Fountains Earth



NEWSLETTER

23rd September 2022

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 **H**onest 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 **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**.

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors, volunteers & friends of the school,

What a busy few weeks we have had at Fountains Earth.

The children (and staff) are settling back into the routines, expectations of school life and are all working hard on being CHAMPS.

Returning to school to a different year group, with a different teacher or starting school for the first time can be challenging as there are so many things to get used to...it will soon feel like the 'norm' again.

Communication

I just want to let you know that the school will send information to you via letters, Newsletters, texts and for those who do use Facebook, via this too. We will always try our best to let you know of any events and information in advance, but some things are reactive due to changes imposed on us there may not be lots of notice. These instances will hopefully not be frequent.

Class teachers are available for you to talk to on a daily basis, in the morning and after school as you drop off or pick up. We appreciate that you may want to talk privately with a member of staff; if this is the case please contact the school office who can liaise with your child's teacher to call you back or arrange a meeting with you.

There are a few events coming up, please check the calendar for the details. Next week are the Parent Information Sessions with the teacher. Please contact the school admin for an appointment.

The first 'Spotlight on the Curriculum' session will be held w/c 3rd October. You will be receiving further information from the English team. I do hope that you can attend these.

Have a great weekend, Miss Thornber and Team

This week at Fountains Earth

CHAMPS Values and Ethos

This Half Term our CHAMPS Value is:

CHOICES

Here our class have been considering the consequences of making informed choices and developing the skills to make these choices.

Spotted: Jess, Elliott and Aimee

For always making the right choices and modelling this to others.

EYFS

We have been working hard in our class this week. We have learnt some difficult sounds in our phonics lessons and have tried to use these sounds in our reading. Using Different materials, we have built towers and blocks to see which were the tallest and shortest. We have also been sharing things about each other through turn taking and asking questions.

Class

We have had a very busy week again. In maths continuing to look at the place value of numbers and using those key facts to help solve a variety of problems. In English, we have continued to look at an exciting book called 'The Promise' and have worked on our grammar and punctuation skills linked to the story. We have continued to practice our reading skills and have enjoyed using our new reading corner to enjoy our books.

Christian Values

This week's Christian Values are Compassion and Honesty.

Compassion is all about putting yourself in someone else's shoes, especially when they are having a hard time. It's about trying to understand how they are feeling and then being pro-active in wanting to help.

Honesty, telling the truth. Honesty is something that we all would like to receive but it is sometimes more difficult to find in everyday life. Sometimes it is hard to make a wise choice to tell the truth.

Attendance

87%

If school achieve over **98% attendance** they qualify for dress
down day on Monday

<u>Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher</u> Award

Alex - Year 6

End of Day Collection

If there are any last-minute changes to end of day collection for your child, that you haven't mentioned to staff at the beginning of the day, please be aware that our telephone line is not monitored during the afternoon.

Please email <u>adminfe@uppernidderdalefed.school</u> and the information can be sent to staff through our in-house information sharing system.

On Tuesday afternoons please email admingh@uppernidderdalefed.school and the information will be passed on in the same way.

When the children are at St Cuthbert's on a Friday you can email adminfe@uppernidderdalefed.school or phone St Cuthbert's on 01423 711407.

Where possible please try to ensure you have passed on information and messages at morning drop off, or via email first thing, but we understand that sometimes unavoidable things crop up during the day.

New Website

Our new Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation website is now live!

Home - Uppper Nidderdale Federation (uppernidderdalefed.school)

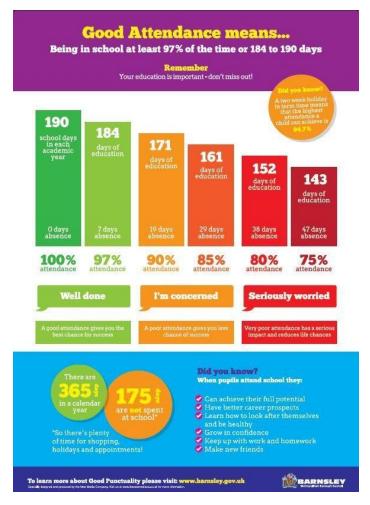
Safeguarding

Punctuality

Our school Attendance Target is 97%

The school day starts at 9.00 am and pupils will be in their classrooms ready to learn at this time, therefore pupils are expected to be on site by 8.55am when the bell is rung.

A letter will be sent home next week detailing important safeguarding procedures around attendance.



Absence procedures

Please contact the school office via telephone or email before 9:00am on the first day of your child's absence. School require an explanation for the absence and an estimation of how long the absence will last.

For further information please see the schools Attendance and Absence Policy on the website.

Attendance-and-Absence-Policy-2022.pdf (uppernidderdalefed.school)

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Noticeboard

Wednesday 28 th September	FEL Parent information sessions
Monday 1 st October	Start of Black History Month
Monday 3 rd October	'Spotlight on the Curriculum' session TBC
Friday 21st October	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM (END OF DAY)
Monday 24 th October	Diwali – Festival of Lights
Monday 31st October	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 1 st November	All Saints Day
Saturday 5 th November	Bonfire Night
Thursday 10 th November	World Science Day
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Monday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
	Maths Week
	Road Safety Week
Friday 18 th November	BBC Children in Need
Thursday 1st December	Christingle
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 12 th December	KS1 / EYS Christmas Plays
Friday 16 th December	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS (END OF DAY)

All dates subject to change / cancellation





