



# NEWSLETTER - Federation Friday Special

## Message from the Headteacher

Another busy few weeks at Glasshouses. As we head into our winter term, there are lots of lovely events being planned in our school; the first being our Harvest festival coming up on 19 Oct. There will be the Christmas performances too - all the information will be sent to you soon. Our PTFA have been busy planning lots of fundraising events too - please keep a look out for the information and dates. Plans are afoot as that saying goes!

I wanted to share some great things that have been happening in our school over the past few weeks.

You may be aware that last week, we had our Autumn term safeguarding review from the Local Authority (every school in the authority has a review this term), which involved talking to children, staff and governors and exploring the school site. The review is a whole day of observations and discussions.

The **S** knowledge in **CHAMPS** came through very strongly and the day was very positive, with the review noting that the safeguarding practices at our school are excellent. The children were able to articulate how they are taught about safety, both on and offline. Throughout the whole day, the children (and adults 😊) were amazing and could talk about their school with pride.

Lots of things make me proud as the Headteacher of Glasshouses School, but to see the children in action in meeting such as this, really brings home how our vision and values are lived out in everything we do.

We held our Open Days at Glasshouses on Monday and Tuesday. As part of the sessions, the House Captains helped with the tour of the school. This involved showing the parents and children the classes and lessons taking place at the time. They were very confident and really 'did me proud'. The children in the other classes also greeted the parents and explained what they were doing in classes. Again, this was done in a very confident manner. They were all CHAMPS.

As you know we enjoyed our Federation Friday last week. It was great to see the children from St Cuthbert's and Glasshouses enjoying activities together - creating artwork, preparing food with 'Phunky Foods', learning about First Aid, and enjoying the outdoors at Beverley Park and Brimham Rocks.

The year 4,5 and 6 children took part in an 'Active Morning' session at Nidderdale High School. They joined St Cuthbert's children for this event. This was the first of such sessions to be held at the High School, which have been designed to help with the transition to secondary school for our children. I received a phone call from the High School today to say that the children were all very respectful and that behaviour was great. I know they are CHAMPS, but it is great to hear this from somebody else who is not part of our school. That made my day!

I could write an essay about our fabulous children and what a great school Glasshouses is, but I am sure you want to read the rest of the news from our classes.

Enjoy the weekend when it arrives.

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

Jade Class: 97.75%

Amethyst Class: 98.89%

Obsidian Class: 97.78%

The winning class this week is:

**Amethyst Class**

### Article of the Week



**Article 6** - Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

## Federation Friday!

On Federation Friday we learnt some orienteering skills with Kanga Sports.



**On Federation Friday, we learnt lots about healthy eating and found out about different ways to eat our 5 a-day.**

**We tried some healthy snacks and made our own fruit salad.**

**Delivered by NYC's Phunky Foods - Mrs Downie**

**(Amelie and Henry's mummy 😊)**





What a fantastic Federation Friday we had. Great team building and resilience lessons at Bewerley Park and Brimham Rocks. We love exploring our stunning local area.



# NOTICEBOARD



## Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation Nursery



### Based at St Cuthbert's Primary, Pateley Bridge

We welcome children from the age of three 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.

## LITTLE CHAMPS

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

## Trick or Treat



The Glasshouses Village Association will shortly be circulating posters for you to put up in your windows if you are happy for children to call at your home for 'Trick or Treat'.



SAT  
4  
NOV

Pateley Bridge Bonfire &  
**FIREWORKS**

PATELEY SHOWGROUND 6PM  
*Entry By Donation*

Torchlit Procession & Bonfire 6.30pm  
Fireworks 7pm

**FREE TO ENTER BEST GUY COMPETITION**

**PULLED PORK : HOT DOGS : S'MORES**

ORGANISED BY UPPER NIDDERDALE SCOUT GROUP  
By kind permission of the Nidderdale Agricultural Society

SORRY NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED



## ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE / CANCELLATION

AUTUMN TERM (4 September – 22 December)	
1 <sup>st</sup> HALF TERM – 8 weeks (4 Sep – 27 Oct)	SWIMMERS: Years 5 & 6
4 & 5 September	Staff Training Days – School closed to children
6 September	School starts – all children (including Reception)
12 September	Mindfulness Day
13 September	8:15-8:45am Parent Breakfast with the children
19 September	9am Photobooks: School Photos – individuals/sibling groups
26 September	1-6pm Parent Information Sessions
27 September	9am Bag2School Collection
29 September	2:15pm Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
October	Black History Month
3 October	(Years 3 & 4) Nell Bank Residential Parents Meeting (time TBC)
6 October	Federation Friday
9 & 10 October	Open Days for 2024 new starters
16 October	Fire Prevention Week
16 October	Years 3 & 4 visit to <del>Ragwort</del> Farm
17 October	9:30am Menwith Hill Fire Department Visit
19 October	9am Steve Edwards Harvest Assembly
20 October	2:30pm Rights Respecting Gold Celebration (Community Event)
26 October	9am Parent Information Session with Jayne Fearnley - Choking
26 October	9:30am KS1&2 Fire & Rescue Talk
27 October	School closes for half-term (normal time)
27 October	3:30-5pm Halloween Disco (PTFA event)
27 October	5-7pm Fire Pit Celebration (PTFA event)
2 <sup>nd</sup> HALF TERM – 7 weeks (6 Nov – 22 Dec)	SWIMMERS: Years 5 & 6
6 November	School starts – all children
10 November	2pm Remembrance Assembly with Chris Thompson
11 November	Remembrance Day (Saturday) – laying wreath at Cenotaph
13 - 17 November	Anti-Bullying Week / Maths Week
13 November	Odd Socks Day
14 November	(Years 5 & 6) East Barnby Residential Parents Meeting (time TBC)
17 November	Children in Need
20 – 24 November	Road Safety Week
21 & 22 November	Years 3 & 4 Residential - Nell Bank
23 November	9am Flu Vaccines
24 November	World Science Day
29 November	8:15-8:45am Parent Breakfast with the children
6 December	School Christmas Dinner
7 December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
12 December	AM Nativity (parents and community) PM Parent SEN Meetings
20 December	Class Christmas Parties
22 December	Winter Walk (weather permitting)
22 December	2:30 School Closes for Christmas to children

Dates  
for  
your  
diary

### 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 **Honest** 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 **Safe** 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**.



# Safeguarding/Support

World Mental Health Day this week reminds us of the importance of keeping our children emotionally safe, as well as physically. In school, we have systems in place to support children when they are struggling with their emotions, short and long term.

You will have seen some photos on Facebook of our Commando Joe sessions. These are hands-on lessons designed to teach children about resilience and the importance of building up strategies to develop their own resilience when things are difficult.

Young Minds is a really great website for finding information and resources to support your child through difficult times. There is a link below to their A-Z of mental health.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/>

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please do not hesitate to speak to someone in school. Mrs Fearnley, our Family Support Worker, is available by email on: [familysupportworker@uppernidderdalefed.school](mailto:familysupportworker@uppernidderdalefed.school)