

# Newsletter

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## A note from Mrs Peacock

Our Y5/6 children (& Miss Asker) are all excited and ready to go to Ingleborough next week. I am sure that they will have a great time and really enjoy the activities - it is such an amazing experience. School will be very quiet without them!

Our children are working on their gymnastic skills with Mr Powell this term, learning routines and sequences. This is preparing them for future gymnastic competitions.

Mrs Duffy is still poorly but is in regular contact with school and thinking about us all.

As we are in a new year - 2019 - we have been busy updating our displays. If you get chance please pop in and have a look at.

## Fun Family Maths

We are very excited to launch our Fun Family Maths. The display board is located in the corridor by Panther Class and will have new maths challenges each month. We are hoping as many families as possible will get involved, have a go at solving our problems and bring in their solutions.

In today's world, we are bombarded with data that must be absorbed, sorted, organised and used to make decisions. The underpinnings of everyday life, such as making purchases, choosing insurance and planning for retirement, all require mathematical competence. Business and industry need workers who can solve real-world problems, explain their thinking to others, identify and analyse trends in data, and use modern technology.

All you need to do is have a go at our problems and bring in your answers. It's really important for children to realise that we don't all solve problems in the same way, so the more people who bring in their solutions the more the children can see.

## Headteacher's Award

**Edie**

...for her inspirational writing which shows great use of vocabulary and flair.

Tiger Class

**Leroy**

...for trying hard to  
look after resources  
in the classroom.

Panther Class

**Millie**

...for super  
homework.

### Well done...

...and thank you to pupils past, present and future who helped out at Sunday's Family Service. Olivia B did an excellent job of delivering a very long storytelling piece whilst Millie, Amy, Harrison and Alice took care of the other readings and prayers. Ted and Kitty were there to lend a hand too. Once again, Miss Mandelson was very proud to receive many compliments about how well the children had done after the service. Next month's service will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am. If your child would like to take part, please let Miss Mandelson know.

### Coming up this term...

**21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January**

Y5/Y6 Residential visit to Ingleborough Hall

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

PM: Key Steps Gymnastics @ Outwood Academy

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Safer Internet Day

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

3.30 - 5pm Messy Church

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

3.30pm Break up for half-term



Reverend Cleeves has let us know that a confirmation preparation group will be beginning shortly. Any adult or young person (approx. Y6 or above) who is interested in exploring the faith, with the possibility of confirmation at the end, is welcome to contact Reverend Cleeves for more information (01765 689255 or email [revdavidcleeves@gmail.com](mailto:revdavidcleeves@gmail.com)). Attending the group does not commit you to eventual confirmation if you decide that this is not a step you wish to take.

### FRIENDS PTA GROUP

The Friends PTA group hope to meet after school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** to plan events for the term ahead. Please do come along if you can - everyone is very welcome. The more the merrier! The meetings are informal and friendly with a chance to share ideas. If you are unable to make the meeting but would still like to offer help or have any suggestions or fundraising ideas, please let Miss Asker or one of the PTA members know.

### Burns' Night Family Lunch

We will be celebrating Burns Night with lunch on Friday 25 January. We will be sitting down to enjoy minced beef pie with neets and tatties followed by mixed fruit flapjack. If you would like to join us please let Mrs Umpleby know by Wednesday 23 January at the latest. The cost of this meal is £3.

Join Outdoor Adventures  
Forest School in the RSPB...



Come along and create a bird hide before spotting and identifying some feathered friends. We will light the campfire and enjoy some tasty snacks.



**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**1.30- 3.30pm**

**Moorside School**

£10 per child

Sessions led by experienced, qualified teachers and Forest School Leaders

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**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**