

Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Peacock

As many of you will know last week was the celebration of St Nicholas. We were surprised and delighted to receive a wonderful donation for school funds from the parishioners who attended this event. Their kindness and support is very much appreciated.

Whilst Mrs Duffy is still away from school as she is poorly, we have heard that she is starting to get better. Also you may have heard that Mrs Sharp had a fall earlier this week and has fractured her foot. We send them both our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Only a week to go now until we break up but what a busy week we have in store. The children are busy practising for the nativity 'Born in a Barn' and then we finish with carols and our Christmas party. We hope you will be able to find time in your busy schedules to join us at one or more of these events next week.

Christmas is (almost) here!

Christmas is a busy time at school as well as at home so we thought it might be useful to send a reminder of events next week so we can all co-ordinate our diaries!

All are welcome to either or both of our Nativity Services at the Methodist Church. The **Tuesday** performance starts at 1.45pm.

On **Wednesday** Tigers will need to arrive at 'the school room' adjacent to the chapel at 6.15 and Panthers can make their way straight to their seats in church for 6.20 please. Miss Mandelson will check costumes and send them home with the Tigers after school on Wednesday so they can come ready dressed. Panthers should wear their school uniform please. Everyone is invited back to school afterwards for mince pies and mulled wine, hosted by the Friends group.

Panthers will be decorating St Nicholas Church during the morning on **Thursday**.

On **Friday** everyone is welcome to join us for carols round the tree at 9am followed by refreshments. The children can come in their party clothes that day as we shall have our Christmas party later that morning with a party food lunch provided by Sharon. Just a reminder that we break up for Christmas at the earlier time of **2pm**.

Headteacher's Award

Olivia

...for super listening skills.

Tiger Class

Poppybell

...for super acting
and singing.

Panther Class

Ellie

...for a consistently
high standard of
homework.

Christingle

It was lovely to see families and staff at last Sunday's Christingle Service. Many thanks to Jane, Amy, Harrison and Ted for taking care of the readings and prayers. We are also grateful to the church members who made all the Christingle oranges for the children.

Ambassadors Update

On Tuesday Mrs Peacock accompanied Ellie, Oliver and Amy to their first Ambassadors' meeting at Burton Leonard Primary School.

Oliver reports:

We started talking about plastic and the damage it can cause to the environment. We discussed how we could help to reduce the plastics which people use. One idea was to do a litter pick or we could make some posters. We thought that one thing that children could do at school would be to stop using so much plastic in their lunch boxes. It was good to get to know other children - we did this by filling in a chart with information about ourselves. We were able to chat over juice and biscuits. Unfortunately we'll miss the next meeting because we'll be at Ingleborough but we are looking forward to joining the ambassadors again later in the year.

Coming up this term...

Tuesday 18th December

1.45 Nativity Service in WT Methodist Church

Wednesday 19th December

6.30 Nativity Service in WT Methodist Church followed by mulled wine/mince pies at school

Thursday 20th December

AM Panthers decorate St Nicholas Church

Friday 21st December

9am Carols round the tree and mince pies

2pm Break up for Christmas

Monday 7th January

INSET Day - school closed

Tuesday 8th January

School re-opens

Can you help?

Y3/4 swimming sessions will begin on 11th January and we are looking for a parent helper to join the rota each week. If you would be able to spare a Friday morning next term, please let Mrs Hatch/Mrs Umpleby know. The bus leaves school at 10.30am and is generally back at school just after noon. Many thanks.

Tigers in the Forest

After Christmas, it will be the turn of Tiger Class to enjoy weekly Forest School sessions. These will take place on Wednesday afternoons and the children will need their forest school kit on this day. Madeleine recommends that the children have plenty of layers, waterproofs and wellies if possible so that they can enjoy and participate in the sessions fully. A helper is required for each session - if you are able to give a Wednesday afternoon to help in the forest next term, please contact us. Many thanks

Aquabox



Yesterday, Alys from the Aquabox Charity came into school and was presented with a cheque for £65 by the school council. Many thanks to everyone who donated to this very worthy cause.



Winter Forest School
With Outdoor Adventures Forest School

Wrap up warm, build a cosy den, and then light the fire to keep toasty warm...

Wednesday 2nd January 12.30-3pm
Thursday 3rd January 10-12.30pm
Moorside Infant School, Ripon, HG4 1SU

Learn how to light a fire without matches, climb trees, build dens, show off your culinary skills in our mud kitchen and get creative with some natural crafts.

Ages 5+ (or reception age) - £12 per child

For more information or to book a place:
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Or find us on Facebook @OutdoorAdventuresForestSchool

All sessions led by qualified teachers and Level 3 Forest School Leaders.

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Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!