



# St Nicholas CE School Newsletter

October 2020

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<http://www.west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk/Dates.aspx>  
**Diary dates for this term**

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## Another half term over...

We have had a lovely half term coming back together as a school community. The children all seem so happy to be back in school and have loved to see their friends again. We have gradually settled back into the routines and are working hard to get back to the 'new normal'. We are really proud of how they have settled back into school so positively.

## Our Vision

We continue to focus on all four of the Christian values of **kindness, love, patience and peace** this term whilst we explore what these Christian values look like in action. Our **curriculum golden thread** for next half term is all about being 'creative'.

## Harvest Competition



Thank you to Sharon and Mrs Umpleby for organising our Harvest 'flower' competition. The children were so creative in their flower designs that they sent in to school. The winners were Alexander and Ted.

Congratulations!

## Skip2Bfit



The children had a fantastic skipping workshop with Dave from skip2Bfit. Since returning to school we have been trying to improve our fitness levels and this is fantastic way to do this, especially as we have our own skipping ropes in school now.

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## Forest Schools



Both Tigers and Panthers have loved being back in the forest with Madeleine. The children have been focusing on practicing our values of kindness, patience, peace and love in all their forest school activities.

Forest school dates for next term are as follows:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Panther Class

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Tiger Class

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Panther Class

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Tiger Class

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Panther Class

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Tiger Class

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Panther Class

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



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## Wellbeing and remote learning surveys

Thank you to those parents who supported their children to complete the wellbeing survey. The survey showed us that our children are:

- Happy to come back to school
- Sometimes feel a little bit worried or confused about the changes in recent months or that school work might be too hard.
- Looking forward to playing with their friends and seeing the staff
- Have enjoyed doing things with their families and pets whilst at home!

We have been really impressed with the new and exciting things they shared that they have learnt at home.

Thank you also for your views on remote learning. We have taken these on board whilst we review our remote learning policy. This is in place should a bubble or school need to revert to learning at home again and information regarding this will be sent to parents after half term. The principles behind this will also be transferred to our new homework policy which we hope to roll out later in this term too.

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## Wellies

We aim to be outdoors for playtime in all weathers and use all our outdoor space, including the field. Please ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat and wellies in school with them every day.

Have a lovely half term; we look forward to seeing you all in November!  
Mrs Taylor