

# Newsletter

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## A Note from Mrs Peacock...

I am sure that you are all looking forward to our half term break. It seems ages since the Christmas hols! Looking back over the last seven weeks we really have achieved lots, despite being hit by the 'terrible' bug! We now need some brighter days and sunshine so that we can get out and about and enjoy the holidays ready to return refreshed.

After half term we have some interesting activities planned - Science Week, World Book Day ... plus lots more. We also have a visit from our School Improvement Adviser Christine Windwood who will be visiting school to check on pupil progress and ensure that we are meeting the needs of our pupils. I am sure she will be impressed.

## Learning on Display

We have been changing displays in school as the children have been immersing themselves in new topics and producing some lovely work. Do pop in to take a look if you have time. Tigers have been visiting the land of fairy tales as part of their topic 'Every Picture Tells a Story' whilst KS2 have been studying Vikings. There is some lovely art work both in the cloakroom and in the hall.

## World Book Day

Just to give you advanced warning as World Book Day will be upon us when we return after half-term. Please can the children be thinking about what their favourite book is as we shall be planning some activities around this for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. See over for details about WBD vouchers.

## Headteacher's Award

**Paul Smirthwaite**

...for an excellent powerpoint completed for homework.

Tiger Class

**Jack Dunn**

...for his thirst for learning!

Lion Class

**Lucy Brennand**

...for pulling out all the stops in Maths.

Jaguar Class

**Olivia Barley**

...for mastering decimals.

### Well done and many thanks to...

...Charlie and his mum who helped out with last Sunday's family service by performing a sketch about St Valentine. You did a brilliant job! A big thank you also to Paul, William and Seth who took charge of the readings - you all read so beautifully and confidently. The next family service will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please let Miss Mandelson know if you would like to help.

### CLUBS

Letters have gone out today to existing club members requesting payment for next half-term. Your child's name will be added to the club register once payment has been received and, if we do not hear from you, we shall presume that he/she does not wish to continue. A credit has been given for the week in January when the Y5/6 children were at Ingleborough and clubs did not take place. The programme of after-school clubs remains the same:

#### Monday:

Code Club for KS2 children

#### Wednesday:

Art Club for Y5/6 children

Forest School (open to all and bookable via Allsorts)

#### Thursday:

Multisports (Y1 - Y6)

#### Friday:

Football (Y1 - Y6)

If your child would like to join one of our clubs, please contact us for details.

### Coming up this term...

#### 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'.

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

3.30 Friends PTS meeting - all welcome

#### 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

### 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**.

### Everything must go!

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 the end of **TODAY** 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 half-term break!**