



NEWSLETTER

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

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

We have all settled back into school well and, as always, have been extremely busy in classes.

This half term, the CHAMPS value we are focussing on is Perseverance. The children have been visiting this value in our assemblies and in the classrooms. As I have visited classes, I can certainly see this value coming to life!

It is always lovely to see and hear about the children's achievements outside of school and this half term, the children have shared their certificates in class and assembly, which also highlight their perseverance. We have seen swimming awards, gymnastic awards, karate awards, and Cub Scout awards, to name but a few 😊.

Thank you to everybody who completed the parent survey just before the holiday. Because our parent community / school relationship is strong, we are able to address any concerns immediately; this certainly came out in the comments we received. Please see the section later in the newsletter, which gives more information about how your feedback has been taken on board and incorporated into our future plans.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school.
Miss Thornber and Team

This week at Glasshouses

Attendance:

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

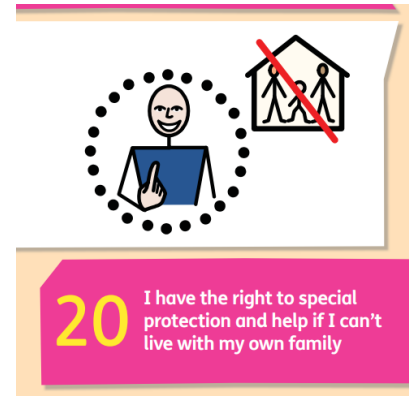
Class 1: 97.46%

Class 2: 91.5%

Class 3: 94.21%

The winning classes this week is: Class 1

Article of the Week



Class 1

What a wonderful first two weeks back! Reception have started their new topic 'Growing'. They have LOVED making the most of our outdoor area and exploring the school grounds. They have been spotting different flowers and pulling out the weeds in our outdoor area! This week, we have looked at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children wrote some super sentences to rewrite the story and were able to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Well done! In Year 1, we have been writing our own information booklets. We have been designing our own theme park and writing some sentences to persuade people to visit. In Maths, we have been looking at multiplication and division. We have also been learning about electricity in Science. We have loved learning about how things work and learning where electricity comes from! I wonder if the children can describe the journey of energy from a wind turbine to our plug sockets to their adults at home. Well done, Class 1!

Class 2

I can't believe we are already entering our final term in Class 2 - time flies when you're having fun! We have started writing a recount about Federation Friday. We have been working hard on our grammar skills to help make our writing interesting and full of detail. In maths, we have been finishing a geometry unit on position, direction and angles. We have started our physics unit on electricity in the afternoons where we have built and investigated changes in series circuits so far, as well as discussing electrical safety.

Class 3

Class 3 have had a great first two weeks back! As many of you are aware, Year 6 SATs are coming up so the Year 6 have been extremely busy preparing for them. They are doing this with such an amazing attitude and are definitely showing 'Pete Persevere'. In writing, we have been debating! We have been discussing the very interesting and contentious issue of 'Does screen time make children lazy?' Now, there's a fun conversation to be had at home 😊

House Captains' News



Meet the Team!

MALALA: Jack **HAWKING:** Ellie **THUNBERG:** Imy **RASHFORD:** Josephine

Here are our lead House Captains at Glasshouses. They have been really busy preparing for our Coronation Tea Party next week.

The house captain's listen to pupils in their team and take their opinions seriously. They then report this back to Miss Thornber, so we can improve our school. This links to **Article 12 - I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously.**

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



NOTICEBOARD



Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation Nursery



Based at St Cuthbert's Primary, Pateley Bridge

We welcome children from the age of 3 and we are an Early Entitlement registered setting (15-30 hours funding depending on your circumstances).

For more information, ring the office at St Cuthbert's on 01423 711407.

***Ofsted** visited the setting in October 2022, commenting that 'the children benefit from wonderful provisions where they learn and play happily together'.*



