

Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Peacock

As we come to the Christian holy day of Candlemas, it is hard to believe that 40 days have already passed since Christmas Day! We have had a busy start to the Spring Term with lots more to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

On Monday Miss Asker and Mrs Millions will be accompanying three teams of our children to Outwood Academy in Ripon for the annual inter-schools Key Steps Gymnastics Competition. We would like to wish them the best of luck.

At the end of the week, Tiger Class will be joining their friends from Oak Class at Kirkby Malzeard to celebrate Chinese New Year with a range of activities.

Red Watch to the Rescue!

Tiger Class welcomed Red Watch from Ripon Fire Station on Wednesday. Fire Officer Gledson talked to the children about fire safety before we headed outside to explore the fire engine and equipment. Each child even got to operate the hose, squirting water high up into the air! Whilst we had a lot of fun, the children were also given some very important safety messages to pass on to their families - please do ask your child(ren) to share what they learned. Did you know that the firefighters of Ripon Fire Station are happy to come to your home to fit smoke alarms and/or give fire safety advice? All you need to do is give them a call on **01765 646960** to book a visit.



Headteacher's Award

Ava

...for great responses in Collective Worship.

Tiger Class
Matilda
...for consistently
super Maths work in
recent weeks

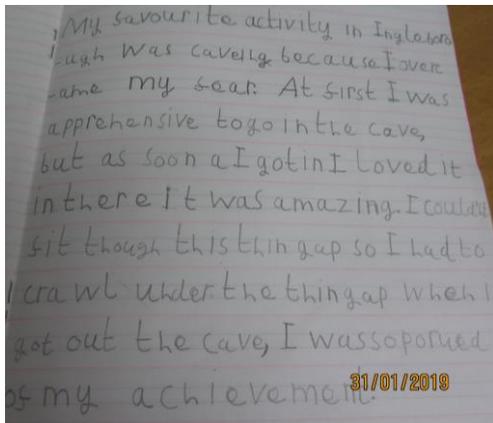
Panther Class
Theo
...for a great
improvement in his
handwriting
(see over)

INGLEBOROUGH

It has been lovely to have the Y5/6 children back with us this week and hear all about their adventures and achievements. They have all returned with increased maturity, showing obvious pride in their achievements, as you can see...

Theo reports:

"My favourite activity in Ingleborough was caving because I overcame my fear. At first I was apprehensive to go in the cave, but as soon as I got in I loved it in there. It was amazing! I couldn't fit through this thin gap so I had to crawl under the thin gap. When I got out of the cave, I was so proud of my achievement."



We were also so proud of your handwriting, Theo - you have done a great job!

Coming up this term...

Monday 4th February

PM: Key Steps Gymnastics @ Outwood Academy

Tuesday 5th February

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 6th February

2.30pm Friends PTA meeting - all welcome

Friday 8th February (please note change to original date)

Tigers celebrate Chinese New Year with Oak Class at Kirkby Malzeard

Tuesday 19th February

3.30 - 5pm Messy Church

Friday 22nd February

3.30pm Break up for half-term

FRIENDS PTA GROUP

The Friends PTA group's rescheduled meeting will take place on **Wednesday 6th February at 2.30pm**. It will be a chance to plan events for the term ahead. Please do come along if you can - everyone is very welcome. The more the merrier! The meetings are informal and friendly with a chance to share ideas. If you are unable to make the meeting but would still like to offer help or have any suggestions or fundraising ideas, please let Miss Asker or one of the PTA members know.

KEY STEPS GYMNASTICS

Mr Powell has been working hard to prepare the children for an inter-schools gymnastics competition which takes place on Monday. The children from Years 3 and 4 are forming two teams, whilst a team of 6 KS1 children has been selected to represent Tiger Class. If your child is taking part please ensure that they have their PE kit and water bottle with them on Monday. They will be leaving just after lunch, accompanied by Miss Asker and Mrs Millions and will return in time for the end of the school day. It would also be useful if they could look over the sheets provided to practise their routines over the weekend so that they memorise the order of the movements.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

We are very grateful to Mrs Petchey and Ms Yeoman for all their help with Tigers' Forest School sessions this term. We still need volunteers to support on **Wednesdays 6th and 13th February**. The sessions start at 1pm. Please do let us know if you are able to help.

Family Service

The next Family Service at St Nicholas Church will be a week on Sunday, 10th February at 9.30am. Miss Mandelson will be looking for volunteers to help with this. If your child would like to participate, please let us know. Of course, parents and carers are more than welcome to stay for the service. However, Miss Mandelson is happy to supervise any children whose parents have other commitments.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!