

Newsletter

7th September 2018

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A note from Mrs Peacock

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school. I hope that you have all had a super holiday and enjoyed the sunshine! It has been lovely talking to the children about their adventures.

The children have settled back well and are getting used to our new routines. We welcomed our four new starters into Tiger Class, they had a great first day - they are all so familiar with the surroundings and I am sure that they were very tired last night. We have a busy year ahead with lots of exciting things planned. I will add my timetable for the half term to the website shortly.

I look forward to seeing you all at Celebration Assembly when I lead it next week.

Welcome back!

The staff would like to thank children and families for the lovely cards and gifts received at the end of the Summer Term. We hope everyone enjoyed the break. It is lovely to see all the children again looking so smart with new shoes, haircuts and raring to go! A special welcome to our new starters in Tiger Class:

Maisie
Mark
Poppy
Leroy

Headteacher's Award

Jane

...for her winning handwriting in the Tanfield Show.

From Mrs Sharp

It seemed strange on Monday, after 40 years in education, not to be getting geared up for the new school year. A new chapter for me and I am very busy at present working with Tim, my husband, on our retirement flat in Scarborough. I shall miss the family of St Nicholas and wish everyone a happy term. Hopefully you will let me pop in from time to time to catch up with you all. Thanks especially to the children, for all my cards and best wishes. I also received a lovely voucher for B&Q which we shall use to buy items for our flat.

Tiger Class

Ted

...for showing lots of kindness to others

Panther Class

Eva

...for impressing us with her knowledge of history

Clubs for the Autumn Term

We are delighted to be able to run a number of clubs this term:

Monday: **Code Club** for Y3-6 with Mr Ash

Wednesday: **Art Club** for Y5-6 with Mr Weld

Thursday: **Multisports** for Y1-6 with Mr Powell

All clubs cost £3 per session and run from 3.30-4.30pm. Please see the email sent earlier this week with details of how to apply for a place for your child.

We continue to offer wrap-around childcare at **Allsorts**. Sessions run from 7.45am - 8.45am and 3.30pm - 5.30pm. **We are currently reviewing after-school sessions due to a decline in demand. If this is something you will require this year, please let us know so we can look into whether this remains viable.** There is a separate booking form for Allsorts which is available from Mrs Umpleby

Coming up this term...

Sunday 9th September

9.30 Family Worship @ St Nicholas Church

Monday 10th September

Panther Class visit Merton Park

3.30 Friends PTA meeting

Friday 21st September

JEANS for GENES Day

Tuesday 9th October

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

Wednesday 17th October

4-7pm Parent Consultations

Friday 26th October

3.25 Break up for half-term

Monday 5th November

Back to school

Blessing of the School Bags

It was great to see so many hands up and eager faces when the children heard about Reverend Morgan's plans for a short service this Sunday to celebrate the new school year. Many thanks to all who have taken responsibility for a reading or prayer. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun regardless of whether they are reading or not - don't forget to bring your school bags! The service starts at 9.30am and will be followed by refreshments. It will be lovely to all come together as a school community.

Jeans for Genes

As usual we shall be supporting Jeans for Genes Day by inviting the children to wear jeans or casual clothes on **Friday 21st September** for a donation of £1. The money raised helps to improve the quality of life for children affected by genetic disorders.



Jeans for Genes Day
Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

Friends PTA Group

There will be a PTA meeting straight after school on Monday to start planning events for the term ahead. Everyone is welcome and it would be lovely to have some new faces - please do come along if you can. If you are interested in helping but cannot make the meeting, do let us know.

LET'S CELEBRATE

Just a reminder that everyone is welcome to join us for Celebration Assembly each Friday at 3pm. It is a lovely opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate all that the children have achieved throughout the week. Hope to see you there.

FOREST SCHOOL FOR TIGERS

This half term the Forest School sessions for Tiger Class will take place on **Wednesday 3rd October** and **Wednesday 10th October**.

Please can you ensure that the children bring in suitable outdoor clothing, a waterproof coat and wellies on these dates.

GUITAR LESSONS

If anyone is interested in taking guitar lessons, Jed has places. The lessons take place on Friday afternoons. You can pop in to see Jed on a Friday or contact him on 01423 520924 for further information.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!