



St Cuthbert's

NEWSLETTER

April 2024



Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents, carers, and volunteers

I cannot believe that it is the Summer Term! Last week, it was hail stones, the week before was snow, and this week it is 19 degrees! It is the beauty of the English weather 😊

As always, we have been very busy in school learning about our new CHAMPS value – **P** - Perseverance (and Courage). The children are now creating books and pieces of work, following on from the whole Federation Assemblies on Monday and Wednesday, and we are excited to show you these at the Celebration Assembly on Friday. The work follows a story based on the values covered by this month's Rights Respecting Articles (see next page for details).

You will have heard by now that we have two school guinea pigs, who are now settled into their new home 😊. The children are working together with Mrs Newton (our own Miss Newton's Mum) to look after and care for them.

This term, we have lots of events coming up, so please keep an eye on the calendar – for example: Working Bee on the 8th June, Sports Day, the Year 5/6 residential to East Barnby, Reception 2024 and Year 6 Transition Days and whole-school 'shuffle-up' days, and Federation Friday...

I hope you enjoy reading through our new-look newsletter.

CHAMPS Values and Ethos

This Half Term our CHAMPS Value is

PERSEVERANCE

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**.

Monthly Attendance Summary for April 2024

Diamond 1: 93.3%

Ruby 2: 90.6%

Emerald 3: 93.5%

Whole school: 92.4%

Christian Values

This half term our Christian Value is **courage**. We have read the bible story of David and Goliath and discussed the courage that was shown. We have also thought about times when we need to show courage and how we can be supported with this.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Articles of the Month

Article 1 – Everyone under 18 has these rights.

Article 2 – These rights are for all children; there is no discrimination.

Diamond Class

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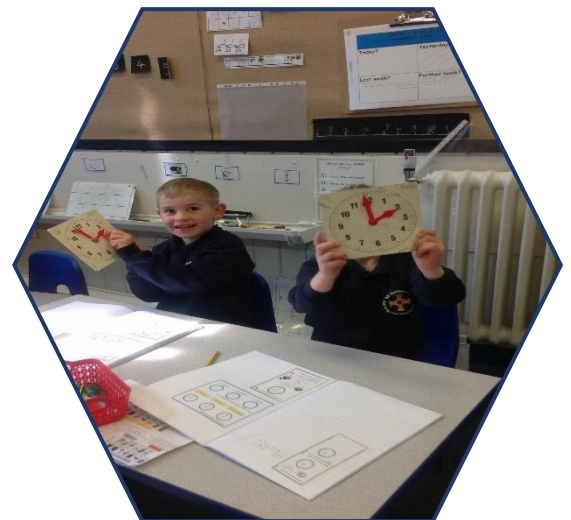
What a fantastic start to our Summer term! After a well-earned Easter break we have returned to school with lots of exciting things happening. We now have Maple and Syrup our school guinea pigs! We have also been visited by Elke the therapy/reading dog, all of this has made our school days brighter and impacted our well-being positively.

We also had a fabulous Federation Friday where nursery and reception joined the early years children from Glasshouses for a trip out to Harlow Carr investigating all things planting, seasons and growing- we had a brilliant time.

We have started our new history topic answering the question 'How have explorers changed the world?' We have used our knowledge of timelines, past and present to investigate explorers throughout history such as Amelia Earhart, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We have enjoyed watching the first ever flight by the Wright Brothers and reading newspaper articles from that time.

In English we have finished our non-fiction writing on explorer and inspirational individual Amelia Earhart. Unfortunately, we cannot reveal the name of our next text until we have finished our predictions- it's a secret!

In maths Year 1 have been learning all about time using clocks to change the time from o'clock to half past. This has proved very useful when we need to know when it is lunch time, break time and home time as we can spot it independently! Meanwhile reception have been exploring teens numbers and counting to 20.

