



# Fountains Earth NEWSLETTER

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Our Vision

At Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation, we will all approach everything we do in the **CHAMPS** way, helping every child flourish into a caring, confident and resilient young person who has a love of learning and:

- **C**hooses the right way and takes responsibility for their own actions
- Is **H**onest in everything they do and shows compassion for others
- **A**chieves the best they can with the talents they have and develops their wisdom
- Shows good **M**anners to everyone and treats everyone with respect
- **P**erseveres when situations are difficult and shows courage when they are challenged
- Knows how to keep **S**afe on and offline, ensuring that everyone is kept physically and emotionally safe.

This shows the special relationship we have with each other, where as a community, we look after each other, keeping each other safe – **Koinonia**.

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors, Volunteers & Friends of the school,

Well, ' ***Here it is Merry Christmas, everybody's having fun. Look to the future....'( as the song goes!)***.

It has certainly come around very quickly!

Thank you for your support this term for our school and staff.

Have a restful Christmas. See you all on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023!

**Miss Thornber and Team**

# This week at Fountains Earth

## CHAMPS Values and Ethos

This Half Term our CHAMPS Value is: **HONESTY**

Honesty is when you speak the truth and act truthfully.

Many children think honesty means not lying. Speaking the truth is a big part of being honest. But honesty means more than "not lying." Honesty means your actions are truthful too. If you have to hide what you are doing because you are trying to trick someone, you probably aren't being honest.

**Spotted: All the children for a fantastic last week!**

### **EYFS**

We have been so busy since the last newsletter, working hard and preparing for Christmas. We have learnt some new sounds in our phonics and have used these sounds when we are reading. In maths we have looked at numbers 1 to 5.

What has been very different is the time we spent at St Cuthberts with children from there and Glasshouses.

Here we completed some art work with sticks and twigs, and some fantastic forest school activities. We have also had our Christmas lunch at How Stean Gorge which was amazing.

This was all finished off with our nativity performance which we really enjoyed taking part in.

### **Class**

We have been really busy and active over the last couple of weeks, both in preparing for our Christmas nativity and with our regular class work. In English, our reading and writing skills are developing really well. We are coming to the final part of our fiction piece of text linked to our story called Mr Morris. In maths we have worked on our division skills and how we use our times tables facts to solve these. Our reading and comprehension skills are also developing really well too. Making sure that we read everyday. We also spent an amazing day at St Cuthberts with children from there and from Glasshouses.

Here we got to build lego go karts and go bouldering at Brimham Rocks. We have also had our Christmas lunch at How Stean Gorge which was amazing. Lots of sprouts eaten! Finally, we performed our nativity to our parents which we really enjoyed.

### **Christian Values**

This week's Christian Value is **Compassion**

Christians believe the Bible teaches that God is a God of compassion. God feels the suffering of people. God's compassion is expressed in his mercy, his kindness, patience, grace, forgiveness and love'. Many Christians believe they are called to be a compassionate people. This compassion encompasses both a gut level feeling of sympathy and conviction as well as positive action taken on our part to relieve the suffering we observe.

### **Article of the Week**

#### **Article 14 - Freedom of thought, belief and religion**

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

### **Attendance**

**72.55%**

If school achieve over **97% attendance** they qualify for dress down day on Monday

### **Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher Award**

This week goes to.....

**All the children for their fantastic nativity performance!**

### **Recorder Club**

We are very excited to inform you that we will be offering a KS2 Recorder Club that will run on a Tuesday lunchtime at 12:30 for which we are asking for a donation of £2.50 (one off payment).

If you are unable to afford this, then please contact Mrs. Lumley (bm@uppernidderdalefed.school) as she will be able to help - this will not stop your child being able to learn the recorder.

### **End of Day Collection**

If there are any last-minute changes to end of day collection for your child, that you haven't mentioned to staff at the beginning of the day, please be aware that our telephone line is not monitored during the afternoon.

Please email adminfe@uppernidderdalefed.school and the information can be sent to staff through our in-house information sharing system.

On Tuesday afternoons please email admingh@uppernidderdalefed.school and the information will be passed on in the same way.

When the children are at St Cuthbert's on a Friday you can email adminfe@uppernidderdalefed.school or phone St Cuthbert's on 01423 711407.

Where possible please try to ensure you have passed on information and messages at morning drop off, or via email first thing, but we understand that sometimes unavoidable things crop up during the day.

## **Safeguarding**

### **County lines -Information for Parents**

County lines is a form of criminal exploitation where urban gangs persuade, coerce or force children and young people to store drugs and money and/or transport them to suburban areas, market towns and coastal towns (Home Office, 2018). We often think of crimes like this only happening in big cities, but the truth is any child from any community can be groomed and made to carry drugs across the country. Children are exploited in cities, towns, and in the countryside. Although all children are at risk, the ways in which criminals target and groom children may be slightly different to those living in cities. Children living in the countryside are often more isolated. Transport links can be poor and there may be no youth clubs or activities to interest older children.

Please find a parent guide to County Lines, including signs to look out for and how to access help attached to the link below.

<https://cscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/4206.1-County-lines-leaflet-final-web.pdf>

# Noticeboard

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS (END OF DAY)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	SCHOOL OPENS

\*All dates subject to change / cancellation\*

## Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons The whole school will be swimming for the spring term on a Friday afternoon from 14.30-15.00 after Christmas. Lessons will run from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

We will be travelling down to the pool on the coach. Children will need collecting from Nidderdale Pool at approximately 15.15-15.20.

A letter with permission slip has been sent home today (16.12.22)

Many thanks



**NHS** UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD  
SOLIHULL APPROACH

**Christmas time is FAMILY time!**

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*online course*

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(FOR ALL AGES)**

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