

# Newsletter

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## A note from Mrs Peacock

We hope that you have had a good Easter break despite the poor weather; however it looks like we are heading for a few days of warmer weather now. Let's hope it lasts! Our new term started with a staff training day - all staff received training and are all qualified in Paediatric First Aid.

Thank you for your responses to the Governors survey re Allsorts. Please be assured we will continue to provide wraparound care this term but we may need to make some 'tweaks' to our provision. Further details will be provided in a separate letter.

## WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM!

It was lovely to see the children after the Easter break and hear all their news. As ever, the Summer Term promises to be very busy but with lots of fun along the way!

The children in Tiger Class are looking forward to getting out and about as they begin their new topic "It's a Bug's Life", learning all about creatures, plants and their habitats.

Whilst in KS2, the children of Jaguar and Lion Classes will also be looking at plants. They are embarking on an exciting project which will involve creating a butterfly garden and growing their own vegetables. Hopefully we shall have lots of green fingered children!

## Headteacher's Award

### Savannah

...for a positive attitude to getting on by herself.

Lion Class

### Archie

...for doing the whole SATs revision pack during the holidays!

Jaguar Class

### Edie

...for striving to do her best in everything she does.

Tiger Class

### Alice

...for putting in lots of effort with her fact sheet all about spring.

### Stay Safe in the Sun

Now that the warmer weather is finally beginning to make an appearance, we have reminded the children about the importance of using sun screen. Please apply this before leaving for school. If you would like your child to top up at lunchtime, please ensure that any sun cream you send in is clearly named. Staff are happy to supervise younger children as they apply their cream. We also encourage children to remember to bring a sun hat and water bottle each day. Only WATER is permitted in water bottles in the classrooms for obvious reasons. However, children who have a packed lunch may bring a drink of juice or squash to have with their meal at lunchtime.

### Ripon Ambassadors

On Tuesday we met with the Kirkby Malzeard Ambassadors to organize the programme of events for the Arts Festival at Fountains Abbey which will take place on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The theme is Midsummer Magic and Madness. All Y5/6 pupils from both schools will take part. More details will be sent out at a later date.



Harry, Eve and Ellie

### Becca's Walk

We know that many will remember the tragic death of Rebecca Kowal ten years ago and will want to support Wendy, Peter, Sophie and all the family as they hold a special memorial walk and family fun day on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. Proceeds from the day will go to IDAS, an independent charity which supports anyone who has been affected by domestic abuse. For more information, please see the attached flier or click on the links below:

<https://www.idas.org.uk/family-take-steps-to-raise-awareness-of-domestic-abuse/>

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/idas/becca>



Independent Domestic Abuse Services

### Coming up this term...

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

KS2 visit Kirkby Malzeard School

PM: KS1 Football at Outwood Academy

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

3.30 Friends PTA meeting

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Disco 3.30 - 5.00

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Y3/4 Tri Golf at Outwood Academy

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday School Closed

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

SATS Week

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Y3/4 Tennis at Ripon Tennis Centre

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Y5/6 Tennis at Ripon Tennis Centre

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Break up for Half Term

### Cricket at North Stainley

#### Junior Cricket for Boys and Girls

Age 4-11 Sunday evenings 5pm starting  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Age 12 + Friday evenings 6.30pm starting  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

For further information please contact  
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### PTA News

Just a reminder that our next PTA meeting will be next **Tuesday (24<sup>th</sup> April) at 3.30pm**. If you are unable to make it but would still like to offer help with events, please let us know. There will be a disco for the children on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 3.30-5pm. Also 'Tuck Shop' Fridays will be running after celebration assembly: Fruit kebabs £1, milkshakes £1, soft drinks 50p and assorted sweets.

**Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!**