



St Cuthbert's

# NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## 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



I cannot believe it is only 5 days until Christmas Day!

This year North Yorkshire Council schools have finished later than usual, but in school we have made sure that we scheduled everything so that it has been spread across the last few weeks rather than all in the last week. This has made it much more enjoyable 😊

I just wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the fabulous things that have been happening in our school leading up to Christmas and thank everybody for supporting us in making our school a great place to be! Take a look below at our Newsletter photos ...don't forget our Facebook too.

Our Community Giveback project is a great success. We are humbled by everybody's generosity -this is not only in gifts and donations but in the time and help being given to help with this.

The staff gave their time off for the pizza and film afternoon. Pateley Pizza and Dales Market donated pizzas, juice and popcorn for the film afternoon.

The PTAs gave their time to hold a stall at the Pateley Bridge late night shopping and the teachers and children gave their time to sing the carols.

The Christmas Carols in schools and mince pies was a success with parents and community members coming together.

The toy exchange was popular and we hope it helped – thank you so much to those who donated.

The Nativity held in school was fabulous...this is always once of those events that makes your heart melt! I was very proud of all the children for the great performance.

A huge thank you to Mrs Thorpe for helping us make Christmas Wreaths at our school...we hope you liked them. Again, we are so lucky to have such skilled parents to share their skills and talents 😊

The staff and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

See you all in the New year!



# This week at St Cuthbert's

## Diamond Class

Wow what a busy week we have had in Diamond Class!

We have been using our food preparation and hygiene skills to whip up some treats this week! In our DT sessions Year One and Two have been making healthy and balanced wraps to eat. We explored the food groups, tastes and safe preparation of foods before making our wrap.

Nursery and Reception stepped into the Deep Dark Woods and cooked up a crumble fit for the Gruffalo himself! They taste tested a range of fruits before preparing and cooking an apple crumble to be proud of!

All of this was topped off by a visit from the man himself- Father Christmas!!



## Ruby Class

In Ruby Class we have been working hard on our information reports about animals. Each child has chosen a different type of animal for example, mammals, bird reptiles and they have worked hard to write a report using sub headings and paragraphs – well done everyone.

We are enjoying counting down to Christmas with our class advent calendar!



### Emerald Class

The children in Emerald Class have been busy making cars and waistcoats as part of our Design and Technology lessons. We have also been writing up our non-chronological reports about Skara Brae.



### Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher Award

**Diamond Class:** Last week Bonnie received the Head Teacher award for her outstanding efforts in writing.

**Ruby Class:** Nikola for working so hard and producing some lovely work which is always presented beautifully.

**Emerald Class:** Last week, Ben received the Headteacher's award for his enthusiasm and positive attitude towards his learning, particularly in English.

### CHAMPS Values and Ethos

This Half Term our CHAMPS Value is – Honesty

#### ***Spotted:***

**Diamond Class:** – Last week Ruby received the CHAMP award for her honesty.

**Ruby Class** Eleanor for her honesty and being able to recognise Honesty in others.

**Emerald Class:** Amber received the CHAMP award for being such a superb CHAMP during her time at St Cuthbert's. She has been a pleasure to teach!

### Attendance for wc 11/12/23

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

**Diamond 1: 90.86%**

**Ruby 2: 97.47%**

**Emerald 3: 93.97%**

**Whole school: 94.23%**

**No class achieved over 98% this week**

### Christian Values

This half terms Christian Values is:

#### **COMPASSION**

We will be helping the children to understand this value and show it towards each other.

Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone.

# Safeguarding



# Pupil Leadership News

This week the children in Collective Worship Committee helped to put together a fabulous whole school Nativity.



## Community Give Back

Christmas is the perfect time for us to remember about the gift of giving and it has been wonderful to see our Federation community come together to embrace this. A group of our children gave their time to sing beautifully on the High Street at Late Night Shopping whilst our staff gave their time to keep the children safe. For some people, this time of year can be quite isolating so beautiful singing can make such a difference.

Our Federation then came together on Saturday afternoon for a Christmas film, popcorn and pizza. Once again, staff gave their time so that parents could have a few hours without children to get some festive jobs done. We would like to thank **Dales Market Corner** for providing the popcorn and juice and **Pateley Pizza** for providing pizzas. Without this community help we could not offer to fund these sessions and it was very much appreciated by the parents, staff and children. Continuing with our wonderful singing, we invited the community in to share Christmas Carols and a mince pie.

Finally, we had the first of our Gift and Toy exchanges at St Cuthbert's CE School. All the donations were gratefully received by families to help ease the financial burden of this time of year. As a bonus, between us all we also prevented these items entering landfill!



# Calendar

18 December	Wreath making workshops for children – Community Give Back
20 December	Class Christmas Parties
21 December	Winter Walk (weather permitting)
22 December	3:30 School Closes for Christmas to children
<b>SPRING TERM (8 January – 22 March)</b>	
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> HALF TERM – 5 weeks (8 Jan – 9 Feb)</b>	<b>SWIMMERS: Years 3 &amp; 4 every Monday starting 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>
8 January	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
9 January	School starts – all children
10 January	9-9:30am Learn with Me – Grammar, Vocabulary, Punctuation
16 January	9.00-9.30am Parent Breakfast with the children
24 January	9-9.30 Parents Learn with Me Session with Commando Joe showing resilience and team work
2 February	NSPCC Number Day
5-9 February	Children's Mental Health Week
6 February	Safer Internet Day
9 February	School closes for half-term (normal time)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> HALF TERM – 5 weeks (19 Feb – 22 Mar)</b>	<b>SWIMMERS: Years 3 &amp; 4</b>
19 February	School starts – all children
21 February	Young Voices Concert – Sheffield Arena (KS2 children)
28 February	PM Children's SEN Meetings
29 February	9-9:30am Learn with Me – Commando Joe
6 March	1:30-4pm Parent SEN Meetings
7 March	World Book Day – dress up as a word rather than a book character
7 March	9-9.30 Parents Learn with Me (Grammar & Punctuation)
11-15 March	British Science Week
14 March	1-6pm Parent Information Sessions
20 March	Key Stage 2 Lego Workshop with Yorkshire Water
21 March	Federation Easter Service at St Cuthbert's Church
22 March	1.30 Easter Bunny Trail (weather permitting)
22 March	School Closes for Easter – normal time

\*All dates subject to change / cancellation\*

## Facebook

Don't forget to like our Facebook pages so you can see lots of the wonderful learning your children are taking part in each day.

## Brimhams Active

Listen out for the radio adverts whilst you are swimming at the Nidderdale, Ripon & Harrogate pools (Knaresborough when it opens!)

Some of our children did parts of the voice overs to advertise our fabulous schools!

# NOTICEBOARD



**Baby/Toddler Groups**

**Glasshouses**

**Every Friday 9:30 – 11:00 am**

**St Cuthbert's**

**Every Wednesday 9:30 – 11:00 am**

**Every Friday 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

**All groups run during term-time only**

**No charge, but donations towards refreshments appreciated**

## **Breakfast Club**

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

7.45am – 8.45am and 3.30pm-5.30pm

Email

parentinfo@uppernidderdalefed.school

## **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.*

Service provided and managed by The Church in the Dale.



## **Christingle Candles**

**Don't forget that you can bring your Christingle collection candles to the office by next Wednesday or take them to the Christingle Service at St Cuthbert's Church on Christmas Eve.**