



St Cuthbert's

# NEWSLETTER

February 2024

## Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Volunteers

Welcome back to our Spring Term part 2...it definitely feels more like Spring with slightly lighter nights and blossom appearing on the trees and the birds singing in the mornings ☺.

There are lots of things happening before the Easter break, which is only 3 weeks away; it is a short half term again. To point out a few key events:

There be will our second parent information meetings. These are really valuable opportunities to discuss your child's/ children's in year progress, to review CHAMPS behaviours and how we can all work together to help our children flourish in all areas of school.

There a number of Federation sporting competitions within the district - Mr Caswell will be sending further information about this. We will have our new Federation Team strip too., so we will look fabulous! We will send photos when the kit arrives!

Mrs Thomas is busy preparing the Federation Easter service which, similar to last year, will be held at St Cuthbert's Church. It would be lovely to see our parents, carers and friends from the Federation there to support our children from each school. Further details to follow.

Our Community Giveback project is working well and you will have seen on our Facebook sites and website, that there are lots of things happening - the PTA have given resources to the hub, lots of volunteers doing clubs and reading and lots more to come - watch this space!

Granny Cuthbert (a grandparent from you've guessed it, St Cuthbert's School) has made a school banner for the Glasshouses children so each school has one to take to events such as Young Voices, Sporting events, Summer fairs... We are so lucky. See the photo in our Community Give Back section in this newsletter. THANK YOU AGAIN GRANNY CUTHBERT.

You should all have received a Mother's Day letter today regarding the Mother's Day gift - thank you so much to HELEN ASHBY and her workplace for funding this and making it happen - another Community Give Back!

### **SCHOOL GIVEBACK TO PARENTS**

We all know that life is busy and parents are so busy with work, after school clubs and events...and helping out at school events/ after school clubs etc! We would like to give you some time back as busy Mums, Dads, Grannies, Grandads on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2pm - 5pm. There will be an afternoon of a film, Easter crafts, outdoor games (weather permitting) and of course ...pizza and juice! Last time, we held the Christmas film and pizza at Glasshouses, so this time we will hold it at St Cuthbert's School. A letter with further details and RSVP slips will go out next week. I will be there along with Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Fernley, and a number of other staff ☺

### 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
- **I**s **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**.

## PTA – Friends of St Cuthbert's

We have several events planned for the rest of this school year – details to follow.

Our next event will be: Mother's Day Tea on 8<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm – information to follow – please put in your diary now!

### **Extra Curricular Clubs**

We are very fortunate to have a range of clubs on offer for our children and our wonderful volunteers who run them.

#### **These are the clubs we have on offer:**

Monday- Running Club (Mr R White & Mr G Parsons)

Tuesday – Chess Club (Mr S Edwards) / Big Pencil Art Club (Mrs K Thorpe)

Wednesday – Lunch time Choir (Mrs Fearnley) Inclusive Sports (HTAFC) / Craft Club (Mrs M Wilson)

Thursday – Craft Club (Mrs M Wilson) / Board Games Club (Mrs M White)

Friday – Sports Club (Mr J Hird)

### **Young Voices**

Our Federation had a fabulous time at Young Voices last week. There were some tired but very happy children!



# This month at St Cuthbert's

## Diamond Class

We have been extremely busy in Diamond Class- Including welcoming a new friend to our class which has been just lovely! We have welcomed Oscar with our beautiful CHAMPS value of manners!

We have been focusing on our geography question 'Would you rather live somewhere hot or somewhere cold?' We have been enjoying singing the continents song learning all about the seven different continents, as well as the equator. We have even been investigating the climate globally and local weather.

In English we have finished our wonderful stickman stories, as well as writing book reviews to explore our favorite parts of the story.

Our provision for early years is looking brilliant with all things continents and countries including collage globe making!

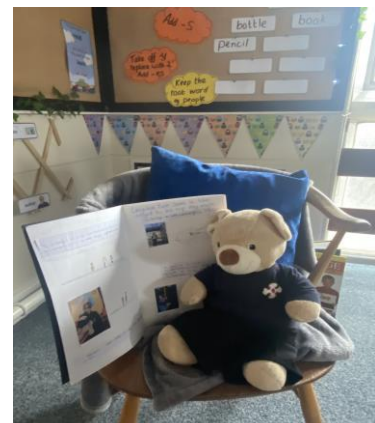


## Ruby Class

With the Spring term well underway, we are seeing super learning behaviours and positive attitudes to learning in Ruby Class, with everyone really trying to embrace our CHAMPS Values. We have certainly taken on board the Manners Value and the politeness of the children brings a smile to all the adults each day.

We have a new text that we are currently exploring in English sessions, The Owl who was afraid of the dark by Jill Tomlinson. The children are collecting synonyms to extend their vocabulary choices and add interest for the reader. In Maths we are learning all about fractions of shapes and amounts. We all know that fractions must 'be equal parts' - so be careful when you share chocolate or pizza We have a roaming reporter in Ruby Class, who goes home with the children. They enjoy various activities in and around the locality and the children write about their adventures. When the Everywhere Bear arrives at your house we hope you have fun!

Finally, a big welcome to Flynn, who has joined us, we are so pleased to have you as part of our Ruby Team.