Baby/Toddler Groups

Glasshouses

Every Friday during term-time

9:30 – 11:00 am

St Cuthbert's

Every Wednesday & Thursday during term-time

9:30 – 11:00 am

No charge, but donations towards refreshments appreciated



Allstars and Dynamos Cricket

Starting 12th May for 8 weeks

Pateley Bridge Cricket Club

Allstars 5-8 Years Old 6-7pm

Dynamos 8-11 Years Old 7-8pm

Register at: www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars

Dates
for your
diary

SUMMER TERM (18 April – 25 July)	
1ST HALF TERM – 6 weeks (18 April – 26 May)	
17 April	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
18 April	School starts – all children
27 April	9am – Class/Leavers Photos (Phototronics)
1 May	May Day – School closed to children
5 May	2:30-3:30pm – Coronation 'Street Party'
8 May	Bank Holiday (King's Coronation) – School closed to children
9 – 12 May	SATS week
11 May	10am Class 1 visit to Studfold Farm
15 – 19 May	Mental Health Awareness Week
22 May	3:45pm – Information session for Reception 2023 cohort
23 May	2-3pm – Reception 2023 cohort 'Stay and Play' session
26 May	School closes for half-term (normal time)
2ND HALF TERM – 8 weeks (5 June – 25 July)	
5 June	School starts – all children
	Sports Day (Cricket Field) – date TBC
14 June	2-3pm – Reception 2023 cohort 'Stay and Play' session
29 June	9:15am – 11:45am Reception 2023 Transition Morning
29 June	Shuffle-Up Day (Reception – Year 5)
19 – 23 June	Assessment Week (Year 2 and Year 6)
4 July	1pm-6pm Parents Information Sessions / Reports to parents
6 July	Year 6 Transition Day – Nidderdale High School
6 July	9:15am – 11:45am Reception 2023 Transition Morning
6 July	Shuffle-Up Day (Reception – Year 5)
12 – 14 July	Year 5 & 6 – East Barnby residential
13 July	Year 6 Transition Day – Nidderdale High School
	2pm & 5pm Summer Performance at Broadbelt Hall – date TBC
18 July	Year 6's Leavers' Assembly
25 July	2:30pm School closes for Summer

Safeguarding

Keeping Safe

This week we have had fire drills at all three of our schools. The children were excellent on each occasion, knowing how to keep themselves and others safe, and how to conduct themselves safely during a drill.

Next week we will be doing our lockdown practices at all of our schools. The children have been part of these practices before as we practice them termly to ensure that we all remember what to do in these circumstances.

Parent Questionnaire Responses and Actions

The survey results showed a very positive picture, with 100% agreeing or strongly agreeing that they thought Glasshouses was a good school and that they would recommend it. This is due to the hard work and commitment by staff and parents, making it what it is today.

We would particularly like to share the following feedback and comments:

'Spotlight on the Curriculum' sessions for parents were very highly praised. These sessions are an opportunity for parents to see the curriculum areas in action, following a presentation by the subject leaders, and to see what children do in classes. Parents valued these highly as often when children are asked what they did at school during the day, the response was "nothing"!! The next session for this half term will have a focus on PSHE and Science. Look out for more information on this shortly.

Parent Information Sessions are now held three times a year to allow more opportunity for parents/carers to have a formal discussion with the class teacher about children's progress. There is a requirement for schools to hold one parent information session per year, but we feel that it is extremely important for you to have regular opportunities to discuss your child's progress. The final session for the year will coincide with the issue of the annual school reports, and will be an opportunity for you to discuss them.

Variety/number of extra-curricular clubs – as you all know, we are always looking at how we can improve to ensure that our pupils are receiving the very best experiences and education, do following your comments, we are looking at the following for September:

Additional clubs for all age groups. Our staff run most of our clubs voluntarily. In order to offer more clubs, as suggested, ***we would be grateful if you could let us know if you would be willing to volunteer to run a club yourself*** (a couple of parents have already come forward ☺).

Homework expectations – Every family has a different view on this, although we have had some extremely positive comments on the current homework format; in particular, the reading/phonics/times-tables daily homework that runs alongside the children's project work. We will continue to seek parent's views on this and review it accordingly.

School development progress – At this time of year, we review our progress and look towards the next academic year. All staff are involved in this process. We will be scheduling a similar session for parents/carers to attend during the final half term of this school year. Details will be shared with you later this half term.

Thank you again for your continued support of the school and its staff.

Miss Thornber
Executive Headteacher

Other useful information

Co-Parenting Apps

Please note: This list has been compiled as a result of parents attending the SPIP and saying they found these apps helpful. Core Assets Children's Services do not in any way recommend any particular app, we recommend you do your own research before purchasing any App.



AppClose®

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With free, easy to download conversations & other info, App Close is a free full function parenting app. It has secure messaging, shared calendar functions, an expense manager and shared information bank. App Close also allows parents to go solo meaning one parent can sign up and use App Close even if his/her co parent does not do so. App Close has 24/7 customer support and can be used by both lawyers and their clients, enabling parents to share information with their legal team. App Close is available on Android, and iOS.

Our Family Wizard - www.ourfamilywizard.co.uk

Costs £99 per person/year. Extras are available such as Tone Meter which works a little like a spellchecker spellchecker, picking up on negative tones in a message and giving you an alternative that's less likely to start an argument, this is £10/year.



our family wizard



2Houses - www.2houses.com/en

Cost approx. £100/year per family though a 2 week free trial is available. 2Houses makes it easy to organize a custody schedule, manage kids' expenses, upload photos and notes, and exchange all necessary information, such as medical notes and school details. It also comes with a messaging service and mediator access via the web and mobile devices.

Talking Parents - www.talkingparents.com

Talking Parents is a different type of online communication tool for co-parents. It's designed to create a system-of-record for all of your communications, in the event that either you or your ex need to supply proof of

correspondence to the courts. The Web platform is free, but additional costs to received PDF's of conversations.



A premium version available for iPhone or Andriod costs \$5.99/month.

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