

Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Peacock

What another busy week we have had in school. The children have been working hard preparing for SATS but have also been enjoying themselves. Years 3 and 4 joined friends in the cluster to learn golf skills at Outwood Academy and then everyone danced and played games at the school disco organised by the PTA.

Just to clarify the position with regard to school trips. All local visits during the school day are covered by the annual consent form signed by you as parents/carers for which we have a copy for all of our children. We will only seek your specific consent for any visits that fall outside of school times/are further afield or include non-curriculum activities. We will, of course, continue to let you know of any visits that we intend to make. Here's hoping that the sun shines and it is pleasantly warm for us all to enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!!

Reading and Homework in Tiger Class

Now that we are getting to grips with the new school website, we have decided to no longer print out the spelling lists for the KS1 children to take home each week (especially as we often find them on the cloakroom floor!!). Each Friday the lists of words which the children have been focusing on in phonics that week are uploaded onto the Tiger Class page on the website for your information.

http://www.west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk/ClassPages.aspx?c=030&pid=20_Homework_en-GB

The children can practise reading, spelling or putting these words into sentences. You will also find any other ideas about how to support your child at home on the website. This is work in progress so do keep checking back.

Just a reminder too that we expect children to have their reading diary in school **everyday** so that we can keep track of their progress as we read with them. We seem to be replacing lost reading diaries at quite a rate and this is costly to school, as well as time-consuming and disruptive to the children's learning. Your help with this would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Headteacher's Award

Poppy

...a positive attitude in her learning, rising to different challenges.

Jaguar Class

Enna

...for excellent work converting fractions to and from decimals.

Tiger Class

Maisy

...for her mature and thoughtful nature.

Lion Class

Harry

...for using brilliant vocabulary in his writing.

Tri-Golf Festival

The Y3 and Y4 children travelled to Outwood Academy, Ripon on Wednesday to take part in an inter-schools tri-golf event.

Austin reports: When we got there, Mrs Speed showed us all how to hit the ball with the club. We got some time to practise before the first event. We had to hit the ball past some cones. If we got it past the green one, we got 1 point, past the blue got 5 points and the gold one was 10 points. We played seven rounds and came seventh overall (we were the smallest group there). Oliver was the only one who got it all the way round past the blue cone and he got 15 points! Many thanks to Mrs Sharp, Miss Marsden and Mrs McNamara who took us.

Doing our bit!

We now have a recycling point for batteries and ink cartridges at school. It is located next to the photocopier in the school entrance. Please feel free to make use of this if you would like to.

Push the Boat Out!

Please find attached a flier with information about a sailing event taking place at:

Thornton Steward Sailing Club

Sunday 13th May

12 - 4 pm

This is an exciting opportunity to 'try sailing in May' with a taster session in sailing or windsurfing. For more information, please click on the link below:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/push-the-boat-out/Pages/hub.aspx>



Coming up this term...

Monday 7th May

Bank Holiday School Closed

Wednesday 9th May

PM: Watercolour Masterclass for KS2

Thursday 10th May

PM: Ambassadors meeting at Fountain Abbey

Monday 14th May - Friday 18th May

SATS Week

Thursday 17th May

Y3/4 Tennis at Ripon Tennis Centre

Tuesday 22nd May

3.30 - 5pm Messy Church

Thursday 24th May

Y5/6 Tennis at Ripon Tennis Centre

Friday 25th May

Break up for Half Term

Monday 4th June

School re-opens

KS2 Cross Country @ Newby Hall

Tuesday 5th June

Kwik Cricket for Y4/5/6

PTA News

Tuesday's disco was great fun and the children had a lovely time playing games and dancing with their friends, as well as having tea together. All money raised is put towards school funds.

Look out for details of further events coming up which include:

Mon 21st May - Film Club

Friday 15th June - Book Fair arrives

Monday 9th June - Leavers' Disco

Friday 13th July - Family BBQ Party

Don't forget also our Friday Tuck Shop, straight after Celebration Assembly. Stay for hot chocolate or milkshake, and other treats.

You can keep up-to-date with all these events on our Friends of St Nicholas Facebook page.

Wishing everyone a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!