



St Cuthbert's

NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a wonderful few weeks in school!

Thank you to everyone that came to support the children at our Federation Easter Service – the children did a fantastic job!

Today we had a visit from the Easter Bunny! The children had a fabulous time outside in the sunshine hunting for eggs. I gave a certificate to each child for their artistic creations of eggs and bonnets – it really was too difficult to choose a winner when so much effort had clearly gone in to each – everyone's a winner in my eyes!

Below are a few photos from the last two wonderful days in school – when Easter arrives (hopefully along with the sunshine!) I hope that you all have a fabulous time with friends and family.

Miss Thornber



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**.

PTA – Friends of St Cuthbert's

The Friends would like to thank you for your support this term – look out for events coming in the summer term.

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. **The clubs will continue after Easter starting Tuesday 9th April as follows:**

These are the clubs we have on offer:

Monday- **No Running Club after Easter (Mr R White & Mr G Parsons)** Cycling Club will start Mon 3 June
Tuesday – Chess Club (Mr S Edwards)
Wednesday – Lunch time Choir (Mrs Fearnley) Inclusive Sports (HTAFC) / Craft Club (Mrs M Wilson)
Thursday – Craft Club (Mrs M Wilson) **please note Board Games Club NOT running after Easter**
Friday – Sports Club (Mr J Hird)

Help required

If anyone knows of a property for rent or has a property for rent we have a local family looking for 2/3bed house to rent in or near Pateley Bridge. Maximum rent £900/month. Please contact Paul Howard for more information - tatandpaul@hotmail.com/07805 637281

This month at St Cuthbert's

Diamond Class

What a lot of things we have had going on in Diamond Class this half-term!

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into our instructions writing! We used Jack and the Beanstalk as a basis for our writing. We explored the story and used the concept of growing magic beans as the inspiration for our writing. We then had the experience of planting our very own 'magic beans' and writing instructions on how to plant your own. We can't wait to see what magical growing takes place over the holidays!

In maths we have covered shape, direction and patterns! Nursery and Reception have enjoyed making repeating patterns and spotting those sneaky mistakes in there!

We have also celebrated the fabulous homework sent in linked to our geography work of 'hot and cold'. We have debated which continent we would like to live in best, delving into each of the seven continents and learning a very catchy song!



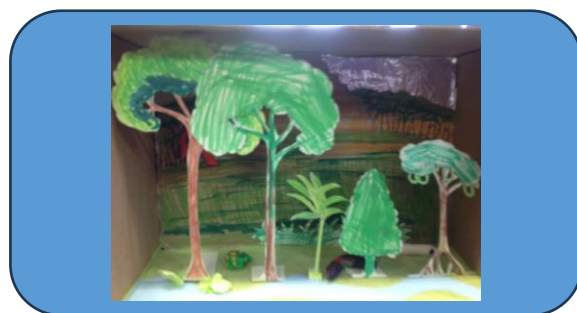
Ruby Class

It is hard to believe that the Easter break has arrived. What a wonderful term we have had in Ruby Class. I would like to thank the children for making it so enjoyable for me teaching them. They are all happy, enthusiastic learners that try to be the best they can be - real CHAMPS! We have really improved our writing skills this term. Over the past couple of weeks, we have written a recount and used some super vocabulary. In maths we have continued learning about fractions - finding equivalent fractions in Y3 and finding halves and quarters. We have all enjoyed the books the children have been bringing in from home - such a great range for us to enjoy.

It is always lovely to see what the children do and achieved outside school. We have had Brownie badges for International Women's Day, certificates, models - lots of amazing things to share. Pictures of these will go on the new WOW board we are making for the classroom - so please keep things coming in.

This half term the children have produced some wonderful home learning. I'm sure you'll agree, looking at the pictures that a lot of effort and attention to detail has been put in.

We hope everyone has a great Easter break, with plenty of chocolate to share - into fractions of course!



Emerald Class

We have had a busy few weeks in Emerald class. With Great British Science Week last week, we really enjoyed looking at different scientists and were amazed at the science that is behind many every day objects. E.g. soap. In our Geography lessons we have been looking at the importance of our oceans and the impact humans are having on them. The Great Barrier Reef was amazing to look at and the children enjoyed carrying out their own research. It is also lovely to see all the wonderful homework coming in to school. Thank you so much for all of your support with this.

