# St Cuthbert's



# **NEWSLETTER**

23<sup>rd</sup> September 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:

- Chooses the right way and takes responsibility for their own actions
- Is **H**onest in everything they do and shows compassion for others
- Achieves the best they can with the talents they have and develops their wisdom
- Shows good Manners to everyone and treats everyone with respect
- Perseveres 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,

What a busy few weeks we have had at St Cuthbert's.

The children (and staff) are settling back into the routines, expectations of school life and are all working hard on being CHAMPS.

Returning to school to a different year group, with a different teacher or starting school for the first time can be challenging, there are so many things to get used to...it will soon feel like the 'norm' again.

#### Communication

I just want to let you know that the school will send information to you via letters, Newsletters, texts and for those who do use Facebook, via this too. We will always try our best to let you know of any events and information in advance, but some things are reactive due to changes imposed on us there may not be lots of notice. These instances will hopefully not be frequent.

Class teachers are available for you to talk to on a daily basis in the morning and after school as you drop off or pick-up. We appreciate that you may want to talk privately with a member of staff; if this is the case, please contact the school office who can liaise with your child's teacher to call you or arrange a meeting with you.

#### After School Clubs

We are planning a range of after school activity clubs at St Cuthbert's.

Mr Thompson is continuing the Table Top Game club (a letter has been sent out about this) on Wednesday. We are hoping to provide a Sports Club too and will update you once we have confirmation of days and costs.

If you would like to help run an after school club and have an interest or skill you could share with our children, please do get in touch to discuss further. As a school, we are committed to safeguarding and, as with any recruitment, there will be relevant safeguarding checks prior to commencing this.

There are a few events coming up, please check the calendar for the details. Next week is the Parent Information Sessions with the teacher. Please contact the school admin for an appointment.

The first 'Spotlight on the Curriculum ' session will be held w/c 3rd October. You will be receiving further information from the English team. I do hope that you can attend these.

Have a great weekend, Miss Thornber and Team

# Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher Award



- **Class 1**: Last week Alan got the head teacher award for his dedication to writing and his great work ethic! This week Frankie got the award for her good choices and brilliant behaviour for learning.
- **Class 2**: Last week, Richard received the Headteacher's award for his effort to use his scientific knowledge across all aspects of the curriculum. This week, Nikola received the Headteacher's award for her attentiveness to help her peers.
- **Class 3**: Isabel has worked hard throughout the week across all her lessons. She has really shown the CHAMPS values and become a fantastic member of the Willow Class team.

#### Article of the Week

Article 2 (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

# This week at St Cuthbert's

# Class 1

In Ash class we have been very busy in all our subjects! We have been report writing using full stops, capital letters, and finger spaces in all of our sentences. In science we have been learning all about plants. We have planted our own seeds, explored seeds in various fruits and created our own leaf rubbings from different trees. Ask your child to tell you about deciduous and evergreen trees!

## Class 2

In Cherry class we have been busy preparing to write a non-chronological report about plants. The children have been applying the skills they learnt last week to create the best piece of writing that they can. In science we have been investigating the process of pollination. Ask your child to show you their pollination waggle dance!

#### Class 3

In Willow class we have been working extremely hard exploring biographies about famous, eco-warrior individuals. The children have been applying the grammar skills of word classes and sentence types, which they learnt about during the past weeks to create the best piece of writing that they can. In science we have been investigating the process of germination and asexual reproduction in plants. Ask your child where they found moss within our school!

# Christian Values

This week's Christian Values are Compassion and Honesty.

**Compassion** is all about putting yourself in someone else's shoes, especially when they are having a hard time. It's about trying to understand how they are feeling and then being pro-active in wanting to help.

**Honesty**, telling the truth. Honesty is something that we all would like to receive but it is sometimes more difficult to find in everyday life. Sometimes it is hard to make a wise choice to tell the truth.

# Attendance:

If the winning class achieves over 98% attendance they qualify for dress down day on Monday

Class 1: 92%

Class 2: 88%

Class 3: 88%

# **CHAMPS Values and Ethos**

This Half Term our CHAMPS Value is:

**CHOICES** 

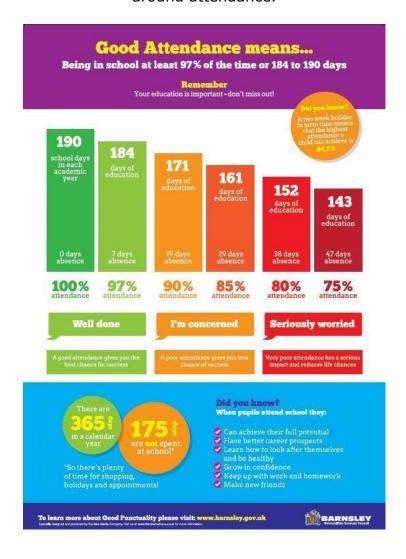
# Safeguarding

## **Punctuality**

# Our school Attendance Target is 97%

The school day starts at 9.00 am and pupils will be in their classrooms ready to learn at this time, therefore pupils are expected to be on site by 8.55am when the bell is rung.

A letter will be sent home next week detailing important safeguarding procedures around attendance.



# Absence procedures

Please contact the school office via telephone before 9:00am on the first day of your child's absence. School require an explanation for the absence and an estimation of how long the absence will last.

For further information please see the schools Attendance and Absence Policy on the website.

Attendance-and-Absence-Policy-2022.pdf (uppernidderdalefed.school)

St Cuthbert's 01423 711 407

# NOTICEBOARD

# **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast and Afterschool club, Monday – Thursday, Friday breakfast club ONLY.

7.45am – 8.45am and 3.30pm-5.30pm

Email BASC@st-cuthberts.n-yorks.sch.uk

# Table Top Club

Mr Thompson will once again be running the Table Top Club at St Cuthbert's on a Wednesday evening starting 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Years 4-6 only (maximum of 12 children)

£2 per week, payable directly to Mr Thompson in one up-front payment of £22 for the whole term up to Christmas.

A consent form had been sent home with Class 3 pupils this week.

# Young Voices Concert - KS2

We will be taking part in The Young Voices Concert in Sheffield Arena on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February and the Harrogate School's Charity Concert at The Royal Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

This will involve some lunchtime and after school commitment from children to learn the songs in readiness for the concerts.

We are inviting Key Stage Two children to take part.

Letters were sent home with KS2 children this week, can you please can you return the slip to school by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Uniform

'Thank you for your support with our Uniform Policy, it's lovely to see our children looking smart and reading to learn. Just a reminder that skirts/shorts should be knee length.'

# New Website

Our new Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation website is now live!

Home - Uppper Nidderdale Federation (uppernidderdalefed.school)

# Calendar

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	FEL Parent information sessions
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Start of Black History Month
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	'Spotlight on the Curriculum' session TBC
Friday 21st October	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM (END OF DAY)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwali – Festival of Lights
Monday 31st October	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Night
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	World Science Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
	Maths Week
	Road Safety Week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	BBC Children in Need
Thursday 1st December	Christingle
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 / EYS Christmas Plays
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS (END OF DAY)

\*All dates subject to change / cancellation\*







