

# Newsletter

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## A Note from Mrs Peacock

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair over the past week. There was a good selection of books for the children to browse and the children certainly enjoyed looking at the books. Although we didn't sell enough to be able to claim any books for school this year, it has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to celebrate their love of reading. Thank you to Mrs Oldham for organising this for us.

We seem to have lots of changes for the next school year. Sadly Mrs Irvine will also be leaving us and will be moving on to start a new venture at the end of term. Mrs Irvine has been the administrator at St Nicholas School for 18 years and she will be greatly missed.

The children, and staff, are all looking forward to their visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park next Tuesday. This is a fantastic opportunity for them all - thank you to the 'Friends' for arranging this for us.

## Drums Agogo

It was lovely to welcome Alison from Drums Agogo to work with the children this morning.

Eve and Sadie report:

"We had great fun learning how to keep a beat and how to make high and low sounds on the drums. To get a rhythm going we did some chanting about fish and chips and eating your greens. It got really loud in the hall with up to 25 drums at any one time! (Mrs Irvine and Miss Mandelson can vouch for that!) We had to watch Alison really carefully to know when to start, when to come in and when to stop. This experience was really fun and we learned a lot."

Many thanks to Mrs Marley for organising this exciting opportunity for the children and to parents for your contributions towards the cost. If you would like to hear Alison and her group for yourself, you can catch her at Ripon Spa Gardens on Sunday afternoon for a performance of African drumming with a Yorkshire twist!

## Headteacher's Award

### Jack Dunn

...for excellent and well-thought out responses in Maths.

### Tiger Class

#### Savannah Kitchen

...for excellent listening and thinking skills.

### Lion Class

#### John Kitching

...for being a supportive classmate.

### Jaguar Class

#### Millie Kitching

...for fantastic division work.

### Forest School Schedule

Jaguar Class (Y3/4/5) will be doing Forest School sessions on the next two Wednesday afternoons:

**28<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup> July**

If you are available to help do let us know as Mrs Raper is always grateful for an extra pair of hands.

### Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

Please could costumes be brought into school in a named bag by **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**.

Many thanks

### Stay Safe in the Sun

Now that the warmer weather is finally here (on and off!), we have reminded the children about the importance of using sun screen. Please apply this before leaving for school. If you would like your child to top up at lunchtime, please ensure that any sun cream you send in is clearly named. Staff are happy to supervise younger children as they apply their cream. We also encourage children to remember to bring a sun hat and water bottle each day. Only WATER is permitted in water bottles in the classrooms for obvious reasons. However, children who have a packed lunch may bring a drink of juice or squash to have with their meal at lunchtime.

### PE Kit

Please could you check with your child(ren) that they have a PE Kit in school, including a pair of PE shoes or trainers. We wonder if some children have worn their PE kit home following a sporting event and have forgotten to bring it back as more and more children are asking to borrow kit. Unfortunately we are getting to the point where we do not have enough spare kit to go around!

### Messy Fun!

The children are looking forward to doing some art activities during their 'Creative Day' at Kirkby Malzeard on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The art teacher running the workshop has asked that each child has an old shirt/T-shirt to put on to protect their clothing. Many thanks

### Coming up...

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

2.30 Drums Agogo in the Spa Gardens, Ripon

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Bikeability Training for Lion Class**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Whole-school visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Costumes due in please

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Thirsk High Transition Week

Y6 Friendship Day at Bedale High School

Creative Day at Kirkby Malzeard School

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Leavers' Service at Ripon Cathedral (children only)

3.30 - 5pm Disco

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

PM: Y5/6 Rounders event at Outwood Academy

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

Y3/4/5 'The Big Write' event at Harrogate

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>/Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Induction Days at Bedale High School

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Y5 STEM Day at Bedale High School

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

4pm Parents' Meeting at Bedale High School

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

1.30 KS2 Production: Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

6pm KS2 Production: Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

1.30pm Sports Day followed hot dogs and Pimms

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

1pm Leavers' Service

2pm Break up for summer

### Ice Cream Friday

**June**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Emma Hewson and Michelle McNamara

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Smirthwaite and Tori Brennand

**July**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Suzanne Gilpin and Laura Carrick

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Tracy Stapylton and Suzanne Gilpin

As well as providing a lovely treat for the children at the end of the week, all proceeds will go towards funding next week's whole-school trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

**Coming up from the Friends PTA Group...**

Tickets will be on sale from next week for our Grand Summer Raffle.

Don't forget the number square lotto to win a luxury hamper on the PTA noticeboard in the hall.

**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**