In Maths we have been using our learning about fractions in our work about decimals and percentages. It is lovely to see they children making connections. In English we have been writing a persuasive letter to try and encourage our parents not to use their cars as much.



Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher Award

Diamond Class: Oscar B for his outstanding independence in learning.

Ruby Class: Oliver for such great perseverance with his writing this half term. Well Done!

Emerald Class: Lilly-May for her continued perseverance in Maths this term.

CHAMPS Values and Ethos

This Half Term our CHAMPS Value is – MANNERS

Spotted:

Diamond Class: – Evalyn for her beautiful manners when walking around school.

Ruby Class - Harry for always having wonderful manners around school.

Emerald Class: - Kianna for always showing her superb manners.

Safeguarding



There have been some really alarming findings from a recent Ofcom report*, about parents setting up social media accounts for their children aged under 12.

The report found that 58% of parents have set up social media accounts for their children - the top five most popular being: YouTube (33%), TikTok (18%), WhatsApp (17%), Snapchat (14%) and Facebook (9%). *It's worth noting that on 11th April 2024, The minimum recommended age for WhatsApp is 16 years of age.*

The minimum recommended age for using YouTube unsupervised is 18 years of age.

The minimum recommended age for using Tik Tok is 13 years of age.

The minimum recommended age for using Snapchat is 13 years of age.

The minimum recommended age for using Facebook is 13 years of age.

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:

- Alan
- Lucais



Attendance for wc 19/03/2024

If the winning class achieves over 98% attendance

they qualify for dress down day Monday

Diamond 1: 93.3%

Ruby 2: 90.6%

Emerald 3: 93.5%

Whole school: 92.4%

No class achieved over 98% this week



Community Give Back

Last Saturday, we gave back to the school community by offering 3 fun-filled hours of childcare. Staff, from across The Federation, volunteered to provide outdoor games, crafts and a film so there was plenty for everyone (it even managed not to rain for most of it!). We were also supported again by Pateley Pizza who donated pizza for everyone and by Dales Market Corner who supplied us with popcorn and juice.



Pupil Leadership News

Thank you to our brilliant Online Leaders who delivered a confident and insightful assembly all about keeping safe online, inside school and at home!

The Rights Respecting Pupil Leadership Team have been highlighting their concerns about road safety by holding a road safety poster competition. The team chose the winners. Look out for the winning posters out and about.



Calendar

All dates subject to change / cancellation

Dates
for
your
diary

SUMMER TERM (8 April – 22 July)	
8 April	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
9 April	School starts – all children
11 April	New Therapy Dog – Elke starts visiting once per fortnight
12 April	Federation Friday
16 April	9am Parent’s Breakfast
26 April	Royal Hall Concert
6 May	May Day – School closed to children
7 May	9am Class / Leavers Photos
<i>13 - 17 May</i>	<i>SATS week</i>
23 May	9-9:30am Learn With Me Session (PSHE - money & my future)
24 May	Sports Day
24 May	School closes for half-term (normal time)
2nd HALF TERM – 7 weeks (3 June – 22 July)	
3 June	School starts – all children
3 June	Reception 2024 New Starters Information Evening
11 June	KS2 Countryside Day Trip
13 June	9am Parent’s Breakfast
14 June	Federation Friday
<i>17 – 21 June</i>	<i>Assessment Week</i>
19 June	9:15am – 11:45am Reception 2024 Transition Morning
20 June	East Barnby Parent’s Meeting
20 June	10am-2pm Diamond Class visit to Studfold Farm
26 June	Parent’s SEN Meetings
26 June	PM – Yr6s attending Police ‘Crucial Crew’ session
27 June	9-9:30am Learn With Me Session (DT)
3 July	Year 6 High School transition day
4 July	1pm-6pm Parents Information Sessions / Reports to parents
5 July	PTFA Summer Disco (at St Cuthbert’s)
8 - 10 July	Year 5 & 6 – East Barnby residential
10 July	Year 6 High School transition day – not attending if at residential
11 July	9:15am – 11:45am Reception 2024 Transition Morning
12 July	2:45-3:30pm Volunteer’s Afternoon Tea
18 July	Year 6’s Leavers’ Assembly
19 July	3:30pm School closes for Summer
22 July	Staff Training Day – School closed to children

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

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!

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.*

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