



St Nicholas CE School Newsletter

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Diary dates for this term

<http://www.west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk/Dates.aspx>

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A busy November...

Another busy month in school. Thank you to all the parents for your continued support with all of our new routines and initiatives. We are all looking forward to the festive season and are excited to be starting our preparations for our Christmas celebrations.

Our Vision



We continue to focus on all four of the Christian values of kindness, love, patience and peace this term. Our new behavior policy is being developed in school with the children; they are working hard as a team to try and get all of their class members onto the board for demonstrating these values in school.

Once on the board, any additional recognition of these behaviours is added to our class dojo as team points.

Parents can keep track of which team is in the lead by following the class pages each week.



As well as earning dojos for our Christian values we are always on the lookout for children who go 'above and beyond' these. Well done to our first two recipients Maisie and Harrison. They have received a special post card home and will be joining any other recipients for cake and hot chocolate with me at the end of term.

Look out next month for more information on how we plan on recognising amazing effort in work with our 'shine like star awards'.



Thank you all for your kind donations for Children in Need. We raised a fantastic total of £160! Thank you also to the school council for their help in organising such a fun and fit day!

The children shared in a very special collective worship to reflect on what this day means to different people. They talked about 'lest we forget' and shared their thoughts on what this meant and the significance of the day. We are always very impressed with our children's reflectiveness and how they talk about important issues so openly and considerately in this important part of our school day. We held a minutes silence followed by a prayer from one of our children.



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We are happy to report the school library has now reopened. The children can access the library each Thursday lunchtime to choose from our excellent book selection. This is a wonderful resource for the children. Our librarians are doing a great job in keeping the library organised and recommending different books for of our children.

Christmas



A letter has gone out to all parents regarding arrangements for Christmas week in school; this can be found on the letters out section of the website. These dates are also on the website diary page.

If children would like to send Christmas cards to school, these can be sent in on the following dates:

Tuesday 8th December, Friday 11th December and Tuesday 15th December.

This will allow us to quarantine the cards before they are sent home at least 72 hours later.

Active Advent

The daily mile continues in school. The children love running this with their friends at the end of lunch each day. When we are not running we are still skipping after our skip 2 B fit training too. What an energetic school we are!

We have also launched the active advent calendar. If you haven't already looked at this please do. It has been sent from Harrogate School Sports Partnership and has some fantastic ideas to help us all keep fit!

<https://www.harrogatessp.com/physical-activity-advent-calendars/>

Don't forget, please send your photos to Mrs Hatch!

Forest Schools



Forest school dates for the rest of term are as follows:

Wednesday 9th December
Tiger Class

Wednesday 16th December
Panther Class

Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit/clothing on the correct date.



Snow Procedures

Now that the winter is upon us we have added our snow procedure to the school website. You will find this under letters home.

With thanks

Mrs Taylor