

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Headteacher



Welcome back to our Spring Term part 2...it definitely feels more like Spring with slightly lighter nights, 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 will be 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 life.

There are a number of Federation sporting competitions coming up within the district - Mr Caswell will be sending out further information about these. We will have our new Federation Team strip too, so we will look fabulous when representing our schools!

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. Here are a few examples of Community Giveback in action:

'Granny Cuthbert' (a grandparent from, you've guessed it, St Cuthbert's school!) hand made a school banner for the children to take to Young Voices. There will be many other opportunities when we will be able to use it again in the future too such as sporting events, school fairs, etc... We are so lucky. Thank you again, 'Granny Cuthbert' 😊

Next Friday we are looking forward to the Indian-inspired Mother's Day Breakfast being put on by Sumun, one of our Reception mums. Whilst it is currently on-hold as Broadbelt Hall is having to host a yoga class instead, Sumun has also been 'giving back' at her Feast and Fountain Coffee Mornings. Thank you Sumun 😊

SCHOOL GIVEBACK TO PARENTS

We all know that a parent's life is a busy life, often involving having to juggle the demands of work, as well as factoring in children's extra-curricular activities, and running a home...not to mention helping out at school events/after school clubs etc from time to time! In recognition, we would like to give busy Mums, Dads, Grannies and Grandads some time back on Saturday the 16th March from 2pm - 5pm. There will be an afternoon for the children consisting 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 Fearnley and a number of other staff members from across the Federation 😊

Although this term is a shorter one, you will see from the sections below that much has happened already and there is more to come – enjoy the read and have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Thornber & Team

This week at Glasshouses

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

Jade Class

It has been so nice to welcome some spring-like days in the classroom; the children do enjoy playtimes in the sunshine.

We have been working hard on our writing in Jade class. We have all been following Stickman and wondering how he could have stayed safe in all his different adventures - my favourite idea was him needing a water suit for the river!

In maths we have been learning about height and length and have been using rulers and objects to measure.

Our Geography work has included learning about the 7 continents and where the equator is, as well as comparing hot countries with cold countries. We are looking forward to the next few weeks of finding out more about different countries - next week we will be making rain gauges!

Amethyst Class

Amethyst Class have been very busy this week. We have been reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark*. Before we read it, we predicted what we thought the book would be about.

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions - unit and non-unit fractions. We have been thinking carefully about our value of the half term - manners. We have been using our manners in and around school.

Obsidian Class

Obsidian Class have had a great two weeks back at school. We finished off some fantastic matchbox diaries, telling life stories via items in matchboxes. The children wrote some very moving pieces and they are all displayed in the school hall on our fabulous writing wall.

We have recently started our new Geography topic, why do oceans matter? We have studied the locations of the 5 main oceans and completed an in depth study of the Great Barrier Reef.



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**.

Attendance:

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

Jade Class: 92%

Amethyst Class: 98.94%

Obsidian Class: 100%

The winning class this week is:

Obsidian

Article of the Week

Article 13: (freedom of expression)

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information if it is within the law.



Pupil Leadership Team News

Our Rights Respecting Team have been in focus this week, with Road Safety at the top of their agenda. A separate communication will be going out on this important issue. Please look out for it as it is a concern that affects everyone.



Rights Respecting Team



Sports Leaders

Wellbeing Leaders

Online Leaders



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

World Book Day – 7 March 2024



- Visit from the Stripey Badger Bookshop. An opportunity to spend World Book Day Tokens 😊
- Our Reading Ambassadors are hosting our first Book Bistro from 2-3pm. Come along and share a book with your child in our reading areas, whilst enjoying a hot drink and biscuit.
- Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite adjective.



SPRING TERM (8 January – 22 March)	
1 ST HALF TERM – 5 weeks (8 Jan – 9 Feb)	SWIMMERS: Years 3 & 4
2 nd 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)
27 February	PM Children’s SEN Meetings
29 February	9-9:30am Learn with Me – Commando Joe
7 March	World Book Day – <i>dress as your favourite adjective</i>
7 March	2pm – Book Bistro
8 March	9am Mother’s Day Breakfast (Sumun - Community Giveback event)
11-15 March	British Science Week
12 March	1-6pm Parent Information Sessions
14 March	9-9:30am Parents Learn with Me Session (Grammar & Punctuation)
20 March	Key Stage 2 Lego Workshop with Yorkshire Water
21 March	Federation Easter Service at St Cuthbert’s Church
22 March	9:30am Easter Bunny Trail (weather permitting)
22 March	2:30pm School Closes for Easter



Community Give Back

Thank you to the Prince family for donating our bread, the Smail’s for our toasters and the PTA for our butter. Having our toast and talk time has had a massive impact on our children’s wellbeing.



Our SEMH Hub is coming along nicely thanks to donations of items and money. (There is more on the wish list if anyone feels that they would also like to support this!).



Thank you to a granny at St Cuthbert’s school for making a wonderful banner for our school. It was great for our school to be seen at Young Voices and I’m sure we will use it for many years to come.



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)?

It is a statutory requirement that each school has an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. We all have a responsibility to keep children safe but DSL's have additional responsibilities in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our children.

We have a strong team of DSL's within the Federation that are led by Mrs Wilkinson. Miss Thornber, Mr Caswell, Mrs Haneskog, Mrs Fearnley, Mrs Thomas, Miss Newton, and Mrs Lumley are all deputy DSLs.

Key aspects of the Designated Safeguarding Lead role include:

- Ensuring that all staff are aware of the process for raising safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring that all staff understand the signs of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any concerns to Social Care
- Monitoring the children who are the subject of Child Protection and CiN (Child in Need) Plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring that these are implemented and reviewed regularly

If you have any concerns that you want to discuss, then please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time, even during the school holidays.

Our dedicated email address that can be accessed by any member of the DSL team is: dsl@uppernidderdalefed.school

If you have a niggle, however big or small, then please do let us know.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.

Brimhams Active

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

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