

# Newsletter

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## A Note from Mrs Peacock...

As we enter the final week of this half term we are also approaching the half way point of the school year - where does the time go? We are certainly very busy and there are lots of exciting things happening in the classrooms. There are some super displays in the hall celebrating the children's work. BANSHO maths is a real success and it is really challenging the children to think and try out different strategies. The children continue to be involved in a wide variety of sports activities. The gym competition was a success and our children were great ambassadors for our school. Well done to all of them - we are very proud of them.

## Headteacher's Award

**Eve Dawson and Joe Taylor**

...for their brilliant assembly on Cyber Bullying.



## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was celebrated globally on Tuesday with the theme "Be the change: Unite for a better internet". We are very grateful to Eve and Joe, our Ripon Ambassadors, who have been collaborating with children from other local schools to put together information about keeping safe on the internet. They gave an excellent presentation during Collective Worship this week on the subject of cyber-bullying. During classroom discussions, the children impressed their teachers by sharing their views about their own use of the internet. SID offers the opportunity to highlight the positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. For information and advice for parents: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Tiger Class  
**Poppy Ellison**

...for super work in our  
phonics sessions.

Lion Class  
**John Kitching**  
...for outstanding  
reading skills.

Jaguar Class  
**Charlie Hall**  
...for excellent  
homeworks!

### Key Steps Gymnastics

Teams from Y1 -Y4 took part in the Ripon Key Step Gymnastics Festival at Ripon Outwood Academy on Monday afternoon.

Ava reports:

This week our school took part in a competition of gymnastics. There were three routines to remember, including body management and floor exercise. Everybody did really well and tried their best. I hurt my leg so I couldn't take part but I was the photographer. Here are some of the photos I took:



We are very proud that St Nicholas teams were placed 4<sup>th</sup> at KS1 and 5<sup>th</sup> at KS2. Well done, children, for all your hard work. All that practice definitely paid off. Many thanks to Mrs McNamara, Mrs Carrick and Mrs Watson who came along to help.

### Tag Rugby

Apologies for the late cancellation of the Tag Rugby event on Wednesday. Unfortunately this was due to the organiser being involved in an accident. She sends her apologies to the Y5 & Y6 children and hopes to reschedule the event as soon as possible.

### World Book Day 2017

Thanks to National Book Tokens, book publishers and booksellers, World Book Day, in partnership with schools all over the country, are distributing more than **15 million** £1 World Book Day book tokens to children throughout the UK/Ireland. Your child(ren) should have brought a token home this week. All you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller ([find your local participating bookshop here](#)) and swap it for one of the TEN World Book Day books! Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get **£1 off** any full price book instead! And if you'd rather get an audio book, that's fine too! It's your choice, just as long as the book or audio book costs at least £2.99. The voucher is valid from **27<sup>th</sup> February**.

### Coming up this term...

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

9.30 Family Service at St Nicholas Church

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

PM: Forest School for Y5/6

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

3.25 Break up for half-term

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

World Book day

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Harrogate Advertiser photographer to take whole school photo for 'School of the Week' piece.

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

4-7pm Parent Consultations

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Y6 Science event at Leeds University

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day - wear red for a donation to Comic Relief

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

2pm Break up for Easter

### Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers welcome!

Our collection box for 'Active Kids' vouchers is now up in the Reception area of school. We would be very grateful if you would send in your vouchers as over the years we have been able to use them to order all sorts of equipment for school.



Sainsbury's

Active Kids

Eat well • Move well • Live well

### Clothing Up For Grabs!

Following a big clearout in the cloakroom, there are still a number of un-named items of clothing on display in the hall. Please do come and see if any of it can be of use to you. Feel free to take any items whether you think they belong to your child or not. Any items left unclaimed by half-term will be donated to the Firefighter's Charity. If you do find something that you would like, please put your child's name in it immediately - this makes everyone's life much easier in the long run!

**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**