



St Cuthbert's

NEWSLETTER

January 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers

I was going to start my update with, 'Welcome to the Spring Term...'. On reflection given the weather we have experienced since returning from the Christmas break, I thought that 'Spring' did not reflect it accurately! I hope that we have experienced the worst of the weather now; snow, winds, rain and that you all managed to keep safe.

As always, we have had a busy half term in school, take a look at the class news sections below and our facebook pages ☺.

This half term we are focussing on the CHAMPS value of Achievement. During our whole school and class Collective Worship and Assemblies, we share stories and discuss how this value can help us both in and out of school. As always, please do let us know if there is something your child/children would like to share with us in school.. It is fabulous to hear and see what our CHAMPS get up to at home and in their clubs.

There are many things coming up for parents and children over the next half term, please do keep a look out. Mrs Haneskog will keep you updated through the newsletter and texts - she keeps us all organised!

Our Community Giveback is still gaining momentum and we feel very lucky to have such a wonderful and supportive parent, staff and wider community, who are supporting this. The purpose of this is for our school community to make life better for others, and for the community to support our families. With the cost-of-living crisis and the legacy of COVID, there is a definite need for a supporting community. By working together, we can make a significant impact on people's lives, whilst creating stronger relationships within the community. We believe that teaching children about the importance of giving back can have a significant impact on their personal development and well-being. By making Giving Back a part of their lives, children can develop a lifelong commitment to social responsibility.

So far, this half-term we have held our parent breakfast, have introduced our morning toast and daily well-being check-ins with the children (thank you to the PTFA for funding this). We have new volunteers: Mr Stephen Edwards – Chess Club and Mrs Mel White – Board Games.

There will be another opportunity for the school to help you as busy parents and give you back an evening so that you can enjoy some 'you' time! This will be an early evening with a film, bedtime story and hot chocolate.

Our STC family of children and parents is growing again ☺ I am pleased to share with you that we welcomed Evalyn and Ted this half term to STC and are due to welcome another family with 2 children after half term.

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**.

PTA – Friends of St Cuthbert's

A big thank you to all the parents, friends, families and staff for the support provided to the PTA during the last term. We were able to bank just over £1,000 raised through the cake stall, bingo, disco and late-night shopping stall. This is a fantastic achievement for a small organisation and school. These funds will help support the house point prizes, trips and other events.

We will let you know of upcoming events when we have organised them.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Friends of St Cuthbert's CE Primary School

Harrogate Advertiser Article -

'I don't have to keep my feelings inside' Glasshouses Primary School breakfast scheme toasting the worries away

We are fortunate that following our Facebook presence that the Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation has been spotted by the local reporter for the Harrogate Advertiser. We will be doing a half termly feature for one of our schools and this half term it was Glasshouses who have had a lovely coverage in the press around the 'morning toast and check ins'. If you have read the article I am sure that you will agree it is great for our individual schools and the federation as a whole.

Next half term it will St Cuthbert's turn and we will be putting the spotlight on our Commando Joe sessions – we have already started work on this article so look out for it sometime in March.

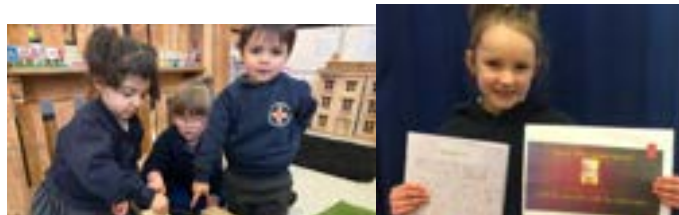
This month at St Cuthbert's

Diamond Class

We have had a brilliant start to the new year in Diamond Class with new friends joining us!

Year One children have rewritten the story of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers, with our Early Years children writing some super sentences and captions for the illustrations. We have enjoyed using clues for predicting, images to investigate emotions and our imaginations to create new characters.

Year One have been brilliant in finding and recognising halves and quarters! We are now using all sorts of loose parts such as socks and gloves to help us count in 2s and 5s! Early Years are focusing on numbers eight and nine! We have been amazing in using all sorts of representations such as bar models and part-whole models to show our addition skills.



Ruby Class

What a super start to the New Year Ruby Class have had!

In English the children have been exploring narrative. We have based our learning around the text 'Orion and the Dark' by Emma Yarlett, a wonderful picture book with lots of thoughtful ideas to discuss. While reading, the children have made predictions, used their inference skills and collected vocabulary in preparation to write an alternative version, themselves.

In maths we have been learning all about multiplication and division, using concrete objects to solve real life word problems- we enjoyed eating the cookies afterwards!



