

Fountains Earth NEWSLETTER

25th November 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,

Yet another busy couple of weeks at all schools across the federation, and this is set to continue on the run up to Christmas. Please do keep your eye on the diary section of the newsletter, letters, emails and texts, for more information about the exciting things we have planned.

I can't believe that we break up for Christmas 3 weeks today – where has this year gone? Next week, all children who have received the Headteacher Award this term will be joining me for 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' – yum ☺ I think I look forward to it as much as the children...

With the onset of the autumn/winter weather, please ensure that your children come to school dressed in suitable footwear and a warm coat. We do try to make sure that they get outside to play unless it really is 'chucking it down', so it is important that they are dressed for the occasion. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to share with you how proud I am of all the staff and children at all three schools in the federation. As you will no doubt be aware, Ofsted have been into all three schools this year, and I was finally able to share the latest outcome with all staff at our Staff Meeting last Friday – St Cuthbert's has been judged a 'Good School' too, making it a 'hat trick' for the federation in 2022.

The outdoor learning area has had some new screening put up to make it look more appealing for our children, photos to follow!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the World Cup if you are a football fan!

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: Jacob, Isaac and Sam

EYFS

We have been so busy since the last newsletter. We have continued to work really hard on our phonics, learning many new sounds and recognising these in our reading. We have read a story called Goldilocks and the three bears and had a go at retelling them through acting and role play. In maths we have looked at recognising and identifying the numbers 3 and 4. Here we have used and developed the skill of recognising and using these around the classroom. In other areas we have worked on art and PSHE skills, using the story as a base for our learning.

Class

We have had a busy few weeks and have produced some amazing work. In English, we have started our new book called The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris. Through this, we have worked on developing our reading and grammar skills and using these in short pieces of writing. Some of us are looking at traditional stories and developing our early writing skills. In maths we have worked on our skills in ordering and comparing numbers and multiplication and division skills. Here, further developing our understanding of problem solving and reasoning. In the foundation subjects, we have started looking at designing and making our own soft toy and in science, looking at ourselves and other animals in science.

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 1 – everyone has rights!

For the purposes of the present Convention, a child means every human being below the age of 18 years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier.

Attendance

91.88%

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

Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher Award

This week goes to.....

Jacob, Isaac and Sam

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.

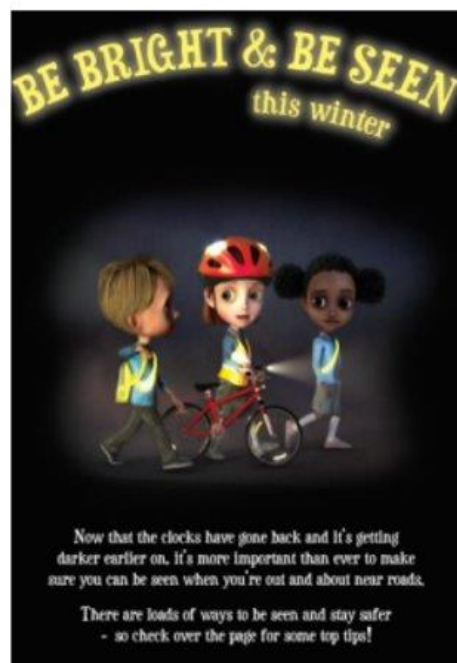
When the children are at St Cuthbert's on a Friday you can email adminfe@uppernidderdalefed.school or phone St Cuthbert's on 01423 711407.

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

As it is getting darker earlier and earlier, we are encouraging children to make sure that they can be seen when they are out and about. Below is a link to a website that sells reflective armbands, zip tags etc.

<https://brightkidz.co.uk/shop/>



Noticeboard

Thursday 1st December	Christingle
Thursday 1st December	Pantomime at St Cuthberts (PM)
Thursday 1st December	School photographs (Morning)
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch (Friends of FEL School)
Wednesday 14 th December	School Nativity
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Party @ School (PM)
Friday 16th December	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS (END OF DAY)

All dates subject to change / cancellation

Message from Father Darryl - Festive drawing competition

We're really excited to launch our festive drawing competition! We'd like to gather the most Christmassy drawings that you can get your budding young artists to create. What do you define as Christmassy? We hear you ask. Well, that's what makes this so much fun.

Bring your (primary school aged child's) drawing to St Cuthbert's Church, Pateley Bridge between 4pm-5pm Friday 2nd December or before 11.30am on Saturday 3rd December. Our little helpers will attach a number to the drawing, the same number will go into a box/bag or something similar and our team will pick a random number at 12pm Saturday 3rd December and award the winner a gift voucher for The Pancake House, Pateley Bridge.

We can't wait to see your children's entries.

Please see the attached poster for more information.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Save the
Children

IS COMING, PEOPLE! AND

IT'S GOING TO BE EPIC!

Where: Fountains Earth
School

When: Thursday 8th
December

Other details:

To take part, you simply wear a festive jumper to school and donate £1 to Save The Children.



Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR

Save the Children Fund is a charity registered in England & Wales (213890), Scotland (SC039570) and Isle of Man (199).

Festive drawing competition

(open to primary school aged children)

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The rules are simple

Bring your (primary school aged child's) drawing to St Cuthbert's Church, Pateley Bridge between 4pm-5pm Friday 2nd December or before 11.30am on Saturday 3rd December

The drawing must have a festive theme.

A name, telephone number and age of child must be written on the back of the drawing if you want it entering in the draw.

Once we have all the drawings. Our little helpers will attach a number to the drawing, the same number will go into a box/bag or something similar and our team will pick a random number at 12pm Saturday 3rd December and award the winner a gift voucher for The Pancake House, Pateley Bridge.

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Father Darryl.





PATELEY BRIDGE FOOD BANK

If you are struggling financially then we can provide you with the essentials to tide you over.



Open Monday to Thursday 10am – 3pm.
Due to current restrictions, please telephone first
on 07792419982.
Email – horlix@aol.com.

*We are here for everyone, singles or families, if
you're in receipt of benefits or not.
Don't struggle alone – we're here to help.
Confidentiality assured.*

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