

## **February Head's Newsletter**

We started this term at Tilney with a special Molly Dancing service in the Church for “Plough Monday”. This is a tradition that has been in the village of Tilney All Saints since 1453. The tradition had died out over time, but it is something that we revived as a school as we feel that it is a really important part of our agricultural heritage. Plough Monday celebrates everything that our local farmers do for us and it centres on the tradition of dragging a decorated plough around a community by bands of young men who would knock on doors and ask for money, food or drink.

All of the children, and quite a few adults, enjoyed walking to the church with our decorated plough (kindly supplied and transported by Mr Wilkinson). The Ouse Wash Mollies joined in with our procession through the village and supported us by playing traditional music and singing some of the traditional songs. We would like to thank Mr Delamore for following our procession in his tractor, ensuring our safety and adding to the day!



Once in the church, we enjoyed the children leading the service telling us all about the history of Plough Monday and performing some of the Molly dances that they have been learning recently. We gave thanks for all of the local farmers producing food for us and spent time thinking about how hard life as a farmer can be.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable service, and the children loved performing for the audience. Thank you to all of the adults involved for supporting the children and coming to the service.

Over at Anthony Curton we have had the first After School Club disco! This was an enormous success with the event being sold out, and the children having loads of fun. We are planning on having these fairly regularly throughout the year, so if your child/ren missed out on the first disco, make sure you book nice and early for the next one! Don't forget to check out Tax Free Childcare for working parents.



This week sees the start of wraparound care being introduced at Tilney. We are starting with an afterschool club everyday from Monday – Friday from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. If you would like to book your child a place, please do so via the My Child At School app. As time progresses, we will be building up the hours and provision available at Tilney, so please do spread the word about it so that we can go onto bigger and better things! Tax Free Childcare applies here too!



We are planning to work closely with the Parish Council at Tilney in the near future, as they are going to have a focus on biodiversity in the local area. It is hoped that we can get our children involved in sustaining, enhancing and protecting a range of habitats for the wildlife and you



learning about how we can care for our environment. We will give more details as and when they are arranged to keep you up to date with what's happening.

Earlier this month, the Penguin Class and Y3 at Anthony Curton enjoyed a day at Norwich Castle, where they were enhancing their learning in the classroom. Penguins were learning about Romans and Y3 were learning about Ancient Egypt. It was a fun filled day with workshops and looking at the exhibitions, as well as the children being amazed by the taxidermy and the REALLY deep well within the castle! The children were so tired from their day of fun, that lots of them fell asleep on the journey back to school.



### Dates for your diary:

#### Anthony Curton:

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – ACFA Bingo. Please see announcement section on the app for details!

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – NSPCC Numbers Day – Non-Uniform

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> – BikeAbility Week Y5 & Y6

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> – Last Y4 Swimming lesson

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – ACFA Non-Uniform.

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Half Term 3:15pm

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 begin weekly swimming lessons

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Learning Workshop 2:30pm in the hall

#### **March Early Warning:**

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 5 Learning Workshop 2:30pm in the hall

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Learning Workshop 2:30pm in the hall

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Learning Workshop 2:30pm in the hall

#### Tilney All Saints:

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – FOSA Bags 2 School Collection

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – NSPCC Numbers Day – Non-Uniform

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> – BikeAbility Week Y5 & Y6

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Half Term 3:15pm

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#### **March Early Warning:**

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – Otter Class Learning Workshop 2:30pm in the hall

**Parents Evenings at both Schools – 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March – More on this soon.**