

# Newsletter

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## A Note from Mrs Peacock...

Excitement is rising and there is a real buzz in the air as the Year 5 & 6 children get ready to leave for Ingleborough on Monday. We wish them all a super week and shall look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return next Friday. I myself hope to pop over to see how they are doing during the week. As Mrs Hatch and Mrs Oldham will be accompanying the children, Mrs Sharp will be working with Jaguar Class and has already sent out an outline of what she is planning. I know that some of you are aware that Sharon has not been around this week following an accident at home. We wish her a speedy recovery. School staff will continue to cover Breakfast Club next week and Caz will be running Allsorts as usual. We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Further information will be sent out about this in due course but do get in touch if you would like to chat about what this entails.

## Getting Close to Nature

You may have heard talk of new 'Nature Schools' in the media last weekend as it was reported that Warwickshire Wildlife Trust have plans to open four new primary schools across England through the government's free schools programme.

We watched this with interest as it confirmed our belief that children can benefit hugely from learning outside. We are so lucky to have such extensive grounds and outdoor facilities at St Nicholas School and we are proud of our provision of outdoor learning, such as the Forest Schools sessions run by Mrs Raper. The children love these sessions and get a great deal from them. Many thanks to all parents who offer their time to support these sessions. Please see overleaf for some photos of what the children have achieved so far...

Headteacher's Award  
**Eva Stapylton**  
...for trying new things.

Tiger Class  
**Jack Dunn**  
...for trying hard with  
his letter formation.

Jaguar Class  
**Paul Smirthwaite**  
...for a week of  
concentrated effort  
across all areas.

Lion Class  
**Emma Dunn**  
...for beautiful  
handwriting.

### Safety in the Playground

We have reminded the children that it is not permitted to ride bikes or scooters around the school playground before or after school. The playground is a busy place at these times with children, parents and many pre-school children too. It is a time for the children to meet and greet their friends before the start of the school day. A member of staff is on duty from 8.35am, initially meeting the children from the school bus before moving round to supervise the school playground. We aim to ring the bell at about 8.40am to give the children time to hang up their coats and bags ready to make a prompt start in classrooms at 8.45am.

It is great that children are using bikes and scooters to travel to school but we ask them to park them at the front entrance on arrival where bike racks are provided. Many thanks for your co-operation with this important safety matter. We are currently trying to organise cycling proficiency lessons for our Y5 and Y6 children and will give you more information about this as soon as we have some dates in the diary.

### Coming up this term...

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Ingleborough Residential Visit for Y5/6

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

NO FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

PM: Y5/6 Gymnastics at Outwood Academy

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

PM: KS1&2 Gymnastics at Outwood Academy

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

PM: Tag Rugby for Y5/6 at Outwood Academy  
Forest School for Y3/4

**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

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March**

British Science Week

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

4-7pm Parent Consultations

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

Y6 Science event at Leeds University

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

2pm Break up for Easter

### Gymnastics reminder

George has been working hard with the children to prepare for a gymnastics event at Outwood Academy in a couple of weeks. He has sent home some exercises for the children to practise and he will work with the KS1 children next week.

### No Clubs

Due to the Y5 and Y6 children being away at Ingleborough next week, there will be no clubs next week. A credit will be carried over to next half-term. Should you require childcare, Allsorts will run as normal.



Come and join the fun on Wednesday afternoons! Please let us know if you can help and we'll add your name to our parent rota.



**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**