

Newsletter

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A note from Mrs Peacock

As you are aware Mrs Duffy has now officially left us; I am in regular contact with her and she is feeling a lot better now and enjoying time with her family. We have been busy making arrangements for the rest of this school year which will meet the needs of our children. As our current arrangements in Tiger Class have been very successful and to ensure consistency for the children the governors have agreed that we continue to employ Mrs Marley and Mrs Moody to teach in the Tiger team. After the half term break Miss Mandelson will continue to teach Tiger Class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mrs Marley will teach them on a Wednesday afternoon and a Friday, with Mrs Moody teaching on a Thursday. We have planned the timetable very carefully to ensure that we work to the strengths of each teacher. This arrangement will also allow some flexibility to cover any staff training or staff absence. Exciting things are planned for Tigers next term! I hope that you all have a good break - I can't believe that we are half way through this academic year and that it will be March on our return.

Messy Church

Many thanks to Catherine Clowes and all the team from both the Methodist and Anglican churches who ran the after-school session on Tuesday on the theme of 'Love'. It is always a lovely occasion when pretty much the whole school gather to eat together before getting stuck in to a wide variety of art and craft activities. We have had some lovely feedback from both children and parents.

My child really looks forward to this, thank you to everyone who gives up their time to make it possible! (parent)

I love Messy Church!
Can we have it
everyday? (child)

It is so heartwarming to see how the children interact with all the volunteers and each other with such obvious enjoyment, enthusiasm and care for one another.

Headteacher's Award

Eva

...for her enthusiasm and positive contributions in collective worship.

Tiger Class

Jack

...for being kind to others.

Panther Class

Ellie

...for a huge effort at the tag rugby festival.

Tag Rugby

The Y5/6 children had a great afternoon at Outwood Academy on Monday, taking part in a range of activities to develop skills in tag rugby, alongside children from other local schools. Miss Asker was very proud of everyone who took part but gave a special mention about Ellie who really gave it her all! Miss Mandelson would also like to commend the Y3/4 Panthers who joined Tiger Class for the afternoon. The children worked so well together, with the older children being a great support to the younger ones. It was a pleasure to have you back with us!

Coming up this term...

Friday 22nd February

3.30pm Break up for half-term

Thursday 7th March

Tiger Class visit Harlow Carr for Waste event

Friday 8th March

8.30am World Book Day Big Booky Breakfast

Thursday 21st/Friday 22nd March

Y6 Bikeability Training

Friday 22nd March

Harrogate Charity Concert

Thursday 11th April

1.15pm Easter Service

2pm Break up for Easter

Forest School

Tiger Class have had a wonderful series of Forest School sessions with Madeleine and Mrs Marley this half-term. We would like to say a special thank you to Emma Yeoman, Jessica Petchey and Liz Goddard who have all given up their time to support the children with the activities.

Just a reminder that it will once again be the turn of Panther Class to spend Wednesday afternoons in the 'forest' so they will need to come to school dressed in their kit. We shall set up a rota for parents and carers - please let us know if you can spare a Wednesday afternoon to help out.

FRIENDS PTA GROUP

Tuesday 12th March

Film Night (Coco)

Tuesday 9th April

Film Night (Peter Rabbit)

£5 to include pizza and popcorn

Wednesday 27th March

Easter Disco

The next Friends PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at 2.30pm. All welcome.

WANTED

Mrs Marley would be grateful for any unwanted shoeboxes (lids not necessary) for a Science project in Tiger Class after half-term.

Bikeability

Your Y6 child will be bringing home some information regarding this year's Bikeability training. This will consist of a parent information sheet, parental consent form and a check list of requirements. The training will take place all day on Thursday 21st (in the playground) and morning only of 22nd March (on the road in West Tanfield village). Please let us know if you have any problems or concerns over the training. If possible, can you please encourage your child to get out and about on their bikes during the half-term break.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day falls on the first Thursday in March but, as Tiger Class will be out on an educational visit that day, we plan to celebrate on **Friday 8th March** with a day of book-related activities. We shall kick off the day in style with a whole school Big Booky Breakfast, inviting the children along with parents/carers to join breakfast club from 8.30am to share stories to fundraise for Book Aid International. Find out more at:

www.bookaid.org/bookybreakfast

Look out for more details about how you can support this event which will follow after half-term.

Wishing everyone a lovely half-term break!