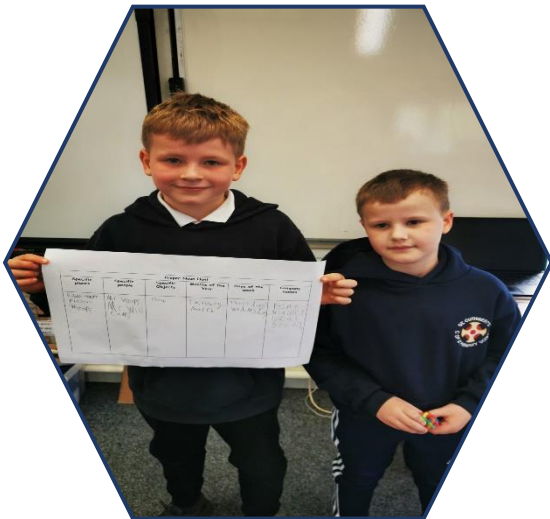


Ruby Class

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Ruby Class have been very busy in class. In English we have been recapping our knowledge on nouns and adjectives. We have been revisiting what a common noun is and what a proper noun is. We even went on a proper noun hunt in groups to find as many proper nouns as we could. We have just revealed our new book for this unit of English. We are reading Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. We have lots of exciting reading planned so that we can use our growing punctuation and grammar skills. We have also been answering comprehension questions about what we have read to help us develop as readers.



In Maths, we are learning about money. We have been converting pounds into pence, and pence into pounds. We have also started adding money, recalling our knowledge about addition and subtraction and using this to help us to add up different values of money. We are beginning to add sums of money together, so we have been recapping our addition knowledge.



Emerald Class

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We've had a superb start back after Easter in Emerald Class. We were so excited to welcome our new school pets and make them feel at home. We practiced the British value of democracy by voting for their names. We look forward to helping look after them.

We loved taking part in our Federation Friday where Year 5 and 6 learnt how to print using ink with Mrs Thorpe. They made some beautiful individual pieces of artwork as well as a collaborative project together. Take a look in the hall to see our masterpiece! In the afternoon, we tried our hand at orienteering around the school grounds with Kanga sport. In Year 4, we had a thrilling day at Bewerley Park where we practiced using our teamwork skills in a range of activities and then tested our resilience at Brimham Rocks. A fabulous day had by all!

In English, we have been perfecting our persuasive writing by creating an advert to persuade people to use less palm oil. We have been carefully researching facts that could help strengthen our arguments.

In Maths, we have tried our hand at algebra. We have used our previous knowledge of finding missing numbers to help us and have thrived on being given a range of tricky reasoning and problem-solving questions. As always, we've been hard at work practicing our times tables. Why not test us at home and see how much we know!

This month, we have started our new history topics. In Year 5 and 6, we have been looking at what a census is before using censuses from our local area to try get an insight into what life was like over 100 years ago in Pateley Bridge and use our evaluative skills to see how our local area has changed. We are going to be looking at the 'Yorke' family so if anyone has any local knowledge about the family then do let us know.



Safeguarding

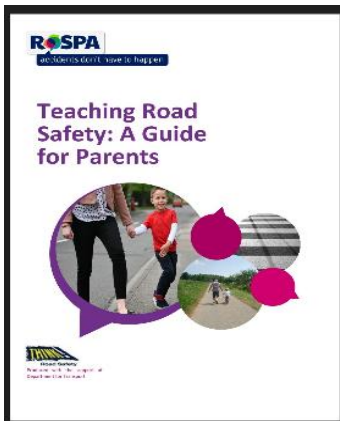
Road Safety

As you know, we are promoting Road Safety in school at the moment.

Keeping our children safe on the roads is a joint effort between school and home.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents is available from the ROSPA website and other resources can be downloaded from the link below:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



Water Safety Code



During the school holidays, and in particular in warmer weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. On average between 40 and 50 children drown per year in the UK. As you venture out more as the weather becomes warmer, please be aware of the dangers of being close to canals, rivers, lakes and reservoirs. The water safety code Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water. See the full code here <https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/water-safety-code>

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.

