

Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Peacock

What a glorious week! The super weather is really helping us to make the most of our school grounds - let's hope the good weather stays with us for 'Sports Day' on Monday.

On Wednesday three of our governors who joined me in a 'learning walk' around school. They looked at our classroom environments and how we support learning and also at the children's books. It was a really useful morning and they were very pleased with what they saw.

It was lovely to see some of you at our 'Afternoon Tea' - it was fabulous. Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway.

We are sorry to hear the news that Nicky's will be closing in the summer. They are a valuable asset to school and the closure will leave a big gap.

However the governors are looking at possible alternatives for the future.

Arts Festival

On Monday Y5 and Y6 went to Fountains Abbey to take part in an Arts Festival. Our performance was called *Midsummer Magic and Madness*. We watched the other schools do their performances. We also went to see our watercolour artwork based on the follies at Fountains Abbey. Finally, we were allowed to play in the park. We really enjoyed the whole day despite being very hot!

Jake

Headteacher's Award

Our Ambassadors - Eve, Harry & Ellie

...for

their amazing contribution to the organisation of the Rural Cluster Arts Day

Tiger Class

Charlie

...for sharing his wonderful ideas for a pirate adventure

Jaguar Class

James

...for making a big effort to improve the standard of his work

Lion Class

Rowan

...for always being organised and ready to work

Cream Teas

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers, governors and friends for afternoon tea on Wednesday. We are sure that you will agree that the Y6 children did a great job of hosting this lovely occasion. Many thanks to all the mums and dads, led by Mrs Smirthwaite, who had come in the day before to help the children bake the scones - they were delicious! The Y6 were then joined by their younger classmates to treat us to a Shakespeare themed recital

Kwik Cricket Final.

Last Friday Oliva, Jane, Christian, Rowan, Will, Paul, George, Herbie, Harry and me went to Harrogate Cricket Club to play in the finals of the Kwik Cricket tournament. We won two of our matches and lost four. Thank you to Mrs Millions, Mrs Kitching and Mrs Smirthwaite for transporting us there and back.

Millie Kitching

Cake Sale

As part of their curriculum work, Tiger Class have been busy planning to bake cakes which they hope to sell next Friday during afternoon break. Children may bring a small amount of change if they would like to buy a cake, for example 20p - 50p.

Sports Day Arrangements

Many thanks to all who responded to our plea for gazebos to provide shade for the children during Monday afternoon's sports day. We are looking forward to a lovely afternoon. The first race will begin at 1.30pm - all welcome, and we are grateful to the Friends PTA group who will be serving refreshments. (Please make sure that your child has their PE Kit in school on Monday, along with sun protection and water.) **Also, we would be grateful if the winners of last year's sports cups could return them so that they are ready to be presented to this year's winners! Many thanks**

Coming up this term...

Friday 29th June

12 Y6 Leavers' Lunch

Monday 2nd July

PM: Sports Day

Tuesday 3rd July

AM Leavers' Service @Ripon Cathedral (Y6 children only)

Wednesday 4th July

10 - 11.45 New starters visit

Sunday 8th July

2pm West Tanfield Parish Sports Day

Wednesday 11th July

12 New starters' lunch plus stay and play

Tuesday 17th July

Y5/6 York Pop up Theatre

Thursday 19th July

Whole school trip to Beningborough Hall

Friday 20th July

1pm Leavers' Service @St Nicholas Church

2pm Break up for summer

West Tanfield Parish

Sports Day

Sunday 8th July

2:00 pm start



Fancy Dress – A Royal Theme

Children's Races

The Louise Hogg Memorial Cross Country

Duck Race

BBQ

There will be teas in the field, and any contributions of cakes will be gratefully received on the day.



Very small committee seeking help!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!