



Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although this is a short half term, it is always one with lots of events happening. This has culminated with our Year 3 children and Year 5 children living life in all its fullness by sleeping out on the school field. This was followed by an outdoor and adventure day with the Wilderness Adventure team on the field and on the river for our Year 5's. We are really proud of our extended offer which offers 2 over-night residentials in Teesdale and the Lake District and 2 sleepovers at school. We are also aware that this would not be possible without the amazing staff we have who give up their own time to give the children these experiences they will remember for many years.

This term has seen our Year 6 children complete their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). They have been super impressive all year but to see the way they have approached these tests has been amazing. Cool, calm and professional.

Next year, we will be welcoming 2 new members of the teaching staff to support the growth of the school and make sure every child is given the best opportunity to reach their individual potential. After a rigorous day of interviewing, including by our school council, Miss Emily Berry and Miss Amy Penfold were selected to join us next year. We will look forward to welcoming them into our school next year along with Mrs Emily Darley, an experienced year 6 teacher, who we announced was joining us in the previous newsletter.



Sadly, Mrs Tanya Parker will be leaving us. Tanya has been so adaptable and worked across key stage 2 teaching classes and giving children vital boosts to enhance their learning.

Currently, we are looking at class organisations and working closely with our governors and Ebor Academy trust to provide the most effective provision for the children of Tockwith. We will always strive to ensure that the children are at the centre of all of the decisions we make. We will make the best decisions possible within the financial constraints we have to work with, ensuring we use our teaching and support staff to provide the best learning experience for our children so that they can all reach their individual potential.

Changes to staff for next year can still happen until the end of this half term. Therefore we are not able to commit to staffing for next year until after this date. However, please be assured that planning is happening behind the scenes. We will be able to give you the rest of the details of class structure and staff after half term.

Justin Reeve
Headteacher

Year 3 Overnight Camp

Year 3 has an amazing time sleeping on the field. They made fire, ate their own body weight in burgers and sausages and laughed and smiled. It was so lovely to see all the children have their own successes during the night. Thank you for supporting this and thank you to the PTFA for funding the BBQ.

Most importantly, a massive thank you to Miss Taylor and Miss Heatley for staying overnight and starting their working day at 4am after a couple of hours sleep!

First, the people will tell you to make your potential tent but before they will show you how to do it, then after you will be told to make your bed not your sleeping bag but you will get a bed so you are not sleeping on the floor. You will be about 5 cm off the ground after you will find out who you are in a tent with after you go and get your stuff and get what you need then go and put it back. Then you will come back to the yurt and we all sang a song and had our food the option are hot dog, burger or both then you will get toiled the rules for sleeping you will go to bed at about 9 O'clock you will have 5 more mins before lights out then you will wake up at 7 O'clock then you have a whole day of fun activities like: baking, den building and more but you still get your breaks and school dinner

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We started our camp by pegging down our tents, then we made our beds by putting W shaped metal poles into some holes in some thin fabric. It didn't look comfy but it was so comfy to sleep in. Then we went to get our bags and got told who we were with then we unpacked our bags. After we unpacked our bags we lit a fire in the yurt and roasted marshmallows then put them in chocolate biscuits to make smores and had campfire songs. Next it was dinner, we put on a BBQ and had hotdogs and burgers and we could have cheese and salad. Then we got ready for bed, we brushed our teeth and got into PJs then we had some time in our tents to chat. We got to bed at 9 ish and woke up at 4 in the morning and did a bit of colouring and games. Florrie S



Year 5 Overnight camp and boating

Year 5 had an absolute blast on their recent overnight camping trip! They showed amazing teamwork, pitching their tents, playing team games and singing camp songs under the stars. The adventure continued with a trip to Boroughbridge, where they braved the waters of the river and canal in canoes. A big thank you to the The Wilderness Company who helped make this experience possible and the PTFA for the amazing BBQ. Mr Goodacre.

At the overnight camp we had a delicious BBQ of hot dogs and burgers and had amazing staff called Jess and Rachel who made the experience fun. We had hot chocolate and smores before bed and we had some free time to play activities and sing songs around the campfire.

Year 5 - Corey and Raya



Bouncing for a Brilliant cause

This year, our fantastic School Council chose the amazing *Martin House* as their charity of the year.

We were delighted to welcome the inspiring team from Martin House, who shared with us the vital work they do and how every penny raised helps support the children and families who visit. Motivated to make an impact, the School Council got to work planning a fun-filled fundraising day—and what a plan it was!

With support from our wonderful PTFA, who generously covered the cost of the inflatables from the lovely team at *Big N Bouncy York*, the school was transformed into a bouncing bonanza, topped off with a whole-school picnic in the sunshine.

Thanks to everyone's energy and enthusiasm, we raised nearly **£800** for Martin House!

A huge well done to our brilliant School Council—we are so proud of your creativity, compassion, and commitment. Thanks your hard work in making the day such a huge success!

Mrs Poole and Mrs Dutton



Visit from the lamb orphanage

We were thrilled to welcome Molly from the Yorkshire Lamb Orphanage into school this week! She brought along two of the newest, adorable members of her flock—just 2 and 4 days old!

The lambs loved cuddles from Team Grainger and our Under Fives, and they certainly brought lots of smiles with them. The children asked brilliant questions about what lambs eat, where they sleep, and how they're cared for.

One little lamb, snuggled up in a cosy pink jumper, was still waiting for a name—and our creative crew had plenty of great suggestions to offer!

A huge thank you to Molly for giving us such a heartwarming and educational experience. We loved every moment!

