

## A Note from Mrs Peacock

Monday was a very interesting day for both staff and pupils. Whilst the children had a great time taking part in some fantastic activities, the staff were engaged in some very thought provoking training. Working with our colleagues from Kirkby, we were inspired by Chris Quigley, developing ideas to enhance our curriculum and develop new learning opportunities. We have further time together pencilled in to plan our themes for next year to enable us to work together more closely. As we prepare for next year, the children are spending time in their new classes. From September, Tiger class (YR/1/2) will be taught by Miss Mandelson all day on Monday and Tuesday and in the morning on Wednesday. Mrs Duffy will teach Tigers on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays. Jaguar Class (Y3/4/5) will be taught by Miss Asker Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday whilst Lion class (Y6) will be taught by Mrs Hatch every morning. On a Thursday morning and part of Friday morning they will be joined by Jaguar class. Jaguars will also go swimming on a Friday morning. On an afternoon, Jaguars and Lions will work together - there will be 25 children who will work with Miss Asker, joined by Mrs Hatch on a Wednesday. We have some new teachers joining us on a Thursday and Friday afternoon: On a Thursday Mr Powell will continue to teach sports with KS2 and Mrs Harris will join us to teach music across the school. The children met Mrs Harris when she came into school to lead a music assembly and again at our 'Creative Day'. Mr Houghton, who has worked with the children before, will work with KS2 on a Friday and he will lead Forest Schools. It will be an exciting and enriching year.

### Headteacher's Award

**Olivia Barley**

...for fantastic contributions to all areas of school life.

Tiger Class

**Harrison Petchey**  
...for his enquiring mind as a historian.

Lion Class

**Reece Walker**  
...for a very mature attitude during group work.

Jaguar Class  
**Herbie Ash**  
...for Creative Writing

### Leavers' Service at Ripon Cathedral

On Tuesday, the Year 6 leavers went to Ripon Cathedral for a special Leavers' Service.

John and Joe report:

We joined with Y6s from lots of other schools from all over Yorkshire. The theme was 'Loving, Living and Learning'. Some schools had prepared a triptych to explain their ideas. But we had learned some songs which we performed. We each received a wristband as a memento of the event. It was good to all be together with Y6s who are all moving to secondary school.

### Rounders at Outwood Academy

Yesterday the Y5/6 children joined other local schools for a rounders tournament at Outwood Academy.

John and Joe report:

At the end of the day, we came back to school with some fantastic news: St Nicholas School (A Team) is through to the final!!

Good luck to our team when they travel to Harrogate to compete next week.

### Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

All families, friends and neighbours are warmly invited to our summer production of Edith's Wartime Scrapbook:

"Whilst moving out of the house in which she has lived for 80 years, Edith Coleman discovers an old scrapbook from her childhood. The turn of every page rekindles memories of a time when war affected every aspect of her daily life. But despite the perils of the Blitz, evacuation, rations and bossy ARP wardens, we learn of how families and communities cared for and supported each other, found comfort and humour in their unusual circumstances, and ultimately triumphed in the face of adversity."

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm in Memorial Hall, West Tanfield**



Many thanks to parents for providing the wonderful costumes.

### Coming up...

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July

9.30 Family Service @ St Nicholas Church

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>/Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Induction Days at Bedale High School

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Y5 STEM Day at Bedale High School

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

4pm Parents' Meeting at Bedale High School

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

1.30 KS2 Production: Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

6pm KS2 Production: Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

1.30pm Sports Day followed hot dogs and Pimms

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

1pm Leavers' Service

2pm Break up for summer

### PTA News

Only two 'ice cream Fridays' to go...

#### July

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Suzanne Gilpin and Laura Carrick

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Tracy Stapylton and Suzanne Gilpin

Many thanks for supporting Tuesday's disco. The children all had a great time and a fantastic amount was raised to benefit all our children.

On **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** we shall be serving tea, coffee and cakes from 1pm in the village hall before the KS2 production. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.

Sports Day is on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. The PTA will be serving refreshments and there will be a staff/parent v children rounders match. More details to follow.

### Family Service

Many thanks to all those children who have offered to help with the drama sketch, readings and prayers at church on Sunday.

Miss Mandelson will be in church from 9.15 if anyone would like to arrive a little earlier to practise, otherwise the service starts at 9.30 and usually lasts for no longer than an hour. As usual, Miss Mandelson is happy to supervise any children whose parent is unable to stay - although, of course, everyone is welcome.

**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**