

# Newsletter

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## A Note from Mrs Peacock.

Thanks to those who helped out at the weekend sprucing up our play area. We have an exciting week ahead as we have the official opening of the trim trail. We are really looking forward to meeting Nicola Wilson and I am sure it will be an exciting day. It is also a great opportunity to show off our wonderful school. We have an afternoon of fun sporting and outdoor activities planned. Over the last few weeks our children have taken part in lots of sporting activities and clubs and due to the wet weather conditions have often been muddy!! We have asked the children to take their P.E. kits home tonight for a wash (so that they are nice & smart for our 'big day'). Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on Monday so we all prepared. May I take this opportunity to remind you that our kit is - black shorts, white t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers. They will also need their Forest School kit. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## Countdown to our Celebrations

We are very grateful to Mrs Piper, Mrs Kitching, Mr Petchey, Mr Millions, Mrs Smirthwaite and Mr Sharp who joined staff last weekend to spruce up the play area in preparation for next week's grand opening of our new National Lottery Funded trim trail. We shall be welcoming Olympic silver medallist, Nicola Wilson, along with other folk from the community, to join with us for an afternoon of outdoor fun including sports, forest schools and a rounders match when the Y6 children will take on parents and governors. We aim to start the activities at 1pm with the official opening at 2.30pm. Please do come along to join in or just spectate.

Many thanks to the Friends PTA group who will be selling teas, coffees, cakes and ice cream throughout the afternoon. **Any donations of cakes for the stall would be gratefully received.**

NB There will be no forest schools session on Wednesday.

### Headteacher's Award

**Seth Piper & John Kitching**

...for leading a well-planned and informative assembly on Autism.

Tiger Class  
**Eva Stapylton**

...for continuing her learning at home with further research.

Lion Class  
**Joseph Taylor**  
for showing a responsible attitude at school.

Jaguar Class  
**Millie Kitching**  
...for great responses in guided reading.

## NOT SUCH GOOD NEWS!

Unfortunately, our eager helpers were faced with the very unpleasant and shocking sight of a huge pile of dog faeces under the slide as they arrived to begin work on painting the play equipment last Saturday! As well as being extremely unpleasant for all concerned, it obviously poses a health risk, particularly to children. Despite this being removed immediately, a further incident occurred this week when one of our younger children came across further excrement whilst playing on the field and attempted to remove it herself using leaves. We have obviously spoken to the children about being vigilant and alerting an adult to deal with any mess they spot. **However, we would like to remind everyone that, in the interests of health and safety, dogs are not permitted on school grounds either during school hours or otherwise (with the exception of professionally trained guide/assistance dogs).** We shall endeavour to be vigilant during school hours but please do let us know if you notice anyone allowing their dog onto school premises out of school hours and we shall take steps to have our policy explained to them. Anyone in charge of a dog, who does not immediately clear up after their dog, is liable for a fine by the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice. This applies on any land which the Council has designated under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. In the case of stray dogs, it is recommended that the Hambleton District Council dog warden is contacted on 01609 779977. This service can also offer assistance with dog fouling clearance and enforcement.



## Comic Relief Update

We were already very pleased to let you know last week that, between us, we had raised £75 for Comic Relief. With the proceeds from Eve's 'Guess the height of the paper person' activity and some further donations, we are delighted to announce that this total has now risen to £100! We are very proud of Eve and her two assistants, Sadie and Harry, who have organised this additional fundraising event. In Collective Worship this week, we have been talking about 'Generosity Around the World' - being generous with our time and help for others as well as with our money. We have certainly seen evidence of all three in our school this week!

## World Autism Awareness Week

We were very grateful to Seth and John who delivered a fantastic presentation for Autism Awareness Week in Collective Worship yesterday. Seth explained to the children how his diagnosis of autism affects him and John was able to give some insights from a friend's perspective. We learned that being autistic does not mean that you cannot be successful in life and the boys gave us examples of famous people such as Mozart, Sir Isaac Newton, Einstein, Charles Darwin, Lewis Carroll and Hans-Christian Andersen who were all believed to have autism. The boys have also found a useful BBC Newsround video 'My Autism and Me' which you can watch by clicking here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e.jpWWP1HNGQ>

Seth and John would love it if you could find the time to have a quick look for Autism Awareness Week. You did a great job, boys! Thanks to you both and Mrs Willan for all your hard work.

## Coming up...

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

PM: Football at Outwood for Y1&Y2

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

1pm Opening trim trail and celebrations

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

1.15pm Easter Service at St Nicholas Church

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

1.30 Celebration Assembly

2pm Break up for Easter

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

School re-opens

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

9am Growth Mindset presentation for parents

## Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons will resume on **7th April**. Jed will carry out lessons over the lunch break to try to fit everyone in before our early finish at 2pm.

## Easter Raffle

Tickets for the Easter raffle are now on sale for £1 each with the draw on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Please pop into school or look out for someone from the Friends PTA group to buy your tickets. You will also be able to purchase tickets during our celebrations on Tuesday afternoon.

## Chicken Pox Alert

Just to let you know that we have had a further case of chicken pox in school this week.

**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**