Mrs Grainger



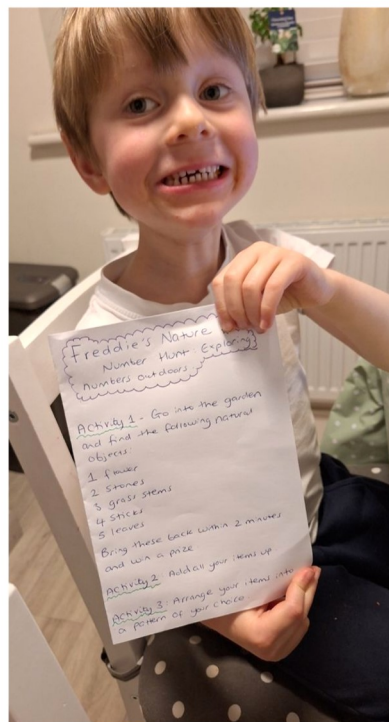
Maths Challenge - Get caught doing Maths

A big well done to all our children for getting involved in our first maths challenge. We had lots of pictures of children doing maths with their families in lots of different ways: measuring distances and angles from trees, using maths in darts, counting and sorting piles of money, following instructions to create Lego models and even weighing guinea pigs!

Congratulations to Freddie in Team Grainger who shared so many pictures from his maths activities with a nature theme, and to Joni in Team Stanton who was practising her times tables whilst on holiday- great fun.

Enjoy your prize of family tickets to Math City, Leeds and don't forget to share any pictures with us.

Thank you to our amazing PTFA who kindly funded the prize.
Mrs Williamson



Art Club

During this short half-term, the Art Clubber's had to work quite quickly to produce two quality pieces of work in this time. The Year 4's did not disappoint with their 'Letter Zentangles' and their 'Quirky Bird Sculptures'. Both of these art tasks needed a lot of patience and care, which you can clearly see from the finished pieces. I'm looking forward to working with a lovely group of Year 2's after the holiday to do more fun art activities! Mrs Starr

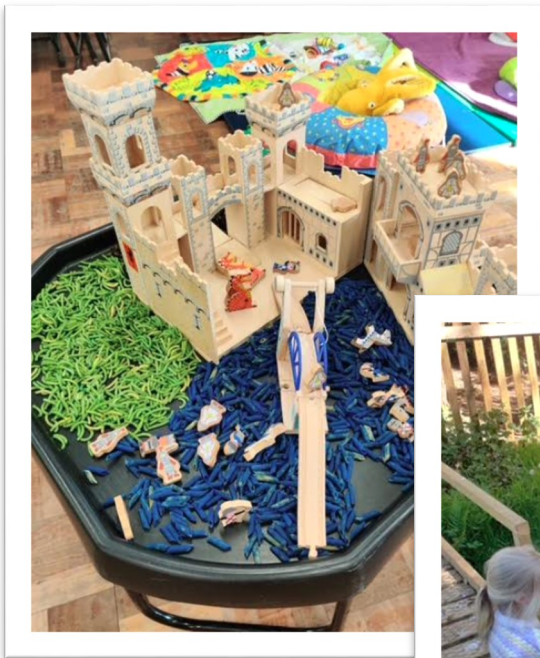


Tockwith Under 5's

We are delighted to share that Tockwith Under 5s have made a successful and happy transition to our new venue - the school! It's been a fantastic start as we've welcomed children aged 0-5 and their grown-ups for a variety of fun and engaging sessions. From crafts and messy play to hands-on activities and even a forest school adventure, there's been something for everyone to enjoy. One of the highlights so far has been a special visit from some tiny lambs from the Yorkshire Lamb Orphanage - a truly memorable cuddle for all!

We've been working closely with the school to build strong links, and we've been thrilled to welcome play workers from Reception who have joined us to model play and support our sessions. It's been lovely to see children and families engaging, exploring, and having fun together.

We've got lots more planned for the next half term, including Love2getmessy coming in for an art session. Tockwith Under 5s meet every Tuesday morning from 9-11am. It's just £3.50 per child, 50p for an additional child, and £2 for under 1s. No need to book - just turn up and join the fun! Please come along if you have a little one. Claire Gould



Tockwith PTFA

After the success of our Easter fair we supported the Tockwith Primary inflatable fun run by funding this event for the children. We have also funded the BBQ for the year 3 & 5 children for their outdoor camping experience. A busy term of preparation has been underway for the PTFA, with our biggest event of the year coming up- the Summer fair!

The Summer fair is on Friday 11th July, we will have a licensed bar, music, hot dogs, bottle tombola, bouncy castle, pocket money toys and much more, please do come along to support this event. This year, we're also inviting external stall holders to join us. If you'd like to have a stall at our Summer Fair, please get in touch for more information regarding pitch fees. We also have an amazing raffle which we will soon be selling tickets for, watch this space as there are some fantastic prizes to be won! We've reached out to many local businesses, but if you think you could provide a prize or help in any other way, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

The funds from this provide us with the opportunity to support the whole school with additional activities to enrich their education and also have fun, embracing the John 10:10 mindset.

We have another school disco coming up on Thursday 26th June - tickets will be available after the holidays. We have also funded a whole-school STEM activity planned for July, whereby all classes will have the opportunity to build a structure out of jenga like bricks, eventually joining it together to make a huge creation. Watch this space for more information on this exciting activity!

The PTFA runs with the chair and a small committee, we are all working parents of children at school. To raise funds for school and children we rely on volunteers to help organise and run events. Without your support these events simply will not happen. We meet once each half term on an evening and then behind the scenes support each other to organise the event taking place, and also commit time at each event to look after a stall.

Could you consider volunteering for us? If you are interested please don't hesitate to contact Nicola Arthur, PTFA chair on 07955 665562.

We're really looking forward to a fun-filled half term and appreciate all your support. See you at the Summer Fair!

