

Newsletter

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A Note from Mrs Peacock...

Welcome back to a new half term- it certainly is beginning to feel chillier as the weather changes. Please make sure that our child has a warm coat in school for playtimes and outside learning. We have a busy half term ahead with lots going on - keep an eye on the website for dates and information.

We are all looking forward to our **Open Day** tomorrow - come along and join in some of our fun activities and see the wonderful things our children have been doing!

As a school we are developing the 'pupil voice' and we are delighted that two of our pupils are attending the 'Pupil Voice conference' at Harrogate today to represent our school. It is a great opportunity for them and celebrates the work we have been doing with other local schools.

Remember, Remember The 5th of November...

We are all set for our open morning **tomorrow** from 10am until 12 noon. We are hoping that as many families as possible will be able to join us so that we can enjoy some fun Bonfire Night-themed activities together whilst also welcoming new faces and showing them what our school has to offer. Please do come along and feel free to bring friends and family. Everyone is welcome!



Headteacher's Award
Oliver Thompson
...for amazing Maths work!

Tiger Class
Austin Kelsey
...for effort to
improve his cursive
writing.

Lion Class
Seth Piper
...for confident
work with fractions
and decimals.

Jaguar Class
William Gilpin
...for great Maths
work!

Clubs

Many thanks for returning the slips so promptly so that we could prepare the registers for this half-term's clubs. Our apologies that some parents have experienced difficulties when attempting to pay for clubs. All children have a registration letter in their bags about the new payment system, so parents can register and pay online by next week.

Mrs Raper is now running an after-school Forest Schools session on a Wednesday in conjunction with Allsorts. Priority for places was given to her existing club members however there is still some availability for children in Y1 or above. Should your child wish to join, please contact us for an Allsorts booking form.

We have reminded club leaders and the children that the adult collecting them after a club must sign them out before they leave so that we can ensure that everyone is dismissed safely. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

School Photographs

We hoped that you liked your child(ren)'s school photographs - any feedback would be very welcome. Chris from Whitebox Photography has now collected the orders and he tells us that the turn-around time is usually about ten days.

Stop Press

We have just heard from Mrs Pawson at Kirkby Malzeard that the church is being used for a funeral next week so we shall be relocating the Christening to either the Methodist Church at Kirkby Malzeard or the school wildlife area. We shall update you as soon as the decision has been made. Following our work on Christian baptism we shall be looking at birth rituals from other religions as part of our RE lessons.

Can you help?

Please see Mrs Marley if you are able to help with swimming sessions for Tigers on Friday mornings. It is always very helpful to have an extra pair of hands! Many thanks to Mrs McNamara for all her help so far.

Coming up this term...

Friday 4th November

Pupil voice conference (School Ambassadors)

Saturday 5th November

10-12 Open Day with bonfire themed fun for all the family.

Monday 7th November

1-3pm Infant Agility Festival for Tigers

Wednesday 9th November

1.15 Christening of Baby Tanfield-Malzeard in St Andrew's Church (all welcome)

Monday 14th November

9am Growth Mindset assembly for all children

Friday 18th November

St Nicholas Bake Off for Children in Need

Monday 28th November

Y3&4 Carol Concert

Saturday 3rd December

4pm Parish Nativity@ St Nicholas Church

Tuesday 13th December

1.45 Nativity in Tanfield Methodist Church

Wednesday 14th December

6.30 Nativity in Tanfield Methodist Church

Thursday 15th December

Whole school trip to Harrogate Pantomime

Friday 16th December

9am Carols round the tree (all welcome)

Christmas Party

2pm Break up

Babushka

It has been lovely that so many children have asked if they can be part of Mr Parkinson's production of Babushka in St Nicholas' Church on Saturday 3rd December. A letter with details will be sent home with anyone who has expressed an interest.

It is not too late to join in the fun - just let Miss Mandelson know if you would like to be part of this community event. The more the merrier!

GUITAR LESSONS

If anyone is interested in taking guitar lessons, Jed has four places. The lessons take place on Friday afternoons. You can pop in to see Jed on a Friday or contact him on 01423 520924 for further information.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!