Tang Hall Primary School

Friday 14th February 2025

Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher's Update

We have rounded off the first half of the spring term with 'Young Voices'. Huge thank you to Miss Eastwood, Mrs Scott, Mrs Cummings and Miss Walker who took the children to Sheffield Arena to take part in one of the largest choirs in the UK. A massive thank you to the families who travelled to watch us and to the children who performed - you were awesome and we are so proud of you all!

Thank you for all your support this half term in ensuring your children on in school - on time - every day and wearing their 'Tang Hall blue'. The visitors we have had in school this half term have all commented on what a lovely school we are which is a credit to the respectful, trustworthy, friendly and fun children who attend Tang Hall.

Have a great half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24th February.

L Atkinson

Weekly Award Winners

Class	Headteacher's Award
Puffins	**Kobyn D** - For being super helpful at tidy up time and joining in our activities.
Goldcrests	**Scarlett C** - For being a super friend
Wrens	**Sophie J** - For amazing effort during our phonics lessons.
Robins	**Hayley F** - For consistently displaying all the school values.
Woodpeckers	**Lilliana M** - For getting on with your learning straight away and always trying your hardest. We know we can always trust you in school.
Swallows	**Vinnie B** - For his brilliant effort to improve his handwriting.
Owls	**Ariana B** - For showing kindness and respect at all times. For handing all situations with a strong mindset!
Nightingales	**Charlie S-D** - For a superb start to her first term at Tang Hall. Charlie has really impressed me with her attitude and determination to succeed in class, well done!
Kingfishers	**Ruby H** - For setting a good example and supporting others in the classroom.

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Attendance

Our School Target 97%

Class	Number of days missed	Percentage %
Wrens	20	82.53
Robins	23.5	84.33
Woodpeckers	12.5	91.07
Swallows	11	91.85
Owls	12	91.92
Nightingales	19.5	86.62
Kingfishers	11	92.90

Safeguarding Update

Mobile Phones In School

The children in Year 5 and Year 6 who bring a mobile phone into school have today been reminded that they must turn off their phone **before they enter the school grounds** at the start of the day. Then, at the end of the day, they should not be turned back on **until they have left the school grounds**.

All mobile phones **must be handed in to the class teacher at the beginning of every day** for safety and safeguarding reasons.

Also, please ensure that **no money or items of value are brought into school** as we cannot guarantee that they won't go missing or be misplaced which can cause significant upset and disruption to the school day. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Safeguarding Update—WhatsApp

We are seeing an increasing number of incidents online with negative online behaviour causing anxiety in children and friendship issues both in and out of school.

One of the main sources of these issues currently is **WhatsApp** on which groups can be made by the children and unkind words, comments and videos shared.

As previously pointed out in our Safeguarding updates, WhatsApp's minimum age for users in the UK is 13 (this was previously 16 until very recently) which means children of primary school age SHOULD NOT be using it.

However, if you are allowing your child to use WhatsApp, please see the safety guide opposite or click on the link below for further information as to how you can keep them safe.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/

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Cycle Safety Update

Leaving the Key Stage 2 Playground

Just a reminder that we are continuing to ask all adults and children who are leaving the Key Stage 2 playground to walk their bikes and scooters all the way to the end of the drive before safely getting on them at Fourth Avenue—please see the map below. Many thanks for your continued support.

Please walk your bikes and scooters down the drive until you get to the end as shown, you can then get on your bike and scooter and safely ride away.

Electrical Scooters—Guidance from North Yorkshire Police

Electrical scooters **should not** be used to transport children to and from school. The guidance we have been given by North Yorkshire Police regarding the use of electrical scooters is:

“Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of 'powered transporters'. E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. This means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a licence and insurance. It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters. This means it’s illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, and shopping centres. If you use a privately-owned e-scooter in public, you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for having no insurance.”

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Whats On

Further information can be found at - https://visityork.org/whats-on

Or https://york.mumbler.co.uk/whats-on-in-york-this-week/

The Big Second Hand Sale

Tang Hall Community Centre
Saturday 15th February 12—4pm
FREE entry

A wide mix of house and church items including :
Clothes
Toys
Furniture
Jewellery and more
Payments by cash or card

David Almond, author of Skellig is talking in York 14th March 2025. Buy tickets here - https://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/show/david-almond/

At this special event for both adults and children, celebrated author David Almond will be talking about his latest books *PUPPET, The Falling Boy* and *Kevin and the Blackbirds*, as well as his other work.

In what will be an inspirational event, David Almond will talk about his life, his writing career and provide insight into his own creative process. He'll also be answering questions from the audience.

This is a York Literature Festival event which will take place at Joseph Rowntree School, Haxby Rd, New Earswick, York YO32 4BZ.

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

For details and to apply, visit our website or scan the QR code

Exam Invigilator

Malton School

£12.45 per hour. Casual Contract.

Click here for more information and to apply.

After School Club Supervisor

Welburn Community Primary School

Grade: Scalepoint 5 (£24,790 per annum pro rata).

Contract Type: Term time only. Hours: 6 hours per week with a possibility of up to 9 hours.

Click here for more information and to apply.

Closing date: Friday 28 February at midday.

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

For Term Dates please also see our school website.

Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Friday 14th February	End of day	School breaks up for half term	Whole school
HALF TERM BREAK (Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February)			
Monday 24th February	Start of day	School returns after half-term break	Whole school
Friday 7th March	1.00-9.00pm	Everybody Dance Festival	KS2 Dance Club
Friday 28th March	All day	Dojo Reward Day	Whole school
Tuesday 1st April	9.00am—12.00pm	Class Photographs	Whole school
Friday 4th April	End of day	School breaks up for Easter	Whole school
EASTER BREAK (Monday 7th April—Friday 18th April)			
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of day	School returns after Easter break	Whole school
Wednesday 30th April	9.00am-12.00pm	Pathfinder MAT Maths Competition	Y4 Team
Monday 5th May	All day	Bank Holiday—School Closed	Whole school
Monday 12th May	9.00am	Start of KS2 SATs week	Year 6
Friday 23rd May	End of day	School breaks up for half term	Whole school
HALF TERM BREAK (Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May)			

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Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 2nd June	Start of day	School returns after half-term break	Whole school
Wednesday 25th June	1.00-3.00pm	KS1 Sports Day	Year 1-2
Friday 27th June	All day	KS2 Sports Day	Year 3-6
Wed 2nd—Fri 4th July	All day	Year 5 Residential Visit	Year 5
Friday 11th July	All day	Dojo Reward Day	Whole school
Friday 18th July	End of day	School breaks up for Summer	Whole school