

7th September 2018

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.

Headteacher's Award **Jane** ...for her winning handwriting in the Tanfield Show. St Nicholas Church of England School West Tanfield, Ripon HG4 5JN Tel/Fax: 01677 470329

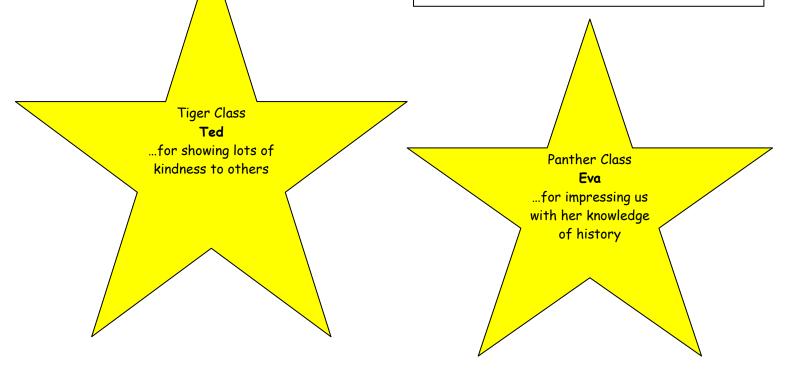
Welcome back!

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

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.



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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.



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.

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!