

5th October 2018

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A note from Mrs Peacock

This week the children have elected their school councillors - thank you to everyone who applied and congratulations to our new councillors. I am sure that you will do some amazing work to support our school.

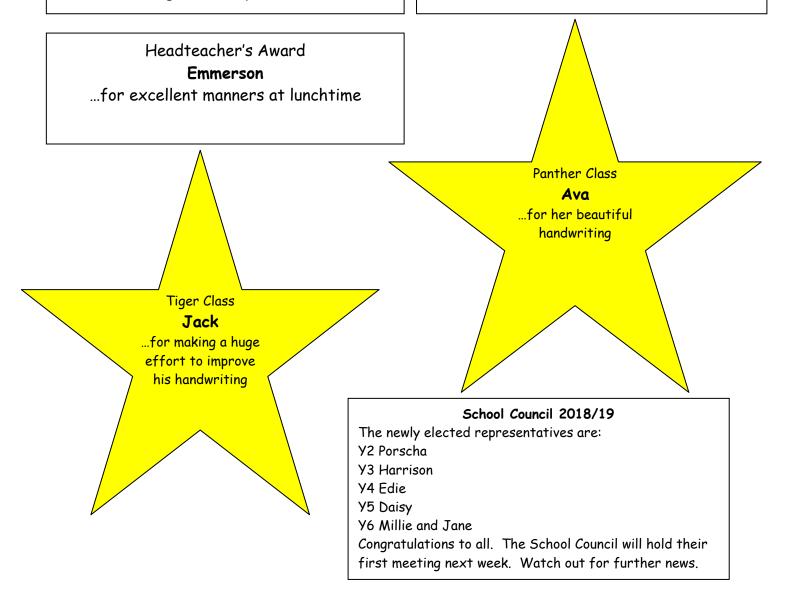
We have parent consultations on the afternoon and evening of October 17^{th} and you should have received a letter to book your appointment. I do hope you will be able to come along. Home / school links are very important and it is a great opportunity to share your child's work and see how you can support them at home.

I am looking forward to our Harvest Festival on Tuesday morning. Mr Parkinson came into school to run through the songs with us yesterday and the children sang beautifully.

Harvest Festival

The children have been busy preparing for next week's Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church on **Tuesday 9th October at 11am**. We do hope that you will be able to join us in church.

This year we shall be supporting two charities: The Farming Community Network and Compass Buzz - please see over for more details of each charity. By donating to these charities, we shall also be marking World Mental Health Day which falls on 10th October. As in previous years, we shall send each child home with an envelope today, which they can decorate and return to school with their donation. We shall then take them with us to the service on Tuesday. Looking forward to seeing you there.



We're supporting World Mental Health Day Visit mhfaengland.org for tips and resources to support young people's mental health in a changing world

NYCC have asked us to flag up this website with useful resources for schools and parents:

 $\frac{https://mhfaengland.org/mhfa-centre/campaigns/world-}{mental-health-day-2018/}$

As mentioned overleaf, we shall also be supporting two charities linked to mental health through our Harvest collection this year:



The Farming Community Network

The Farming Community Network (FCN) is a voluntary organisation and charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community through difficult times. We have a network of over 400 volunteers across England and Wales, many of whom are involved in farming, or have close links with agriculture, and therefore have a great understanding of the issues farm workers and farming families regularly face. Since 1995, we have helped thousands of people deal with a variety of issues, including financial difficulties, animal disease, mental health and family disputes. Our volunteers will "walk with" you and help you find a positive way through your problems - for as long as it is needed.

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Compass

Compass Buzz

The Compass School Mental Health and Wellbeing Project offers confidential information and advice for professionals, parents/carers and children and young people across North Yorkshire in relation to emotional and mental wellbeing. The project also offers training and consultation to professionals, in particular schools to enable them to take a whole school approach to supporting the mental health of students. We received our free Level 1 training at St Nicholas last January and some staff members are due to complete Level 2 during our INSET day in April 2019.

Coming up this term...

Monday 8th October

3.30 - 5pm Friends PTA School disco (see email sent earlier this week)

Tuesday 9th October

11am Harvest Service @ St Nicholas Church (followed by Harvest Lunch at school)

Wednesday 17th October

2-7pm Parent Consultations

Tuesday 23rd October

3.30 - 5pm Messy Church

Friday 26th October

3.25 Break up for half-term

Monday 5th November

Back to school

PM: Infant Agility at Outwood Academy Ripon

for Tiger Class

Grab a Jumper!

Don't forget that there will be a range of jumpers, cardigans and other items of second-hand clothing - many in very good condition with a school badge, on display after celebration assembly today. They have all been laundered and will be available for a suggested donation of £1 per item. The proceeds will go towards projects which will benefit all children. Please do come and have a look and take any items which would be of use to you.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!