

Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Peacock

Congratulations to our newly appointed School Ambassadors: Ellie, Amy and Oliver. Their first meeting will be at Burton Leonard School on Tuesday 4th December where they will meet ambassadors from other schools. I am sure that they will be great advocates for our school and have lots to offer to the meeting. I am looking forward to joining the Panthers at the Cluster Advent Carol Service on Monday at Holy Trinity Church - a great way to begin the countdown to Christmas.

On Wednesday, we are looking forward to welcoming residents from the community who will be joining us for lunch in school. I am sure they will enjoy Sharon's delicious cooking and the company of our children. We also are grateful to Paul who has agreed to represent our school by delivering one of the readings at this Sunday's Advent carol service in church. The following Sunday (9th), there will be a Christingle Service for family worship. Please let Miss Mandelson know if your child would like to take part.

We shall end our week with a trip to Kirkby for a Christmas crafts day.

MESSY CHURCH

It was great to see such a large number of children at Messy Church on Tuesday - in fact three quarters of the school! Reverend Pat and her team of helpers from both the Methodist and Anglican churches led a wide variety of activities and each child went home with a goodie bag of things they had made, including a cap decorated with symbols relating to the Christmas story. We are so very grateful to all the volunteers who give up their time to run this popular twice-termly session free of charge for our children.



Headteacher's Award

Matilda

...for putting 100% effort into all she is asked to do.

Tiger Class Hermione

...for her great enthusiasm for learning our Nativity songs.

Panther Class Millie

...for writing a super performance poem.

All Aboard!

Next week, Mrs Moodie is inviting the children in Tiger Class to come to school in their pyjamas and dressing gown as they jump aboard the Polar Express in their lessons on **Thursday 6th November**. The children will also need a warmer layer of clothing, a coat and outdoor shoes of course for any outdoor play.

Everyone is invited!

Today the children will bring home an invitation from the Church Wardens and Church Council inviting each family to celebrate St Nicholas' Day, our patronal festival. The celebrations will take place on Thursday 6th December from 6pm until 9pm at Tanfield Lodge, during which time there will be carols and drinks. The children will be invited to join the adults in singing an alternative version of The Twelve Days of Christmas (see song sheet). If you are able to join in the fun, please rsvp by telephoning 01677 470385 or 470839.

ALL WELCOME

Reading for Pleasure

As she did last year, Mrs Hatch has put together a list of 20 books to help the older children (mainly Y6) to increase the level and breadth of their reading. We have copies of many of these books at school which children are welcome to borrow. However, with Christmas coming, we realise that you may find the list useful when purchasing presents or supporting your children to spend any book tokens they have received. Please see the school website for suggested titles.

Tiger Parents...

...please be aware that the Y1/2 children brought home their lines for the Nativity earlier this week. Any support you can give to your child to practise these at home would be very much appreciated!

Coming up this term...

Sunday 2nd December

4pm Advent Carol Service @ St Nicholas Church

Monday 3rd December

PM KS2 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church

Wednesday 5th December

6pm Ingleborough meeting for parents

Thursday 6th December

6-9pm Patronal Festival @ Tanfield Lodge

Sunday 9th December

9.30am Christingle Service @ St Nicholas Church

Friday 7th December

Christmas Art Day at Kirkby Malzeard School

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

Can you help?

Mrs Umpleby is busy finalising the arrangements for the children in Y3/4 to resume swimming sessions next term, beginning on 11th January. More details will follow shortly but, in the meantime, 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.

Ingleborough Meeting

Just a reminder that there will be a meeting for parents **AND** Y5 and Y6 children in preparation for January's residential visit to Ingleborough. It will take place at school on Wednesday at 6pm.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!