

Weekly Updates – 24/03/2023

In school next week...

Swimming

Swimming lessons on Wednesday for **Rocket Class**.

Forest School

Asteroid class continue forest school sessions each Wednesday until half term. Children should wear old, comfortable clothes and wellies or trainers for this along with waterproof trousers and coats.

Reminder

School will be closing for the Easter break at **2pm on Friday 31st March**.

Other information:

Easter Celebration and Afternoon tea

Parents are invited to join us at school for an **Easter Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm on Thursday 30th March 2023**. There will be a short celebration assembly followed by afternoon tea. We do require that parents who wish to attend, email the admin address (admin@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk) and let us know how many places they require. This helps us to ensure we can cater for everyone.

Menu: Sausage Rolls, Pizza, Scones with Jam and Cream, Chocolate Cake, Lemon Drizzle Muffin.

Decorate an egg competition

All children are invited to decorate an egg for our Easter competition – we will announce the winners at our end of term afternoon tea and celebration. You may decorate your egg using any medium you choose: paint, pencil, felt-tip pens, paper, etc, and you may use any theme that inspires you... faces, patterns, animals, flowers, famous people. You decide! There will be a prize for the winner of each class!

All entries need to be in school by **Wednesday 29th March**.

World Autism Acceptance Week

This year Autism Acceptance Week falls from Monday 27th March to Sunday 2nd April. With this in mind, please find attached some information about a drop-in event which will be taking place in Harrogate on Saturday 1st April (and please feel free to share with anyone you know who might be interested). We have also been asked to share this link by the Early Help Service:

[10 Tips To Help Calm Anxiety in Kids with Autism \(harkla.co\)](https://www.harkla.co/10-tips-to-help-calm-anxiety-in-kids-with-autism/)

Drama Club

Please see below schedule for the drama performance at Harrogate Theatre – tickets are free and are available from school reception.

There will be a bus collecting the children from school at 13:15, parents will need to collect them from the theatre after the performance has finished at 18:00

Tuesday 28th March - Schedule

2.15 – 2.30	School arrives.
2.30 – 3.15	Theatre tour
3.15 - 4.15	Technical rehearsal
4.15 - 4.45	Break and get into costume.
4.45 – 5.15	Dress Rehearsal.
5.15 – 5.30	Break / warm up
5.30 – 5.45	Performance 1
5.45 – 6	Re-set.
6 – 6.15	Performance 2
6.15 – 6.30	Out of costume and pupils go home with parent / guardian.

Friends of St Nicholas School

We are holding an Easter coffee morning on **Sunday 26th March 10-12pm**, in West Tanfield village hall. We are hoping to make two themed hampers to raffle off, one being a chocolate theme & the other a Yorkshire theme. We hope you can join us for a coffee and some cake.

Many thanks

The Friends

Word of the week

Our whole school 'Word of the Week' will be shared on Twitter every Friday, then we can chat and think about the word over the weekend. We could ask family and friends how they would use the word; we could investigate the word's etymology and we could look out for people using the word in books, speech, films. The following week in school we will continue to focus and think about our word; we have word of the week stickers, a chalk board for our word and if we are spotted using our word in speech or in writing we get a DoJo for our team!

Where to direct your queries.

Safe guarding issues –Mrs Taylor or Mrs Mandelson

Nursery provision - Mrs Clegg

Nursery key worker - Mrs Clegg

Administration ie; payments, club bookings, absence – Miss Tucker (admin@west-tanfield.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Please see attached a flyer for Tennis club and Autism acceptance.