for their Christmas shows next week. We hope parents will be able to join us for 'A Strictly Fishergate Christmas'.

**Year 3/4** – The Yr 3/4 team enjoyed having parents in school this week showing how we teach reading fluency and we hope you enjoyed being in school too. We were amazed to see how different eggshells were affected by different liquids. Ask your child what they noticed.

**Y5/6** - The children have loved devising their own investigation in science to test the insulating properties of different materials.

### **School of Sanctuary**

As part of our journey to become a 'school of sanctuary', we have donated £50 to City of Sanctuary UK, an organisation which works to support those seeking asylum. For just one week, donations have been match funded so the charity has in fact received £100! The donation was funded by the money raised by Josh Burnell's fantastic board games club and will help build a more welcoming UK.

Donations are match funded until the 10th December. If you are interested in giving money to City of Sanctuary, the link is here:

<https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a056900002TPWO8AAP>