Emerald Class

We have enjoyed reading our new text called 'The Journey'. This is a picture book with no words and the children have written their own narrative to go with it. We have been using conjunctions, fronted adverbial and relative clauses to improve their sentences.

In Maths we have been working on division. This has included short division, with and without remainders and then long division with Year 6. We are about to start out next unit on fractions, decimals and percentages.

The children have really enjoyed learning about the Greeks and finding out about how the Ancient Greeks have impacted our lives today. We have learnt all about democracy and some famous philosophers.

Year 3 and 4 have been learning about the Anglo Saxons and have shown such interest in this topic. They have asked such thoughtful questions and looked at evidence found from this time at Sutton Hoo to determine what was significant about the person who was buried there.

We have also all enjoyed creating our own self portraits which are all displayed in school.



Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher Award

Diamond Class: Last week Ruby received the Head Teacher's Award for her dedication to independent writing. She showed perseverance to achieve!

Ruby Class: Not one but two Head Teacher Awards! Harley and Oliver have shown outstanding efforts in their learning, and their manner around school.

Emerald Class: Last week, Elena received the Headteacher's Award for embodying every value of being a CHAMP consistently. She embraces every challenge given to her.

CHAMPS Values and Ethos

This Half Term our CHAMPS Value is – ACHIEVEMENT

Spotted:

Diamond Class: – Last week, Bonnie achieved through her determination and perseverance with writing her own Lost and Found story.

Ruby Class - Last week Makayla showed outstanding resilience, perseverance and fantastic behaviour for learning.

Emerald Class: - Last week, Lucais showed his super understanding when sharing his ideas with the class which in turn, helped his peers.

Safeguarding

As you know, we explicitly teach and promote awareness of using the internet safely at home and school. In school we have robust filtering and monitoring systems that are analysed to ensure that they are working.

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024>

The link to Safer Internet UK has guides for parents and carers on how to support your child to use the internet safely, as well as specific guides to social media sites.

Attendance for wc 29/01/2024

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

Diamond 1: 94.42%

Ruby 2: 94.44%

Emerald 3: 87.56%

Whole school: 92.11%

No class achieved over 98% this week

Christian Values

This half terms Christian Values is: WISDOM

A quote from a Year 6 pupil 'It is not just about what you know but it is how you use the knowledge you have.'

We have looked at the story of the Wise and Foolish builders.

Pupil Leadership News

We have relaunched our new pupil leadership teams in school. Each child has had the opportunity to decide which team they would like to be a part of. We had our first meeting this week and have some exciting things happening within school which will be led by your child/ren. Please talk to your child about this and ask them which team they are a part of.

The teams are:

Online Leaders

Collective Worship

Rights Respecting

Wellbeing

Sports Leaders



Community Give Back

Our Community Give Back has gained great momentum and it has been wonderful to see so many people engaging with it. Before Christmas, we saw our children giving their time; both individually (making a gift for the whole school) and as a Federation (making Christmas cards for people in hospital on Christmas Day). We also had parents giving their time. Thank you to Sarah (Tommy's mum) for telling us about what it is like working in a hospital and for ensuring our cards got to the right place and to Kerry (Theo's mum) for a wonderful wreath making workshop!

New this term, we now have our delicious toast to look forward to every morning. Even the smell of it around school makes the day feel better! Thank you to the PTA who are donating the bread for this.

But what next? This is where you can get involved. What could you gift to our community? What skills could you share? Do you have a business that would like to support Community Giving? If so, please get in touch.



Calendar

SPRING TERM (8 January – 22 March)	
1ST HALF TERM – 5 weeks (8 Jan – 9 Feb)	SWIMMERS: Years 3 & 4 every Monday starting 15th Jan
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)
2nd HALF TERM – 5 weeks (19 Feb – 22 Mar)	SWIMMERS: Years 3 & 4
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

Dates
for
your
diary

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

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

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 11am – 3pm
Due to current restrictions, please telephone first on 0779241982.
Email – horlix@aol.com.

We are here for partners, singles or families, if you're in receipt of benefits or not. How I struggle alone – we're here to help. Confidentiality assured.

Services provided and managed by The Church of St. David.

CONTACT RICHARD LIGHT 07526 105383

PATELEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET COACHING

For Boys and Girls



PATELEY BRIDGE SPORTS CENTRE

STARTING

Friday 2nd February 2024 for 8 weeks

School Years 2 – 6 (J9 & U11) 6 – 7pm

School Years 7, 8 & U13 7 – 8pm

ECB Qualified Coaches


feast & fountain
a community coffee morning

Every Tuesday 9am-noon during term time
Starts 23rd January 2024 at
Broadbelt Village Hall, Glasshouses

everyone welcome.

For more info please contact Helen on 07549641106 or 077006028