



NEWSLETTER

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
- Is **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**.



Message from the Headteacher

I cannot believe that we are at the end of the half term. As always, it has been a busy half term with lots going on in school.

Our children have been focussing on the value of 'choices', which can be seen in the classes, playtimes, lunchtimes, as well as their learning and conduct behaviours around school. As we all say at Glasshouses - 'True Champs'.

Along the same theme, I have shown potential new families around the school this half term who have commented on this. Here are some of the comments:

'The **children** here are so polite and confident'

'It is great to see that you teach the **children** First Aid'

'The school has a lovely ethos...it can be seen and felt everywhere. 'The **children** are happy'

'The **children** are a real asset'

These are just a few.

Next half term, the school will be making arrangements and preparing for...dare I mention it...Christmas! (Sorry). This year, there are no restrictions in schools due to COVID, so we will be going all out! The teachers will be letting you know the details...watch this space.

Just to keep you in the loop about our Federation Friday plans. The staff team are developing plans for this in order to make the days much more of an event, and less frequent (as mentioned previously). The final details will be communicated after the half term holiday.

I hope that you all have a good break.
Miss Thornber and Team

This week at Glasshouses

Attendance:

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

Class 1: 98.3%

Class 2: 93.3%

Class 3: 90%

The winning class this week is: Class 1

Article of the Week

Article 24 says: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality healthcare, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Class 1

Well done Reception for another wonderful week! The children have enjoyed recapping their sounds learnt so far and have been practising some brilliant blending. They have enjoyed exploring the signs of Autumn and loved learning all about Diwali. Can they tell you something they have learnt?

In Year 1, the children have been writing facts about Antarctica and I have been blown away with their progress. They are now coming to the end of their work on continents and oceans and have become brilliant at locating continents on a map. Well done!

HOMEWORK

It has been fabulous to see all the children's hard work in our new home work projects. We have plants, gardens and family trees.



Class 2

What a busy week! The children have worked so hard to improve their writing and have all done a fantastic job using the new grammar skills and improving their handwriting to produce a wonderful finished piece about their favourite animals. We are also coming to the end of our maths topic of place value having really focussed on developing this foundational skill in preparation for our unit on addition and subtraction after half term. I hope everyone has a great week off!

Class 3

Class 3 have had a great first half-term. Everyone has worked tirelessly to improve and make progress. The newspaper articles we made were fantastic, reporting crimes all over the Fairy Tale Universe. We have also thought carefully about ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Have a well-deserved half term rest everyone.

NOTICEBOARD

Please may we remind parents that any changes to normal collection arrangements, medical appointments, etc, must come via the office and not the teacher/TA on the gate at drop-off/pick-up. Their priority at that time is the safety and well-being of the children, not to remember to relay messages to the correct person. This is school policy. Thank you.

AUTUMN TERM (6 September – 16 December)	
1ST HALF TERM – 7 weeks (6 Sep – 21 Oct)	SWIMMERS: Years 5 & 6
5 September	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
6 September	School starts – all children (including Reception)
8 September	International Literacy Day
13 September	Roald Dahl's birthday
19 September	School Closed – HM the Queen's Funeral
20 September	9:00am School Photographs (individual)
21 September	National Fitness Day / International Day of Peace
29 September	1pm-6pm Parents' Information Sessions
October	Black History Month
4 October	9am-10am – Spotlight on the Curriculum session for parents
7 October	1:15pm Fire Safety Visit (Menwith Hill Fire Dept)
7 October	2:15pm Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
10 October	World Mental Health Day
21 October	School closes for half-term (normal time)
2ND HALF TERM – 7 weeks (31 Oct – 16 Dec)	SWIMMERS: Years 5 & 6
31 October	School starts – all children
10 November	World Science Day
10 November	9am Bag2School Collection
11 November	RBL Remembrance Service Pateley (school representation)
14 - 18 November	Anti-Bullying Week / Road Safety Week / Maths Week
18 November	Children in Need
21 November	1pm Flu Immunisation Programme (whole school)
28 November – 2 December	Assessment Week (Year 2 and Year 6)
8 December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
12 December	Early Years/KS1 Christmas Play
14 December	School Christmas Lunch
16 December	Winter Walk (weather permitting)
16 December	2:30 School Closes for Christmas to children

Halloween Party

Monday 31st October

3:30 – 5:00pm

Entry - £5.00 payable on arrival



Little Champs Toddler Group

Starts

Friday 4th November 2022

9:30 – 11:00 am

(and then weekly, every Friday during term-time)

Come along to our fabulous school and enjoy time socialising with other parents whilst your children play in a safe, caring environment

No charge, but donations towards refreshments appreciated

Tel: 01423 711440 for more information

We look forward to welcoming you



Safeguarding

To keep our children safe, we are constantly reviewing our First Aid procedures. We will always ring and inform you if your child has had a head bump or a significant need for first aid. For minor grazes and bumps we have been passing on this message at home time. We are aware that this has its limitations during a busy home time, especially for our older children who walk themselves home, so we have been looking for an alternative solution.

From now, if your child has First Aid and it does not require a phone call, we will complete a slip to inform you. This will then be put in your child's book bag.

Drop-off and Pick-Up Arrangements

Class 1 (Reception/Year 1)

Class 1 door, next to the Early Years Playground

Class 2 (Years 2 & 3)

Through the double gates on Albert Terrace

Class 3 (Years 4, 5 & 6)

Through the main entrance

The doors/gates will be open at 8:45am and closed at 8:55am. Anyone arriving after 8:55 will be marked 'Late'.

Miss Thornber or a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be outside at drop-off time as well as your child's Class Teacher/TA.

Class 1 finish at 3:25pm and Classes 2 & 3 finish at 3:30pm.

