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#### A note from Mrs Peacock

An excited Tiger Class have just set off on their 'Wiggle Walk' with their 'friends' from Kirkby. What a beautiful day for their adventure. I had a super afternoon with Y4/5 at the Royal Hall as they began to plan their own stories with an author and illustrator. Lots of doodling took place which is a great way to record ideas! As you know Sharon has been poorly this week and we hope that she is feeling better and will be back with us soon. Yesterday was a busy day across both schools with the new 'headteacher candidates' visiting. The interview process continues today and I am sure the governors will update you after the holidays. We are all looking forward to the half term holiday - I expect you are too and have lots planned!!

## Headteacher's Award Our School Ambassadors

...for showcasing the school to all of our visitors on Thursday.

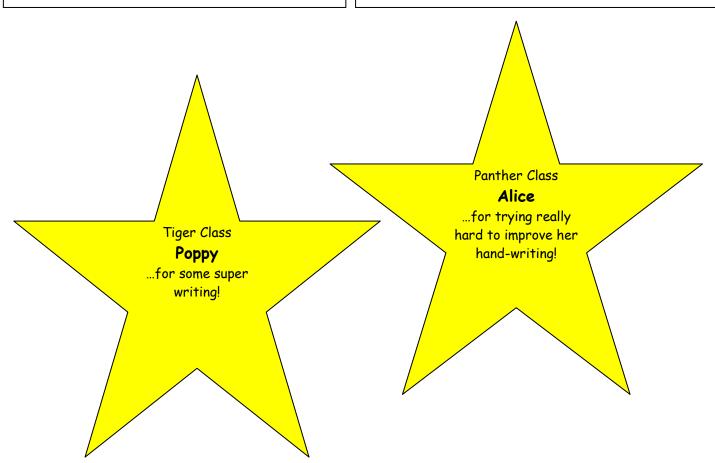
#### ALL STARS Cricket

We were visited by Mark from All Stars Cricket on Tuesday. Following a presentation in the hall, we all went outside and enjoyed a range of fun activities together developing skills involving throwing, catching, hitting a moving ball and teamwork. The children all got involved and had great fun. A particular well done to Austin and Daisy W who were the last participants standing in the final 'knockout activity'! The children have brought home fliers with information about how they can sign up to an 8 week programme locally should they wish to develop these skills further. Go to www.allstarscricket.co.uk for further information.

#### Well done ...

...to all our super balance bike club members who have successfully completed their course. Mr Hodgson has really enjoyed working with you all.





#### Pobble Big Write

On Monday Mrs Peacock accompanied the children from Years 4 and 5 to Harrogate to take part in a writing event.

Austin and Oliver report:

We went to Harrogate Royal Hall to take part in a 'Big Write' - there were a lot of schools there and possibly 300 children! We wrote a story but we wrote it in short sections so that nobody got left behind. One of the presenters we listened to, Kate Parkhurst, told us that doodling is a great way to begin illustrating.



As the newsletter is being finalised, the children in Tiger Class are getting ready to embark on their Giant Wiggle adventure along with their friends from Oak Class. As well as celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Very Hungry Caterpillar, they are also fundraising for Action for Children. If you would like to support them and this very worthy cause, there will be a collection box available during Celebration Assembly today. Look out for photos from the day which will appear on the school website shortly!



Many thanks to the volunteers from both churches who ran a lovely Messy Church session for the children on Tuesday. As ever, it was very well attended and the children enjoyed a range of activities as well as a fishy snack linked to the Bible story of Jesus and the Fishermen.

#### Coming up this term...

Friday 24th May

Tiger/Oak Class 'Giant Wiggle' themed-day 3.25 Break up for half-term

Monday 3rd June - School re-opens

Cross Country event @ Newby Hall for Panthers

Tuesday 4th June

Kwik Cricket for Y5/6 at Markington

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

6pm Meeting for parents of new starters

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

3.30 - 4.30 Family Craft Night

Friday 14th June

12 Family Friday Lunch

**BOOK FAIR arrives** 

Tuesday 18th June

PM: Sports Day

Friday 21st June

INSET Day - school closed

Tuesday 25th June

Panthers' music workshop @ St Nicholas Church

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

AM: Leavers' Service @ Ripon Cathedral (children only)

3.30 - 5pm Messy Church

Thursday 4th July

2.30 Library opening

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

PM: Athletics event for Panthers

Tuesday 9th July

3.30 Leavers' Disco

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

KS2 Production 'Wind in the Willows'

Friday 12th July

12 Family Friday Lunch

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Whole-class visit to Fountains Abbey

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Y5/6 Theatre visit in York

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

12 Family Friday Lunch

1pm Leavers' Service @ St Nicholas Church

2pm Break up for the summer holidays

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

INSET DAY for staff

#### Summer Sun

As we enjoy the warm summer weather a reminder of the need for sun screen and sun hats. Sun screen should in the first instance be applied before coming to school. Any sun screen brought into school for re-application should be clearly marked with your child's name.

### Wishing everyone a lovely half-term break!