These are the clubs we have on offer:

Monday- **Cycling Club will start Mon 3 June**

Tuesday - Chess Club (Mr S Edwards) - will run until half term - the last session will be 21st May

Wednesday - Lunch time Choir (Mrs Fearnley) Inclusive Sports (HTAFC) / Craft Club (Mrs M Wilson)

Thursday - Craft Club (Mrs M Wilson)

Friday - Sports Club (Mr J Hird)



Community Give Back

We are delighted to share that our application for a grant from The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has been successful. This money means that we can make a real difference to our families who qualify for Pupil Premium funding. For a year, each child in our Federation who receives this funding will be getting a £15 voucher for every week of the school holidays. The voucher is redeemable at Dales Market Corner for food and drinks (excluding alcohol and fizzy drinks) and we hope that this will provide much needed financial support. If you think your family may qualify for free school meals, and therefore Pupil Premium funding then please get in touch with Mrs Lumley bm@uppernidderdalefed.school

I'm sure you have heard all about our guinea pigs. Thank you to Mrs Newton (Miss Newton's mum) for all the time that she has spent supporting school to settle them into our Federation and for her donation towards their home!

Finally, it was lovely to share our family breakfast with so many of you. Thank you to those who could make it – we appreciate it isn't always possible to get time off work but it is a highlight of the term for staff and children. Thank you to our PTA who continue to donate for the morning toast.



Pupil Leadership News



Digital Leaders

The digital leaders have worked hard since their last meeting. They have put on an online safety collective worship for the children, and we are now working on a timetable of laptop organisation!



Rights Respecting

We have been very busy with our Road Safety campaign. We have held a poster competition. We invited Lauren Doherty into school to talk us about road safety. We have also written to our local councillor and local MP to tell them our concerns – watch this space for more news!



Sports Leaders

The sports leaders have been very busy building their knowledge up of what makes a good sport leader. We listened to other children's views about playtimes about Game of the week and how it can be improved.



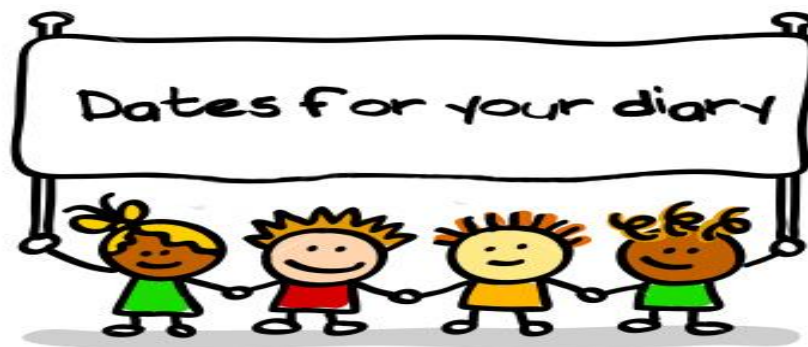
Wellbeing Leaders

The Wellbeing Leaders first job was to elect a Chair (Lillie-Mae - STC) and a Vice Chair (Jack B - GH). We then looked at what Wellbeing is and the 5 ways we can help ourselves to have good Wellbeing.



Collective Worship

We were so proud of our Collective Worship leaders who planned and delivered a lovely Easter Service. Our net project is to provide a space outside where the children can reflect. If you any resources e.g wind chimes that would help with this then we would be very grateful.



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
13 - 17 May	SATS week
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
8 June	St Cuthbert's Working Bee Day 10am-4pm
11 June	KS2 Countryside Day Trip
13 June	9am Parent's Breakfast
14 June	Federation Friday
17 – 21 June	Assessment Week
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



**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.

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

St Cuthbert's School 'Working Bees' Day

Save the date!

Saturday 8th June 2024

10am – 4pm

**Working together to improve
our school's environment**

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.
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