

Newsletter

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A Note from Mrs Peacock.

The children have enjoyed lots of hands on activities during 'science week' with the highlight to date being 'Love Science'. They are very lucky to have had such a wonderful opportunity. Our Y6 pupils will be joining their Y6 friends from Kirkby next week to visit 'Leeds Festival of Science'. This will be a brilliant opportunity to allow them to see 'science' in action and also look at careers in science - who knows they may be inspired to be a future Einstein!! We have subsidised this trip and feel it is excellent value at £3. We would like to thank all those parents who have made a contribution towards this event. If you have not yet done so, please visit your ParentPay account for details.

LOVE Science!

We are sure that your children have already told you about the fun they had on Tuesday taking part in all sorts of experiments with Abbie, a scientist from 'Love Science'. The theme of the day was 'Changes' and there were wide eyes and audible gasps as the children watched all sorts of liquids and substances fizz, change colour and grow! It was a really hands-on session where all children got to use scientific equipment to carry out a range of experiments. Many thanks to Mrs Hatch, our Science Co-ordinator, for organising such a great experience for our children. Next week, the Y6 children will be joining their peers from Kirkby Malzeard to travel to Leeds University for more science.

Headteacher's Award

Joseph Taylor

...for using his initiative to assist Mrs Peacock with her assembly.

Tiger Class
Harrison Petchey
...for his creativity and eye for detail.

Jaguar Class
Herbie Ash
...for an innovative approach to homework.

Lion Class
Leah French
...for demonstrating excellent manners at all times.

Keeping Safe

It is lovely to see children making the most of the lovely weather and cycling to school. We have racks at the front entrance where bikes can be stored. We have reminded all children that **it is essential that they wear a helmet** when cycling to and from school. We are in the process of organising 'Bikeability' cycling proficiency training for the Y5 and Y6 children and will let you have further details shortly. In the meantime, you can click here to find out what your child will need to do to prepare for the training:

<http://bikeability.org.uk/fags/>

You can find general advice on keeping your child safe here:

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-to-11s/cycle-safety/>

As ever, we encourage other road users to be aware that children may be cycling to and from school and to bear this in mind when dropping off or picking up.

Coming up this term...

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

Monday 3rd April

PM: Football at Outwood for Y1&Y2

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

Working Together

There are many ways to become involved in school life and support your child's education. We are always very grateful for help from parents, carers and friends. Here are some of the current opportunities to volunteer:

- Give an hour a week to read with children;
- Help to support children during educational visits or sporting events;
- Sign up on the Forest Schools rota (Wed pm)
- Help with Friends PTA events eg join the rota to help with 'Ice Cream Fridays';
- Join staff volunteers to keep the grounds looking great eg help with painting the play equipment, weeding, etc on Saturday 25th March.

As well as being a tremendous help to school, we hope that helping out in school is a rewarding and fun experience for our volunteers. Please do get in touch if you are able to spare some time, either as a one-off or on a more regular basis. We'd be very happy to hear from you.

Guitar Lessons

Jed will be coming in to school on MONDAY next week instead of Friday.

TOUR DE YORKSHIRE

We will be making a giant display on the field for the **Tour de Yorkshire** this year and we are looking for a very long thick length of rope. If anyone has any they can loan us please contact school. Thanks.

School Disco

The Friends PTA group have kindly organised a disco for the children which will take place after school next Thursday. Please see separate letter for full details. The children can bring a change of clothes in a bag to change into at the end of the school day. Entrance is £3 per child which includes drinks, hot dog and ice cream. Those who have already paid for Multiskills Club do not need to pay as the disco will be in place of the club next week. Children may also bring small change in a named purse for sweets.

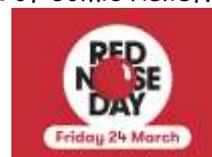
Church News

Many thanks to all those children who represented their school at last Sunday's Family Service at St Nicholas Church. Erin and Leah W did a super job of acting out one of the readings whilst Charlie read the other one beautifully. Paul, Jane and Amy took charge of the prayers and also did a super job.

Family services are held at St Nicholas Church on the second Sunday of each month. Do let Miss Mandelson know if your child would like to participate.

Red Nose Day

As you are no doubt aware, next Friday is Red Nose Day. We are inviting the children to come to school wearing red items of clothing in return for a suggested donation of £2 (or whatever you would like to give) in aid of Comic Relief.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!