



# 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:

- 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**.

## Message from the Headteacher



With a flurry of snow this week, it definitely feels more like the festive season!

Keeping to my promise, it is (at the time of writing) 20 days until Christmas.

This time of year is a time when families, friends and communities come together to celebrate in their own ways - there are so many different family traditions. It is a time for us to also remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves and provide support. Please remember that in the school hall, there is a large star for children and staff to add their Christmas messages to their friends, rather than sending gifts and cards. During this cost of living crisis, as a school, we do not want to add to this pressure, so please do not send in cards and gifts - kind words mean so much more. Thank you

The children were CHAMPS last week when we had to evacuate the school to Broadbelt Hall. The children demonstrated the **S** in CHAMPS. They were calm and sensible as we made the move out of the school and it was great that they could articulate why we had to do this...the routine, regular practices have helped. The school fire alarms systems are now back in working order. Thank you for collecting your children in a timely manner.

**On Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> December, the first Community Giveback event will take place at Glasshouses.** Miss Thornber, Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Caswell and Mrs Clark are volunteering their time to host a Christmas film and pizza afternoon for all children across the Federation, so that parents and carers can have some time without their children to prepare for Christmas (or just to relax!)

It is a busy few weeks in school, so please do keep an eye on the calendar. Mrs Haneskog will keep it updated and send out text reminders to keep you on track. This week we are looking forward to our Christmas lunch (Wednesday), Christmas Jumper Day (Thursday) and our Pantomime (Friday)!

Miss Thornber and 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

## Attendance:

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

Jade Class: 97%  
Amethyst Class: 93.99%  
Obsidian Class: 100%

The winning class this week is: **Obsidian**

## Article of the Week

Article 2 states: The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background

## Amethyst Class



The Year 3 children really enjoyed our residential trip to Nell Bank. They have talked about it so much, that the Year 2's are already excited about going next year. The children were CHAMPS, trying everything and showing great manners. They worked on their team building and communication skills in activities such as den building.

In class, we have been writing information texts about different animals, thinking carefully about our grammar and punctuation knowledge.

## Jade Class

Well done Jade Class for another two weeks of hard work and learning. Reception have started a new book this week, 'The Gruffalo'. They have been building caves for The Gruffalo to live in, making masks using collage, paints and drawing and using play-doh to make their own scary woodland creature. They have even been doing some sentence writing! Year 1 are now coming to the end of their non-fiction writing unit - animals. They should all be extremely proud of their independent writing on owls - you will be able to see their work up in the school hall soon.

## Obsidian Class

Obsidian Class have been hard at work becoming geographers, historians and fashion designers!

In Geography, we have studied the Alps and compared it to our local area. In DT, we have researched famous British fashion designers and used their styles to design our own waistcoats for a teddy bear.

Be prepared for a fashion show in the near future!

# Pupil Leadership Team News

## Fundraising Team

### Purple Day Success!

We received a lovely letter from St Michael's Hospice this week, thanking the federation for the money we raised on our Purple Day we held last month.

Dear Mrs Lumley and everybody of Upper Primary Federation (Glasshouses and St Cuthbert's Primary Schools)

On behalf of all the team at Saint Michael's Hospice, thank you for your kind £93.60 donation collected on the Purple Day. The funds you have raised will make a real difference to local families living with terminal illness and bereavement across the Harrogate district, thank you.

For each person who is given the devastating news that they have a terminal illness, Saint Michael's wants to be there to ensure they are cared for with dignity and respect, to help them to find answers to difficult questions and to enable them to live as fully as possible to the end of their life.

Hospice care never stops and with the help of our wonderful community, our caring, compassionate, and highly trained staff will continue to be there to care for patients, 24 hours a day.

We simply couldn't do what we do without supporters like you, so thank you for helping us to be there when it matters the most.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely,

*Lucy Turner*

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## Sports Leaders

### Game of the Week - Handball

This week the Game of the Week has been Handball. It has been great to teach everybody a new sport. Ask at home what Handball is and find out all about this great, action-packed sport.



### 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!



# 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

### Christmas Gift Exchange

Do you have unwanted, good quality toys or gifts at home?

Would you like some extra presents to give to your family?

#### Let's work together and help each other!

- Please bring any donations in a bag to Glasshouses School office on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- Glasshouses School will be open on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 9-9:30am for people to take what they feel will be useful for their family.



A Community Give Back suggestion from Fleur and Family, from St Cuthbert's!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Come and Join Us for a Mince Pie  
and a Sing Song  
Everybody Welcome!

TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
GLASSHOUSES CP SCHOOL  
2:45PM – 3:30PM

RSVP: [parentinfo@uppermidderdalefed.school](mailto:parentinfo@uppermidderdalefed.school)





AUTUMN TERM (4 September – 22 December)	
6 December	School Christmas Dinner
7 December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
8 December	PM – Give it Back, Mak! Riding Lights performance at STC
8 December	3:30-5pm PTFA Christmas Fair
9 December	2-5pm Film & Pizza Afternoon (Adults Christmas Shopping Time)
12 December	AM Nativity (parents and community) PM Parent SEN Meetings
18 December	9-9:30am Christmas Gift Exchange
19 December	2:45-3:30pm Parents/Community Carols and Mince Pies
20 December	Class Christmas Parties
22 December	Winter Walk (weather permitting)
22 December	2:30 School Closes for Christmas to children

**Our Spring Term Calendar is currently being put together and will be sent out to you soon.**

## Safeguarding/Support

As you know, teaching our children about online safety is of the utmost importance. Schools have a dual responsibility when it comes to online safety: to ensure that the school's online procedures keep children and young people safe, and to teach them about online safety, in and outside of school. This includes a robust filtering system that stops harmful content getting through. We also carefully monitor what content is searched for. We foster an open environment in which children and young people are encouraged to ask any questions and participate in an ongoing conversation about the benefits and dangers of the online world. Children are taught about online relationships and internet harm in PSHE.





# Community Give Back

Our Community Giveback project is building momentum and we have already had lots of parents and local businesses contact us with donations to support this work.

The aim of the Community Giveback project is:

- To acknowledge the impact that the cost of living crisis is having on everyone.
- Recognising that the Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation is a Family and we all work together to support each other.
- To appreciate the support that our PTFAs and families have provided as we have strived to raise money for much-needed school books, trips, and help with other school projects.

We are also proud of our work within the community, and we want to take this opportunity to celebrate with our community, families, and local businesses.

Before Christmas:

- Children from the Federation are singing carols at the Late Night Shopping Evening in Pateley on 8<sup>th</sup> December;
- **We will be hosting our first Community Giveback event at Glasshouses Primary on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December.** Miss Thornber, Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Caswell and Mrs Clark are volunteering their time so that parents and carers can have some time without the children to prepare for Christmas (or just to relax!), whilst the children enjoy a Christmas film and pizza;
- We will be holding a Gift Exchange after school drop-off on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December;
- We are inviting the parents and the Glasshouses community into school for more carols and a mince pie on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2:45pm;
- Our children are going to be making Christmas cards for patients that are in hospital on Christmas Day, and for the staff that are looking after them.



Already, we have been able to enjoy a lovely Family Breakfast, which was a great opportunity for us to come together.

A special mention has to go to Leo and Poppy who, having heard about the Community Give Back, decided to clear the footpaths of snow around where they live. What CHAMPS and great abassadors for our school!

