

# Newsletter

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## A Note from Mrs Peacock...

I hope everyone had a great half-term and enjoyed the break. As we enter the second half of the school year, we have much to look forward to. We are very excited that Olympic silver medallist, Nicola Wilson, has agreed to do the honours and open our new trim trail. We shall send more information about this event once the details have been confirmed.

This week we welcomed our NYCC School Improvement Advisor into school. She was very impressed with the calm and purposeful learning environment in each classroom and enjoyed chatting to the children about their work.

Also this week, we know that the Y6 children will have had news about their secondary school placements. We hope everyone is happy with their school place offer.

## World Book Day

It was lovely to chat to the children about their favourite books to celebrate World Book Day yesterday. The children all spoke very enthusiastically about what they like to read. During the afternoon, the children enjoyed sharing their books with each other in a paired reading session. Don't forget that the WBD voucher needs to be used by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Gill from the Little Ripon Bookshop has kindly dropped in a set of the special WBD books so that the children can have a look before they decide which one they would like to swap their voucher for. Alternatively you can view the titles here:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Happy Reading!

Headteacher's Award

**Amy Irvine**

...for impressing our special visitor.

Tiger Class

**Edie Ash**

...for her enthusiasm and commitment to everything she undertakes!

Lion Class

**Emma Dunn**

...for a beautifully presented report.

Jaguar Class

**Ellie McNamara**

...for a good understanding of word problems in maths.

### Spot the Pet!



If you look very closely you might just be able to spot one of three new pets in Tiger Class. We are very grateful to the Ash family who, as well as letting us have three of their baby stick insects, have provided us with the cage and equipment needed to look after them. Do pop in to take a look if you would like to.

### School of the Week

We have been invited to take part in the 'School of the Week' feature in the Harrogate Advertiser series of newspapers, including the Ripon Gazette. The photographer will be coming to take a photograph on Monday and we have been asked to prepare some text to go alongside it. This is a good opportunity to let everyone know about our school and all it has to offer. If you have any ideas about what we could include from a parent's point of view, do let us know. We shall let you know when St Nicholas is due to appear.

### CLUBS

Apologies to Art Club members and their parents for the last minute cancellation of Wednesday's Art Club. We were unaware that Mr Weld would be on going on holiday. **Art Club will resume on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.** Many thanks to all parents who have made payments for clubs promptly. May we politely request that any outstanding payments be made as soon as possible and **BEFORE** next week's session if you wish your child to attend. If you are having financial difficulties, please make an appointment to speak to us in confidence and we may be able to offer assistance in certain cases.

### Coming up this term...

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Harrogate Advertiser photographer to take whole school photo for 'School of the Week'.

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

PM: Orienteering for KS2 at Outwood

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

PM: Change for Life event for Tigers  
3.30 Friends PTA meeting - all welcome

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

4-7pm Parent Consultations

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

Y6 Science event at Leeds University

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day - wear red for a donation to Comic Relief

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

2pm Break up for Easter

### Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers welcome!

Our collection box for 'Active Kids' vouchers is now up in the Reception area of school. We would be very grateful if you would send in your vouchers as over the years we have been able to use them to order all sorts of equipment for school.



Sainsbury's

**Active Kids**

Eat well • Move well • Live well

### Friends PTA News

There will be a meeting of the Friends of St Nicholas PTA group at 3.30 on Wednesday. Please do come along if you can and you will be assured of a warm welcome. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of parents who work together to organise events for our children and families and raise funds for our school. If you are willing to help but unable to make Wednesday's meeting, please let Mrs Millions, Mrs Hatch or one of the other Friends know.

**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**