

# Newsletter

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## A note from Mrs Peacock

December is whizzing by! We began to feel festive following the 'Cluster Carol Service' in Ripon. Panther Class really did us proud with their 'Christmas Alphabet'. Tigers' preparation for their nativity play and the 'Christmas Crafts' day with Kirkby School have added further to our festive cheer. A beautiful Christmas tree now adorns our school hall - a very big thank you to the Bourne-Arton family who have once again provided our tree for us. Christmas is well on the way in school and the village.

Many thanks to Paul who represented our school so professionally by delivering one of the readings at last week's Advent Service at church. I know that many of the children are looking forward to this Sunday's Christingle service too. We hosted our first 'Community Lunch' on Wednesday - Sharon prepared an excellent lunch - of roast beef and Yorkshire puddings - with all the trimmings. We hope our visitors enjoyed their lunch and we look forward to seeing them again in the New Year.

## CHRISTINGLE

It is lovely that so many children have expressed excitement for this Sunday's Christingle service at St Nicholas Church. The service will start at 9.30am and everyone is welcome. It is a family service but, as ever, Miss Mandelson is more than happy to supervise any children whose parents are unable to stay for the service. At the moment, the church community are collecting items for Ripon Food Bank and there is a box at the back of church near the font if anyone would like to drop off a donation. The food bank just asks that any items donated should have a long a sell-by date and should not include alcohol.



## Headteacher's Award

**Porscha**

...for her constant politeness and impeccable manners.

Tiger Class

**Poppy R**

...for always sitting smartly ready to learn.

Panther Class

**Austin**

...for accurate measuring using a protractor(very tricky!)

### Cluster Carol Service

On Monday Panther Class spent the day with children from other local schools preparing for and then performing in the annual Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church in Ripon. We are sure that those parents who were able to join us will agree that it was a fantastic concert.

### Friends PTA News

Following on from film night on Tuesday, we shall be holding a Christmas disco after school on Monday. Please note the revised pick up time of 5pm. We shall also be providing mulled wine and mince pies back at school following the Nativity Service on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Tiger Class Homework

Tiger Class has been a bit depleted this week as children have come down with coughs, colds and ear infections. This has meant that it has been tricky to rehearse our nativity play. In view of this, Miss Mandelson has told the children that they may skip their usual reading diary homework this weekend to focus on learning their lines. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Reading for Pleasure

We hope that parents are finding the suggested book list for the older children useful as Christmas approaches. This week Mrs Hatch has added a list of books suitable for children in Years 3 and 4. You can find both of these on the Panther Class page on the website.

<http://www.west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk/ClassPages.aspx?c=050>



### Can you help?

Y3/4 swimming sessions will begin on 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Coming up this term...

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

9.30am Christingle Service @ St Nicholas Church

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

3.30 - 5.00 School disco

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

1.30pm Ambassadors meeting at Burton Leonard

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

12 Christmas lunch

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Carol Service @ WT Methodist Chapel

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

1.45pm Nativity Service WT Methodist Church

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

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

#### 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

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

INSET Day - school closed

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

School re-opens



**Winter Forest School**  
With Outdoor Adventures Forest School

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**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**