

# Newsletter

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## A Note from Mrs Peacock...

Our Year 5 & 6 pupils will be visiting Inglebrough Hall in January for their residential visit with our friends from Kirkby Malzeard. This will be an exciting opportunity for the children with lots of fun activities and experiences. We enjoyed an informative presentation on Wednesday evening, led by Mrs Hatch, providing key information about the visit. It will be a great visit - some of the parents who attended were so impressed they would love to take part! I am sure our children will really enjoy it.

We have had a visit from our Education Development Adviser today. We had a busy morning looking at data and progress but the highlight was her walk around school - she was very impressed with the children who were all very busy and focussed on their work.

## National Poetry Day

The children really enjoyed meeting and working with the poet and author, Wes Magee, on Wednesday as we got ready to mark National Poetry Day. He helped Tigers to learn to recite a couple of his poems. The KS2 children participated in a poetry workshop, working collaboratively to produce poems on the themes of Space and Under the Sea.



## Headteacher's Award Emma Dunn

...for delivering the reading so confidently at our Harvest Service.

## Tiger Class Edie Ash

...for being patient, encouraging and a good role model to others.

## Lion Class Rylee Kelsey

...for always thinking of others.

## Jaguar Class Rowan Dowson

...for always being ready to learn.

### Harvest Service

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Service on Tuesday. Many thanks to Reverend Cleeves for leading the service and to Mr Parkinson for playing the organ for us. It is lovely when we can all come together to celebrate and give thanks. The church looked wonderful and the children really enjoyed all the decorations. We are thrilled to announce that your harvest donations have raised £162.90 for the Send a Cow charity. When combined with donations from the Kirkby Malzeard school community we are sure to exceed our target! Many thanks for your support and generosity.



### Coming up this term...

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

9.30 Family Service at St Nicholas Church

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

7.30 PARENT info evening at St Aidan's High

#### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

1.30 - 4pm Open afternoon at St Aidan's High

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October

School photographs

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

4-7pm Parent Consultations

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

3.25 Break up for half-term

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

INSET day for staff

#### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

School re-opens

#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Sporting News

On Tuesday, Seth, Leah and Theo represented our school at a sporting event at Ripon Leisure Centre. They got the chance to take part in a range of activities alongside children from other local primary schools, including archery, boccia and ball skills.

Yesterday the Y5 and Y6 children travelled to Outwood Academy to take part in an athletics competition.

Harry reports:

Joe and John did really well in the running event. They came first. Herbie, Harry, Rowan N and William came second in the four person relay. There were a range of activities including long jump, high jump, hurdles, shot put, javelin and track events. Thank you to Mrs Sharp and Mr Powell.

### Babushka

Looking ahead to Christmas, Mr Parkinson has once again asked for the school's involvement in the St Nicholas community play. This year the performance will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and will be based on the story of Babushka. If your child(ren) would like to be part of this community event, please let Miss Mandelson know.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please can we remind everyone that children **must** be in credit to receive lunches, or parents will be telephoned and asked to bring in a packed lunch. Thanks to all parents who are keeping lunch money up to date.

### Can you help?

Please see Mrs Marley if you are able to help with swimming sessions for Tigers on Friday mornings this term. It is always very helpful to have an extra pair of hands! There is no need to commit to helping every week.

### 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!**