

# Newsletter

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## A note from Mrs Peacock

I hope that you have all had a lovely half term break. The children have settled back into school and are all working hard. This is a busy half term with lots of fun activities going on. We would like to say thank you to Reverend Nick Morgan for all of his work with our school and wish him well as he prepares to leave our parish to take up his post of vicar of three churches in the Bramham area between Leeds and York. We are looking forward to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. Thank you to the Friends PTA group for all of their hard work organising this. We really do appreciate their help and support, as I am sure you are aware school funding is in a state of crisis nationally and the extra funds they raise really do benefit our children. Please do support these events as they benefit all of our children. Thank you.

## FOREST SCHOOL

The Panthers loved their first Forest School session despite the pouring rain. Activities included knot tying, den building, bank scrambling and playing in the mud kitchen. May we remind parents that there is a high chance that your child will get wet and muddy during these sessions and we strongly recommend that you send your child in to school on a Wednesday with either a waterproof outer layer or another top layer that can be removed before heading home. Please consider providing your child with wellies which are the most practical way of combatting the mud! Many thanks.

**We urgently need parent volunteers to fill Forest School slots on the rota. Please let Mrs Hatch know if you can help out on any of the following dates: 21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> November or 5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Headteacher's Award

**Ellie**

...for being a super coach for younger children in lessons.

Tiger Class

**Maisie**

...for her blossoming confidence.

Panther Class

**Emmerson**

...for a very cheerful, hardworking attitude.

### Sporting Achievements

The children in Tiger Class enjoyed working alongside children from other schools at an Infant Agility event at Outwood Academy on Monday afternoon. Activities included javelin, curling, bowling, etc. The children had the opportunity to use a wide range of equipment to practise skills involving co-ordination and balance, supported by KS3 students. Everyone tried hard but we were especially proud of Jenson who was presented with an award for self-belief. Many thanks to Mrs McNamara and Mrs Stapylton who came along to assist Mrs Marley.

### The World of James Herriot

Many thanks to all those parents who have already made their contributions for the Tiger Class visit to the World of James Herriot. We are very grateful for a donation which has allowed us to subsidise this trip so that the cost to parents is kept to only £5.50 per child. This covers both transport and entrance to the museum. If you have not already made your contribution, please may you do this via ParentPay as soon as possible. It would also be helpful if you could return the slip by Monday indicating whether you intend to order a grab bag or provide a packed lunch from home. Thank you for your help with this.

### Tennis in Tanfield



The children in Y5/6 really enjoyed their first tennis session with Ellie at the tennis courts in West Tanfield this week.

### Whatever the Weather

Now that there has been a marked change in the weather, children will need a change of clothes/footwear if they would like to play on the field at lunchtime.

### Coming up this term...

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

10 - 2 Christmas Fayre in the Memorial Hall

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

AM: Tigers visit The World of James Herriot

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

3.30-5pm Messy Church

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

1.45 Nativity Service in WT Methodist Church

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

6.30 Nativity Service in WT Methodist Church

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

2pm Break up for Christmas

### West Tanfield Remembers

There will be no family service this month as the second Sunday falls on Remembrance Day. However there will be a number of events in the village to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

**6:00am** Battle's O'er played by a lone piper from the roof of the church bell tower followed by soup and bacon baps in the churchyard.

**10:15am** The church bells will be rung half-muffled in tribute.

**10:45am** Remembrance Service in St Nicholas Church

**6.55pm** A lone bugler will sound The Last Post from the roof of the church bell tower.

**7:00pm** The Beacon of Light will be lit in the field over the bridge.

**7:05pm** The church bells will be rung as a celebration of peace.

# BATTLE'S

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A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

(see flyer for further details)

## Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!