

Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Peacock

We are very grateful to the PCC for their donation of £200 to the school. We very much appreciate the support that they give to school and are looking forward to them coming into school to hear our readers.

We have welcomed Mrs Moodie back into school this week covering for Mrs Duffy who is poorly. Many of you will remember Mrs Moodie from her previous time here at St Nicholas. We are very excited about our new breakfast club 'Smart Start' that opens up on Monday 3 December. It will be great way to begin our school day.

Headteacher's Award

Paul

...for significant and very pleasing improvement in his attitude to work

MUD GLORIOUS MUD

As you know, outdoor learning is a big part of life at our school. One of the children's favourite activities is using the mud kitchen. A wealth of learning opportunities in all areas of the curriculum can be found as children collaborate to dig, fill and ferry mud and water from place to place, whilst also developing important physical, social and problem-solving skills.

As well as the mud kitchen in Tigers' outdoor area, there are now also opportunities for the older children to have a go down in the Forest School area. With this in mind, we are stocking up on old pots, pans and kitchen utensils. If you are having a clear out of kitchen drawers and cupboards and find you have any of these which you can spare, we would be very grateful for them.

Tiger Class

Dylan

...for improved behaviour at lunchtimes.

Panther Class

James

...for writing and performing (beautifully) his own poem

Change4Life Event

On Tuesday, our Y3 and Y4 children attended a sporting event at Outwood Academy, Ripon, along with children from other local schools.

Enna, Harrison and Maisy report: When we got there, we started with combat activities which included tag and dodgeball. For tag, we had a band velcroed on to each of us. The aim was to try and pull the bands off. If you lost your band you had to sit out. We also did some target activities like golf and curling. Some students from Outwood were there to show us what to do and kept the scores. It was lovely to see Joe again who used to go to our school.

We were proud of Emmerson because he was awarded one of the special wristbands. It was for 'honesty' because he was accurate with his score-keeping.

It was a fun afternoon to let us know about lots of different sports and fitness to get us in the mood for leading a healthy life. We would like to thank Mrs Willan and Miss Marsden for taking us.

Coming up this term...

Tuesday 27th November

3.30-5pm Messy Church

Thursday 29th November

PM Y5/6 Dodgeball event @ Outwood

Monday 3rd December

PM KS2 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church

Wednesday 5th December

6pm Ingleborough meeting for parents

Sunday 9th December

Christingle Service @ St Nicholas Church

Monday 10th December

3.30 - 5.30 School disco

Tuesday 11th December

1.30 Ambassadors meeting at Burton Leonard

Friday 14th December

12 Christmas lunch

Tuesday 18th December

1.45 Nativity Service in WT Methodist Church

Wednesday 19th December

6.30 Nativity Service in WT Methodist Church

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

Christmas is coming...

Miss Mandelson realises that news has leaked out to parents of children in Tiger Class about this year's Nativity performance of 'Born in a Barn'. Please see the separate letter coming home today confirming and requesting help with costumes.

As usual our Christmas Nativity Services will be a **whole school event** with the older children supporting the younger children as they act out a version of the Christmas story. It is a lovely opportunity for the whole community to come together and Tiger Class are always very grateful to the children in Panther Class for lending a hand. Please save the dates!

Tuesday 18th December at 1.45pm

Wednesday 19th December at 6.30pm

Messy Church

Everyone should have received information via ParentPay about next Tuesday's Messy Church. We are very grateful to Catherine Clowes who, along with volunteers from both the Anglican and Methodist churches, will be running the after-school session on **Tuesday 27th November**. It will run from 3.30 - 5pm and will include an opportunity for the children to take part in a range of art and craft activities on the theme of 'Advent'. It is open to children of all ages, although any pre-school children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments will also be served. If you haven't already done so, please drop us an email if your child would like to attend.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!