

# Newsletter

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## A note from Mrs Peacock

Last weekend was a busy one -many thanks to all who helped with fayre, which was well supported by the local community - along with the bags for school collection .All the monies raise will really benefit everyone at school.

As a school this year we have already collected for many charities this term ... Jeans for Genes, Aquabox, Compass Buzz and FCN, so although it is a very valuable charity, we have decided this year not to ask for money for Children in Need.

Forest School is proving to be a great success- the children are experiencing lots of different skills and is great to see good links to other curriculum areas. We are very lucky to have such a great resource on our school site!

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at our 'Family Friday' lunch today.

## Sad News

We were saddened to hear about the recent death of Mr Allan Bailey whose thanksgiving service was held in Masham Methodist Church last Friday. Mr Bailey was headteacher at our school from 1969 until 1996 and, in the words of his family, "he lived and breathed West Tanfield School". In fact his wife, Joy, was his school secretary during this time and his children, Claire and Mark, would regularly join in with school social events.

We know that many parents and members of the community, who were pupils at our school during this period, will remember him fondly and would wish to join with us to pass on our condolences to his family.

## Headteacher's Award

### Daisy GD

...for a positive attitude to her learning & working hard on her independence.

## Panther Class

### Oliver

...for using a high level of punctuation in his work.

## Tiger Class

### All the Tigers

...for making their teachers so proud with their exemplary behaviour at the museum.

### **The World of James Herriot**

The Tigers really enjoyed their morning at The World of James Herriot on Wednesday. There was so much to see and do that many of the children commented that they would like to return! We were very proud to receive comments from both the museum staff and members of the public about how polite, well-behaved and knowledgeable the children were. Please do take a look at the Tiger page of the school website for more details of the visit. We are now all ready to embark on our work on recount and biography in Literacy and changes beyond living memory in History. Many thanks to Mrs McNamara who also came along to help.



### **Coming up this term...**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

PM Y3/4 Change for Life event @ Outwood

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

3.30-5pm Messy Church

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

PM Y5/6 Dodgeball event @ Outwood

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

PM KS2 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

6pm Ingleborough meeting for parents

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Christingle Service @ St Nicholas Church

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

3.30 - 5.30 School disco

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

1.30 Ambassadors meeting at Burton Leonard

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

12 Christmas lunch

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

1.45 Nativity Service in WT Methodist Church

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

6.30 Nativity Service in WT Methodist Church

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

AM Panthers decorate St Nicholas Church

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

9am Carols round the tree and mince pies

2pm Break up for Christmas

### **FOREST SCHOOL ROTA**

Many thanks to all those, including Mrs Petchey, Mrs Smirthwaite and Mrs McNamara, who have offered to help on the rota for Forest School rota this term. We now have sufficient helpers.

### **PARENT PAY**

It is hard to believe that we are heading towards the end of our first full term of this academic year. We would be grateful if you would all take a few minutes to check your parent pay accounts and bring them up to date. It would be good if all monies due for this term were paid by Christmas. If anyone has any concerns please speak to Mrs Umpleby.

### **Seedlings Montessori at West Tanfield**

The whole of the new nursery area is beginning to take shape and work is continuing apace with decorating and new flooring. Subject to Ofsted approval the new facility will be up and running in January 2019.

For further information please contact Caroline Aspinall on telephone number 07709118125 or email [caspinall@seedlingsmontessori.info](mailto:caspinall@seedlingsmontessori.info)

**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**