### Emerald Class

In Emerald class we have been busy writing our diary entries based on the text 'The Matchbox Diary.' We have really enjoyed using lots of different grammatical features to show off in our writing. We have parenthesis, semi colon, direct speech and fronted adverbials. They are going to be an impressive piece of writing.

In Maths, we have continued our learning about fractions and can now add, subtract, multiply and divide using them.

In science we have been looking at different types of rock and enjoyed making honeycomb to mimic how igneous rock is formed. Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed learning about the properties of materials and have investigated if they are conductors or not. We also carried out an investigation to find out if different solutes would dissolve.

Finally, welcome to Harry who has joined us in Year 6. He is a great addition to our class.



### Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher Award

**Diamond Class: Fleur and Elsie were recognised for going above and beyond in their learning behaviour.**

**Ruby Class: Eva for going above and beyond with her learning behaviour and treating others with kindness.**

**Emerald Class: Harry received the Headteacher's Award for showing all the makings of being a CHAMP and having settled in so well to Emerald Class.**



## **CHAMPS Values and Ethos**

This Half Term our CHAMPS Value is – MANNERS

### ***Spotted:***

**Diamond Class:** – Alina and Oscar were recognised for their outstanding manners!

**Ruby Class** - Flynn for settling in so well to life at St Cutbert's and showing superb CHAMP values.

**Emerald Class:** - Lillie-Mae for her resilience and hard work when working with fractions.

## **Safeguarding**

### **Do you know what a DSL is?**

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is a person appointed to take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection within an organisation. It is a statutory requirement for schools to have a DSL. We all have a responsibility to keep children safe but DSL's have additional responsibilities in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and young people involved in an organisation. We have a strong team of DSL's at school that are led by Mrs Wilkinson (you will see them at the top of the Safeguarding News). If you have any concerns about the welfare of a pupil then you can contact them on [parentinfo@uppernidderdalefed.school](mailto:parentinfo@uppernidderdalefed.school)

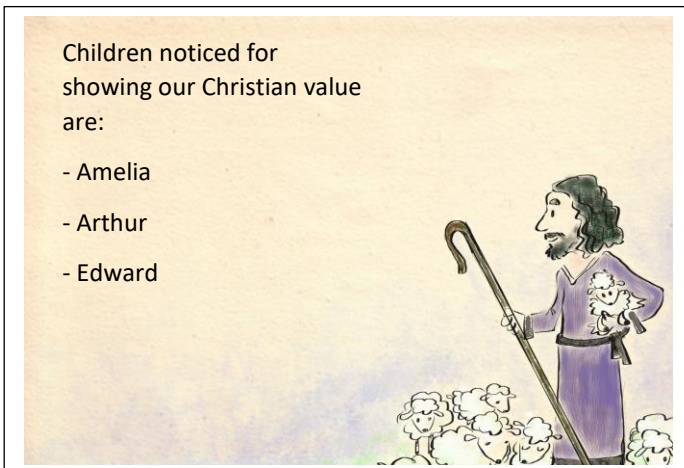
### **Christian Values**

This half term our Christian Value is respect. We have read the bible story of The Good Samaritan and discussed that we should treat everyone with respect-no matter who they are. We treat those around us with respect and how we would like to be treated.



Children noticed for showing our Christian value are:

- Amelia
- Arthur
- Edward





# Pupil Leadership News

The Collective Worship Committee have met again and plans are underway for our Easter Service on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm. The committee have selected the songs and what they would like each school to do. It will be a really lovely event.

## **Pupil Leadership Team of the Week**

This week the focus has been our Rights Respecting Team. In this team we look at how we can make a difference children's lives in our schools, in the local community and globally.

The actions that the children want to achieve this school year is to support other schools to get their Rights Respecting School Award, to promote recycling in school and to promote road safety in our local areas.



## **Attendance for wc 29/01/2024**

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

**Diamond 1: 91.88%**

**Ruby 2: 94.26%**

**Emerald 3: 82.29%**

**Whole school: 89.63%**

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



# Community Give Back



Thank you to a very talented Granny who has made tablecloths for our House Team's table and our Pupil Leadership table. Showing the true meaning of Community Give Back, she also made a banner for Glasshouses School to match the St Cuthbert's banner; ensuring that our schools could be seen at Young Voices.

Humber and North Yorkshire  
Health and Care Partnership



2024/2025

St Cuthbert's CE School has been awarded **Asthma Friendly School** status for 2024/2025.

To gain this award, the school has self-assessed that the following Asthma Friendly Standards are in place:

- The school has an Asthma Champion.
- The school has an Asthma Policy.
- There is a register of all children with Asthma in school.
- The school keep an emergency inhaler and spacer.
- The school requests a Personal Asthma Action Plan for children with Asthma.
- The school communicates with parents/carers to keep children with Asthma safe.
- School staff receive Asthma training and have an awareness of how to support children with Asthma.

# Calendar

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

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



**Baby/Toddler Groups**

**Glasshouses**

**Every Friday 9:30 – 11:00 am**

**St Cuthbert's**

**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.

## MOTHER'S DAY

**LOOK OUT FOR THE LETTER REGARDING THE MOTHER'S DAY GIFT**

