



St Cuthbert's

NEWSLETTER

13th October 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:

- 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**.

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers, Volunteers

Well, this week started with one of our children at St Cuthbert's telling me that it is nearly Christmas! It was quite a sobering fact that it is in fact only 72 days until Christmas...sorry!

With yesterday's ice on the car windscreen it was definitely confirmation we are heading into winter 😊. With this brings all the lovely events in our school; the first being our Harvest Festival coming up soon. There will be the Christmas performances too - all the information will be sent to you soon.

Our PTA 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.

I am very proud of our children at St Cuthbert's, but when visitors to the school comment on their fabulous behaviour and manners, it makes me even prouder!

We held our Open Days at St Cuthbert's on Wednesday and Thursday. 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.

I am very pleased to share with you all that we will be welcoming three new children to our family at St Cuthbert's school - this reaffirms that we are great school community to be part of. As I showed the family and children around, the parents and children all said that the school 'had a lovely feel' to it and they could see what it means to be a CHAMP. I thought I would share this with you as you have helped worked with us to improve the school, develop this and make it what it is today.

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 Bewerley Park and Brimham Rocks.

The Year 4,5 and 6 children took part in an 'Active Morning' session at Nidderdale High School. This was the very first session at the school which helps 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 great school, but I am sure want to read the rest of the news from our classes.

Enjoy the weekend when it arrives.
Miss Thornber and Team.

This week at St Cuthbert's

Attendance

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

Diamond 1: 79.52%

Ruby 2: 94.95%

Emerald 3: 99%

Whole school: 91.86%

Emerald Class achieved over 98% this week – Well done

Diamond Class

In Diamond Class we have been busy finishing our own version of The Tunnel story. The children have created their own ideas of what could happen to the characters, and where they end up! We have also been taking time to reflect on CHAMPS, Growth Mindset and Christian Values which has resulted in great conversations and a beautiful display to remind us of all of these.



Ruby Class

In Ruby Class the children have been working on writing their own versions of The Tunnel story. So far they have designed a front cover and retold the first part of the story. This week they have been inventing a different setting for Rose and Jack to find when they come out of the tunnel. The children have really enjoyed acting this out and have designed some amazing settings such as a unicorn land, volcano, ice forest and toadstool world.



Emerald Class

The children in Emerald class have been continuing their learning about place value in Maths. We have been using our knowledge to then compare and order numbers. In English we have start to write our own versions of The Tunnel and we are looking forward to reading their finished pieces. Last week, we started our resilience curriculum with our first session with Commando Jo. The children had to work as part of a team to build a den and test that it was waterproof.



Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher Award

Diamond Class: Last week Charles received the Head Teacher award for his determination to succeed, particularly in phonics and writing.

Ruby Class: Luciano for having a fabulous week and making everyone in Ruby Class smile.

Emerald: Elena has received the Headteacher's award for always wanting to go over and beyond in everything she does. She has thrown herself into every challenge thrown at her.

CHAMPS Values and Ethos

This Half Term our CHAMPS Value is – Choices

We have had a big focus in school this week about

Spotted:

Diamond – Alina has continued to make the right choices independently and has shown excellent behaviour for learning.

Ruby – All of Ruby Class for really working on their behaviour for learning, and for showing what a special class Ruby Class is on our Open Days.

Emerald – Kianna-Rae has made superb choices in her attitude towards her learning. Her confidence to take risks has grown and grown.

Christian Values

This half terms Christian Values is:

RESPONSIBILITY

The children are learning the importance of taking responsibility for their own choices and actions.

Safeguarding

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

World Mental Health Day this week reminds us of the importance of keeping our children emotionally safe, as well as physical. 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 to teach children about resilience and the importance of building up strategies to develop their own resilience when things are difficult.

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

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

Pupil Leadership News

All children have thought about which pupil leadership team they would like to be part of. We have a new team for Eco, Fundraising, Collective Worship and Sports Leaders. Ask your child which team they have chosen to join. The fundraising team have already been busy at work by organising a lovely Macmillan coffee morning last week. Thank you.

Reading Ambassadors

Our reading ambassadors helped to organise a great author visit for us. Thomas Taylor joined us in school to share how he created the characters and ideas for his stories. The children found this really inspiring and they have been seen reading his books around school.



Calendar

*All

AUTUMN TERM (4 September – 22 December)	
1ST HALF TERM – 8 weeks (4 Sep – 27 Oct)	SWIMMERS: Years 5 & 6 – EVERY MONDAY
4 & 5 September	Staff Training Days – School closed to children
6 September	School starts – all children (including Reception)
<i>12 September</i>	<i>Mindfulness Day</i>
12 September	9.00-9.30 am Parent Breakfast with the children
19 September	1.30PM Phototronics School Photos – individuals/sibling groups
28 September	1-6pm Parent Information Sessions
October	Black History Month
3 October	(Years 3 & 4) Nell Bank Residential Parents Meeting (time TBC)
6 October	Federation Friday
11 & 12 October	Open Days for 2024 new starters
<i>16 October</i>	<i>Fire Prevention Week</i>
17 October	Menwith Hill Fire Department Visit
19 October	Year 3 and 4 Iron Age trip to Raygill Farm
20 October	Harvest festival in the hall at Celebration Assembly time 9.00am
24 October	9am Parent Information Session with Jayne Fearnley - Choking
27 October	School closes for half-term (normal time)
2nd HALF TERM – 7 weeks (6 Nov – 22 Dec)	SWIMMERS: Years 5 & 6 – EVERY MONDAY
6 November	School starts – all children
10 November	9am Remembrance Assembly with Chris Thompson
11 November	Remembrance Day (Saturday) – laying wreath at Cenotaph
<i>13 - 17 November</i>	<i>Anti-Bullying Week / Maths Week</i>
13 November	Odd Socks Day
14 November	(Years 5 & 6) East Barnby Residential Parents Meeting (time TBC)
<i>17 November</i>	<i>Children in Need</i>
<i>20 – 24 November</i>	<i>Road Safety Week</i>
21 & 22 November	Years 3 & 4 Residential - Nell Bank
<i>24 November</i>	<i>World Science Day</i>
28 November	9.00-9.30am Parent Breakfast with the children
6 December	School Christmas Dinner
7 December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
14 December	AM Nativity (parents and community) PM Parent SEN Meetings
20 December	Class Christmas Parties
21 December	Winter Walk (weather permitting)
22 December	3:30 School Closes for Christmas to children

dates subject to change / cancellation*

Federation Friday

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 had a fun-filled day with a combination of Kanga Sports team building and collaborative art projects. We worked together as teams to succeed in sporting tasks and a scavenger hunt! In art we worked as a group using all of our unique skills and ideas



Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic session with Phunky Food. The children learned about the different food groups and tried some new healthy food such as pomegranate seeds and beetroot humus which the children really enjoyed! The children then chopped fruit to make a healthy snack with yoghurt, honey and granola. Thank you to Beth Downie who led the session, we really enjoyed it.



Year 5 and 6 worked on our team work skills and went to Brimham Rocks. We had lots of fun scrambling over the rocks and squeezing through tiny spaces! We then headed down to Bewerley Park where we had to guide a blindfolded partner around a night line through trees, tunnels and obstacles. We ended the day by testing our orienteering and map reading skills. We had a brilliant time!



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.

The logo for the Scouts Upper Nidderdale Scout Group, featuring a fleur-de-lis symbol above the text 'Scouts' and 'Upper Nidderdale Scout Group'.

**SAT
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**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

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SORRY NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED