



# St Nicholas C of E School Newsletter

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## Happy Easter!

We are finally at the end of a very busy term and start to 2022! The children have worked incredibly hard as ever and are certainly ready for a rest over the holidays. We hope you enjoy some of our photos from this term. Have a lovely Easter break, we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

## Easter Activities.



It has been very special for us to be able to come together in person as a school recently. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our delicious afternoon tea on Thursday (and thank you also for the delicious contributions of cakes).

Sharon did a fantastic job as ever providing much of catering for the event; we are very lucky to have her!



There were some amazingly creative designs for our Easter cupcake competition.

Our winners were Harrison, Leyna and Daisy – Congratulations!

## Nursery

Our new Nursery provision goes from strength to strength with several new children on role for September already. Please do pass on the details to any friends or family in the area looking for Nursery provision.

## Living out our values

Our children are always passionate about helping others in their community or in the wider world and this term was no exception.



To celebrate our half term's golden thread 'life-long readers' we ran a 'Read for Good' Readathon for all our pupils as it has been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD).

The charity Read for Good encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely.

Pupils could choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. Pupils are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

We are delighted to announce we raised over £310.00 for this cause.



Our school became a sea of blue and yellow as we showed our support for the people of Ukraine. We all joined with children from schools all over the Ripon area to think about how we might help those fleeing to safety. Donations were also collected for the British Red Cross to support their work in Ukraine.

## Golden thread - Being curious...

We had an inspiring visit from Sam Walker and James Bracken our first guest speakers in class talking about their jobs. Sam and James both came to school to tell us all about their work as microbiologists. It was absolutely fascinating and the children were full of questions. We now have a few aspiring microbiologists on our hands and a classroom full of petri dishes with very strange looking 'germ' formations... Ewww!

## Forest School Fundraiser

What a success our Forest School Stall was! Although the weather was against us, the turnout was amazing. Thank you to everybody that came, bought cake and craft and enjoyed campfire pizza! We raised an amazing £75 which will be spent on seeds and plants to encourage wildlife to our school grounds and create habitats for them to live in. Thank you to Madeleine and Mrs Petchey for all of their help, and to the Friends who baked cakes!





This all ties in with the work the children have been doing on looking after our environment and caring for God's creatures. The children have already started to start work in this area, with the bark path already laid.


## Above and beyond

I had a delightful morning earlier this week where I welcomed all of our 'Above and beyond' children for breakfast before school. These children have followed our 'Three B's' and demonstrated our Christian values at all times. They have also been recognised for going above and beyond this also in lots of different areas. Well done to them all!



## Ambassadors

STOP PRESS... Our new ambassadors have been announced! Congratulations to Jack and Matilda who will be representing our school at many events in the coming months, the first being an ambassadors meeting for all the local school ambassadors to launch their project for the year ahead.  
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As part of this project, the local school ambassadors will meet to plan and prepare an important project they will run back in their schools around good mental health and wellbeing for all.

## Friends

As always, a huge thank you to our Friends for their support with many of our projects which couldn't happen without their fundraising. We have replenished book collections, acquired a license for our new phonics scheme and have an iPad docking station on order this term all thanks to their generosity.

## Clubs

Clubs have been refreshed for next term. We have homework club each Monday, Cricket with Chris on Tuesday, Gardening on Wednesday (Reception, Year One, Year Two parents welcome to join) and Art club each Thursday.

Booking forms are now available on the website.

Wishing you a very happy Easter. I hope you all enjoy some time with family and friends and lots of chocolate!

Mrs Sarah Taylor