

Newsletter

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A Note from Mrs Peacock

We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break. The children all seem to have grown over the holidays and have come back to school keen to learn.

The term got off to a flying start with our work on 'Growth Mindset'. Thank you to all the parents (and grandparents) who joined us on Tuesday morning. Our volunteers from Lions and Jaguars delivered a very informative assembly which was followed by a session led by Tony Swainston. We are seeing a very positive impact of this work on the attitudes of our children and our work will continue. We are focussing on the power of yet - when faced with a challenge we don't say 'we can't do it' we say 'we can't do it yet'. We also have a new motto;

'Change your words
Change your mindset'

Growth Mindset: What's it all about?

In the words of the children, Growth Mindset is all about...

...having a positive attitude (Eve);

...being positive in everything we do and learning from our mistakes (Jane and Olivia);

...believing that everything is possible if you try (Amy);

...never giving up (Sadie).

Paul and William explained that, as you get older, your brain grows. The more you use your brain and challenge yourself, the more it grows and connections are made. Emma, Millie, Ellie and Leah demonstrated this using balloons showing how your brain stretches the more you use it!

Albert Einstein said "A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything!"

Impossible = I'm possible!

Headteacher's Award

Charlie Hall

...for showing resilience and keeping going when facing challenges.

Tiger Class
Emmerson Kelsey
...for working enthusiastically!

Lion Class
Emma Dunn
...for maintaining a positive attitude to her work.

Jaguar Class
Oliver Thompson
...for good comprehension work.

Castle Adventurers

Tiger Class had a great day out on Monday to start rounding off all their hard work in History last term.

Austin and Enna report:

In the morning we went to Richmond Castle and we climbed up the keep, right to the top. There were about 136 steps! It was a bit windy at the top but we could see for miles. The people down in the market place looked like little toys.

Then we set off to Middleham Castle to have our lunch. We saw a statue of Richard III who used to live there. In fact, he trained to be a knight there. Mr Marley and Jonathan met up with us there. We also met a princess who told us the story of St George. On the way back we stopped at Brymoor for an ice cream.



Coming up...

Monday 1st May

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY - school closed

Wednesday 3rd April

PM Ballet Workshop for Tiger Class

8th - 11th May

Y6 SATs week

Thursday 18th May

PM: Y3/4 tennis event at Outwood Academy

Friday 26th May

3.25 Break up for half-term

Monday 5th June

School re-opens

KS2 Cross Country at Newby Hall

Thursday 8th June

6pm Meeting for parents of new starters

Monday 12th June

PM: KS2 Athletics at Outwood Academy

Wednesday 14th June

KS2 Countryside Day

West Tanfield Tennis Club

Family Fun Day 2017

Sunday 30th April

2.30 - 4.30

Coaching with Robbie Barr

Communal Tea

(No charge but contributions towards the tea would be appreciated)

Junior Coaching begins on Friday 5th May

5-6pm for younger children

6-7pm for older children

Cost: £30 for 10 weeks

Contact: 01765 635318

Palm Sunday

Many thanks to Edie, Paul, Mary and Charlie who came along to join the Palm Sunday procession, following Barney the donkey through the village and into the church! It was very good of you all to give up your time to represent your school during the Easter break and, as ever, you all read beautifully during the service. Reverend Cleaves sends his thanks to you.

Tour de Yorkshire

Excitement is mounting and the village looks great ahead of this weekend's Tour de Yorkshire. This afternoon, Jaguar Class will be joined by the folk from Jennyruth Workshops in Ripon to assemble some 'land art' on the school field to celebrate this event. We are hoping that it may be captured from the air and used on TV as was the case back in 2014.

NICKY'S PRE-SCHOOL TABLE TOP SALE

Childrens' Toys and Clothes

Saturday 13th May, 10am-1pm

Memorial Hall

Refreshments served

If anyone would like a table to sell their things or if anyone has any donations that can be sold on behalf of Nicky's, they will be gratefully received!

Can you help?

The Friends PTA group continue to work hard to raise money to fund a whole-school visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park later this term for your children. They will be selling ice creams after school each Friday - a lovely end of the week treat for the children, we are sure you'll agree. If you are able to serve the ice creams on just one Friday this term, your help would be very much appreciated. Please pop in to choose a slot on the rota.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!

