

Newsletter

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A Note from Mrs Peacock...

Thank you to everyone who attended the Friends PTA group meeting on Wednesday. It sounds like there are lots of exciting plans for fund raising and the children will certainly benefit from the extras you provide. Thank you to everyone involved for all your hard work and support.

The children have had more sporting opportunities this week attending sporting events with our cluster friends. Our children are very lucky to have so many opportunities to take part in different sports.

I am looking forward to seeing you at parents' evening next week. I am sure you will be proud of the work your child has done in school and that there will be lots to celebrate. If you have any queries or questions for me please drop in and have a chat - my door will be open.

Many Hands Make Light Work!

Plans are coming together for an afternoon of celebration at the end of term when we shall officially open our new trim trail. As well as our brand new equipment, we still have the original swings and slide which we believe may have been acquired as long ago as the late 1960s! People do say "They don't make them like they used to!" However, we would like to give the older equipment a lick of paint to spruce it up a bit! Mrs Sharp has very kindly agreed to organise a group of volunteers to do this and we are very grateful to her and her husband. They are hoping to do the work on **Saturday 25th March**, weather permitting, and would be very grateful of some helping hands. If you are able to spare some time, please let Mrs Sharp know. Many thanks to the Friends PTA group who are providing the paint.

Headteacher's Award

Year 4 Girls

...for their great success at Orienteering!

Tiger Class

Ava Gilpin

...for being a great
'secret angel'!

Lion Class

Rowan Norfolk

...for making progress
in his English work.

Jaguar Class

Amy Irvine

...for her great
contributions in
Science and Maths

Sporting Fun

Our school joined other local schools for two sporting events at Outwood Academy this week. On Tuesday the KS2 children took part in an afternoon of orienteering. The Y4 girls did particularly well, coming second in their group.

Millie reports:

"We had little dibbers on our finger and we had to poke them into a board. We had a map so that we could find them and they were easy to see because they were red. We had to try to get round fifteen posts in ten minutes! Afterwards we worked with other schools on a fun number activity. We lined up in a few lines and we had to look under some cones laid out in a shape to see if there was a number. If there was, we had to remember it and then you went to the next shape to find another number. We had to add the numbers together and go to a lady to check our answer. It was fun."

Tigers had their turn on Wednesday afternoon when they participated in a Change4Life Festival, rotating around activity stations under the guidance of Y8 students. The aim of the afternoon was to give the children the confidence and competence to take part in lifelong physical activity.

Harrison reports:

We did lots of different activities like throwing sticky balls onto a big target mat, rolling balls into a special basket, throwing foam javelins (if you hit the wall your team got 5 points!) and sliding discs with handles along the floor. There were big boys and girls to help us.

Many thanks to Mrs McNamara, Mrs Watson and Mrs Petchey who helped with the events.

Church News

Many thanks to those children who have volunteered to represent their school at this Sunday's Family Service at St Nicholas Church. The service starts at 9.30 and, as usual, Miss Mandelson shall be there from 9.15 if anyone would like a last minute practice. All welcome.

We also send our very best wishes to Seth who will be confirmed in a service at St Mary's Church, Masham later that morning. We hope you enjoy your special day, Seth.

Coming up this term...

Sunday 12th March

9.30 Family Service at St Nicholas Church

Tuesday 14th March

LOVE SCIENCE day

Wednesday 15th March

4-7pm Parent Consultations

Tuesday 21st March

Y6 Science event at Leeds University

Thursday 23rd March

3.30 - 5pm School disco

Friday 24th March

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

Tuesday 4th April (provisional date)

1pm Opening trim trail and celebrations

Thursday 6th April

1.15pm Easter Service at St Nicholas Church

Friday 7th April

2pm Break up for Easter

Monday 24th April

School re-opens

Our School Website

www.west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk

Please regularly check our school website. It is kept up to date and is a very useful source of information!

This week, check out **the Lions' Class Page** - there are some great reports written by Emma, Leah and Erin

Friends PTA News

Many thanks to all who came to the meeting of the Friends group on Wednesday. If you were not able to make it but would still like to offer some help, please do get in touch. We hope to re-start our popular 'Ice-Cream Fridays' after Easter and will be starting a rota to share the load. If you could spare a little time after-school on a Friday to serve ice-creams, we would be very grateful. There is no need to commit to helping every week - just the offer of help on one date would be great so that the responsibility does not just fall on the shoulders of a few. See above for further dates for your diary.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!