

Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Peacock

What a week! The 'beast from the East' has certainly had an impact on the country - hopefully Spring and warmer weather are not too far away. The decision to close school is never taken lightly, the health and safety of staff and pupils, both on their way to and at school is paramount. I am sorry for any inconvenience the school closure may have caused you.

An exciting time for our Y6 pupils who have received their secondary school places - hope they are happy! Our new website has been launched - it is still work in progress and we now need to update our photos and class pages. You can visit the page on <http://www.west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk> - if the old site appears just click the refresh button!

Headteacher's Award

Jenson Hornsey

...for his cheerful approach to school today

A Big Thank You!



We are very grateful to Mr Petchey who has given up his time to design and make this wonderful wellie rack for us. It will definitely make things much easier for us and will mean that the cloakroom will hopefully be a tidier place from now on! We wonder if Mr Petchey has a direct link to the Met Office as his timing was perfect to allow us to try it out! It is always handy for the children to keep a pair of wellies at school.

Tiger Class
**Porscha-Nevaeh
Kelsey**

...for her thought and
care for others.

Lion Class
Herbie Ash
...for being super
organised with his
work and belongings.

Jaguar Class
Ayrton Kelsey
...for really getting
into character
during drama.

World Book Day

What a shame that our plans for the children to bring in a favourite picture book to share over breakfast at school did not come to fruition! However it was lovely to receive some photos of children reading or sharing stories at home. We hope to make a display with them and it is not too late to contribute. **Please do take the time to share a book and send us a photo over the weekend.** The children have now been given their special WBD vouchers. All you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller (there are lots of them out there - [find your local participating bookshop here](#)) and swap it for one of the **TEN** (exclusive, new and **completely FREE**) World Book Day books. Alternatively you can put it towards one of the **FIVE fantastic full-length books** for teens priced at only £2.50 each at participating stores (that's **ONLY £1.50** with your £1 book token). Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get **£1 off** any full price book instead. And if you'd rather get an audiobook, that's fine too! It's your choice, just as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99. The vouchers are valid until Sunday 25th March. Happy reading! For more information on sharing stories with your child(ren), click here:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/share-a-story/>



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We will hold a St Nicholas Book Day next Thursday morning - please can the children bring in their picture book and breakfast muffin then.

Coming up this term...

Monday 5th/Tuesday 6th March

Y3 and Y4 at Carlton Lodge

Wednesday 14th March

AM NSPCC assemblies and Y5/6 workshop
4-7pm Parent Consultations

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd March

Sports Relief Week (see separate letter)

Tuesday 20th March

3.30 - 5pm Messy Church

Friday 23rd March

6.30 Schools Charity Concert, Harrogate

Monday 26th March

PM KS2 Orienteering @Outwood Academy

Thursday 29th March

1.15 Easter Service @ St Nicholas Church

2pm Break up for Easter

PTA News

It was great to see the children enjoying themselves at Tuesday's disco. Many thanks for your understanding about the early finish due to uncertainty with the weather. Further events coming up include:

Tuesday 13th March

3.30 - 5.30 Film Club

Friday 16th March

Wear your pyjamas/bring a chocolate egg!

Tuesday 27th March

3-4 Spring Fayre

Don't forget Hot Chocolate Fridays following Celebration Assembly today. Just the thing in these Arctic conditions!!

100 Million Minutes Reading Challenge

Further to her letter, Miss Asker will send out more information about this exciting challenge as soon as she is able. We hope that the children will enjoy joining with schools, early years settings and community groups up and down the country to try to read for a collective 100 million minutes!

Parent Consultation Meetings

Many thanks to all who have already returned the slip requesting an appointment for parents' evening on Wednesday 14th March. Please can any remaining slips be sent in by Monday so that teachers can liaise to allocate the appointments and confirm them with you in plenty of time.

Wishing everyone a lovely warm weekend!