

Newsletter

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A Note from Mrs Peacock

Thank you to everyone who made our 'Trim Trail' opening a success. It was a great afternoon and really showed the strengths of our community - a real team effort.

We had a lovely Easter Service yesterday and our children presented the events of Holy Week in a thoughtful way. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us and join in and to Reverend Cleaves and Mr Parkinson for their valuable contributions.

I hope that you all have a super Easter break and that the weather is kind to us all. It will be lovely to be able to get outdoors and enjoy the longer days.

School re-opens on **Monday April 24th** and we are holding our Growth Mind-set assembly and information meeting on **Tuesday April 25th at 9 a.m.** in the school hall. The children have been working hard to prepare for this and we do hope you will join us. Refreshments will be served in the hall before the assembly.

An afternoon to remember!

We had a fantastic afternoon on Tuesday as the school community came together to celebrate the opening of our new Lottery funded trim trail. The sun was shining which meant that the children could really showcase the amazing outdoor provision that we have at our school. The afternoon began with a multiskills session for the younger children on the field led by Mr Powell, whilst Mrs Raper made 'seed bombs' with the older ones in a Forest Schools session, before swapping over. It was a privilege to meet Nicola Wilson who gave an inspirational speech encouraging the children to believe in themselves and strive to achieve their dreams. After cutting the ribbon to officially open the trim trail, Nicola made sure that all the children got the chance to see her Olympic silver medal close up and was happy to pose for photographs with them. Well done to Lion Class who took on a team of parents, governors and staff in a game of rounders which they won! Many thanks to all who donated cakes and to the Friends who organised the refreshments.

Headteacher's Award

Lion Class

...for their victory and sportsmanship in Tuesday's rounders match.

Tiger Class Austin Kelsey

...for working hard on his writing.

Lion Class

Rylee Kelsey

for taking a brilliant lead during the Easter roll play.

Jaguar Class Ayrton Kelsey

...for his sentences in French.

Fearless Footballers!

The KS1 children had a great afternoon at Outwood Academy, Ripon on Monday. We had arrived thinking that we were going to take part in activities to introduce us to football skills, not realising that the afternoon was actually a competitive tournament playing against teams from other schools! Undeterred, both Tiger teams got stuck in and Miss Mandelson was really proud of the children's willingness to have a go despite their lack of training and experience. Each team played four matches with very respectable results. The A team came third and the B team came fourth in their respective groups. Stand-out players included Harrison, who was excellent both as a goal keeper and a goal scorer, and Enna who was fast and not afraid to tackle. Well done to all the children in Year 1 and 2 - you did St Nicholas School proud; and many thanks to Mrs McNamara who came along to help and ended up coaching a team!

River Research

Amy and Millie report:

On Wednesday morning Mrs Oldham took us to the River Ure because we have been learning about rivers for our topic work. We went down the steps beside the Marmion Tower to get to the river bank. We did a test where Mrs Hatch threw some sticks into the water and we had to check how fast they were moving. George and Joe timed how long it took them to travel 10m. We did it five times and the average time was about 9 seconds. While we were there, we looked out for features and saw a meander (where there is a curve in the river). We saw signs of erosion where some trees had come down into the river. We could smell garlic and realised that there was wild garlic growing alongside the river. There were loads of stones piled up on top of each other like a stony island. It was good to be there and see it for ourselves.



Coming up...

Friday 7th April

1.30 Celebration Assembly

2pm Break up for Easter

Sunday 9th April

9.30am Palm Sunday procession/Family Service

Monday 24th April

School re-opens

Tigers' visit to Richmond and Middleham Castles

Tuesday 25th April

9am Growth Mindset presentation for parents

Castle Visit

Many thanks to all who have responded promptly with contributions and permission slips for Tigers' trip to Richmond and Middleham Castles - there has been a lot to organise before we break up as the trip will take place on the **first day back** after the Easter holidays. We shall send a reminder email at the end of the Easter break.

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

Clubs for the Summer Term

Letters confirming places in clubs for the summer term have been sent home today and payments can now be made via ParentPay. Please note that consent and payment must be received **BEFORE** your child's name is added to the club register. Last term we had a few children turn up at clubs whom we were not expecting and it was necessary to make phone calls to clarify the terms and conditions of our after-school provision. Many thanks for your co-operation. If your child is interested in joining a club, please contact us for a form.

Monday - Code Club for KS2 children

Wednesday - Art Club for Y5/6 children

Thursday - Multisports

Friday - Football

All clubs run from 3.30 - 4.30 pm. 'Forest Schools' sessions will continue to take place on Wednesdays and can be booked via Allsorts.

Wishing everyone a lovely Easter break!