

# Newsletter

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## A note from Mrs Peacock

Where does the time go? I can't believe that we only have two weeks of the school year left! It has been a very busy term. We have been blessed with some glorious weather - let's hope we continue with some sunshine in the holidays. Although as wife of a farmer, the crops really do need some rain!

Our Y6 pupils attended the 'Leaver's Service' at Ripon Cathedral on Tuesday. It is a beautiful cathedral and really gives the children a chance to reflect on their time at school. We have our own leavers' service on Friday July 20<sup>th</sup> - we hope that you will join us to say farewell to our Y6 pupils - it really does mean a lot to them to have their families and friends there.

Thank you to everyone who has sent completed questionnaires back to school. If you haven't yet please do - we really value your views. We have extended our deadline to Monday July 9<sup>th</sup>.

We are sending our love and best wishes to Nichola Brown for a speedy recovery following a car accident.

## Sports Day

Many thanks to all parents, carers and friends who came along to support the children on Monday. It was a glorious afternoon and we are sure that you will agree that all children did a marvellous job, showing great team spirit, stamina and camaraderie on such a hot day. We were very proud of each and every one of them! A special thanks to Reverend Morgan who dropped by to present the prizes and to the Friends PTA group who provided refreshments. We are also very grateful to all the families who loaned and erected gazebos to shade the children. A particular thank you to Charlie and his mum who have gifted a gazebo to the school in recognition of Charlie's time with us as he prepares to move on to secondary school. We are sure we shall make good use of it in the years to come. And, of course, our congratulations go to the winners of the cups: Porscha-Nevaeh (Infant Girl), Harrison and Jack (Infant Boy), Jane (Junior Girl) and Herbie and Paul (Junior Boy).

## Headteacher's Award

**Austin**

...for sportsmanship and friendship.

Tiger Class  
**Savannah**  
...for a positive attitude to her learning.

Jaguar Class  
**Ayrton**  
...for an excellent effort with his independent reading.

Lion Class  
**George**  
...for always making us laugh.

### Leavers' Service

Our Y6 children joined children from other schools in the area for a special service organised by the Diocese of Leeds to mark their time at primary school as they look forward to moving on. Jake and Ellie report:

The theme of the service was 'Yesterday, today and forever'. Each school had to make a holder for a candle. Ours had a red box decorated with little paper people made to look like us in our primary school uniform. We got into high school groups and wrote words to carry around with us, such as 'kind', 'sensible' and 'funny', to describe our characters. We learned a special song which we all sang together in the Cathedral. We thought that Ripon Cathedral was immense and was decorated beautifully.

### Ssh!

As you know, Mrs Sharp will be retiring at the end of this term after more than ten years of service to our school. Should you wish to contribute to a leaving present for Mrs Sharp, please send your donation in an envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Hodgson. Many thanks

### Love Science

If you are looking for ways to keep your children busy over the summer holiday, why not try some of these science workshops. This company has been into school delivering workshops to the children over the last few years and we can highly recommend it. Check out their website for more details and how to book tickets.

<https://www.lovescience.co.uk/>

### Parking Plea

From time to time, concerns are raised with us about the safety of the children due to inconsiderate parking. The safety of your children is of paramount importance to us and we would like to, once again, ask all parents, carers and visitors to our school to consider carefully where they park. We encourage the use of the village hall car park which is only a short walk away (and we know that some parents do use this option). Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation with this in an effort to avoid a nasty accident.

### Coming up this term...

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July

9.30 Family Service @ St Nicholas Church

2pm West Tanfield Parish Sports Day

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

12 New starters' lunch plus stay and play

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July

3.30 - 5.30 Leavers' Disco

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Lions' sailing trip @ Thornton Steward

6 pm Family BBQ

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

1:30 KS2 Production @ Memorial Hall

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Y5/6 York Pop up Theatre

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

6pm KS2 Production @ Memorial Hall

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Whole school trip to Beningborough Hall

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

1pm Leavers' Service @ St Nicholas Church



### West Tanfield Parish

#### Sports Day



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July



2:00 pm start

*Fancy Dress - A Royal Theme*  
*Children's Races*  
*The Louise Hogg Memorial Cross*  
*Country*  
*Duck Race*  
*BBQ*

*There will be teas in the field, and any contributions of cakes will be gratefully received on the day.*

**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**