

Happy New Year to all of our families

As a New Year begins it is a good opportunity to reflect on the successes of our federation and also look forward to continuing school improvement. Recently we have been invited to take part in a publication called 'top of the class' featuring the highest performing schools in the region – look out for this in the Harrogate Advertiser / Yorkshire Post over the weeks to come. Both schools were inspected in 2017 and both received the good judgement with outstanding elements, rightly deserved. Pupil numbers are increasing in both schools. New families are coming into the area and also families are returning. This week we welcome Faith to Fountains Earth and Ruby, Robert and Lucas to St Cuthbert's. Key Stage Two children continue to come together for sport and music and friendships are forming. This gives us the chance to take part in more local events as a federation including a concert at the Royal Hall in March. Also look out for many sporting fixtures in the weeks to come.



Drum roll please! Mrs Kitching, who's been with us over 8 years and is often one of the first faces to welcome children into school in a morning for Breakfast Club, the first to kick a football in all weathers on playground duty and of course is our fantastic school cook has something to celebrate. For the first time this New Year there is 100% take up of school meals I am sure down to the wonderful choice of delicious and nutritious meals she provides daily. Well done Mrs Kitching, what a star you are, thank you for all you do for our school.



Home School Agreement

Look out for the federation home /school agreement which has been prepared by staff and governors. It is a legal requirement (although not legally binding!) to have an agreement between the parents, children and the staff and both schools have had these documents separately in the past. The children will have had the chance to read and sign the agreement in school. Please can you read through the parent section and sign at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please do contact your child's class teacher.

Christian values

This half term our Christian value is forgiveness. We will be helping the children to understand the importance of saying sorry and forgiving. It is a means by which relationships can be restored and is an act of will motivated by love. We will learn that we all make mistakes and we should forgive ourselves and others. This links well with our school objective of 'making responsible choices and becoming independent' which will also be revisited.

Relief Midday Supervisor

We are looking for a relief midday supervisor for our federation who could be called upon should we need an additional member of staff at lunchtime in either school. If you, or anyone you know, is interested please contact Mrs Lumley at St Cuthbert's for more information

Finally . . .

Please don't forget to send in photos of the achievements and successes you and your children are proud of for our entrance board. Celebrating this is so very important!

I thought you would all be interested to know our Fountains Earth Royal British Legion total for poppy sales etc. was over £50 and the district total £5,700.



↳ We Found

Clubs—start next week with Year 6 booster on Tuesdays and computing on Thursdays. Miss Addis continues to run a range of lunchtime clubs including choir. Thank you staff for giving your time for this. FEL chrn are also welcome to 'sing club' at St C on Weds.

Maths Passports

Congratulations to

Olivia who has completed Antarctica

Heather who has completed Asia

Spencer who has completed Asia

Thora who has completed Ireland

Freya who has completed South America

Sam who has completed Australasia



Diary Dates Spring Term 2018

Friday 12 January

School swimming recommences until Easter 14:30 swim at Nidderdale High School

Thursday 18 January

9.00—9.45 Stay Sing & Story with Pre-schoolers

Tuesday 16th January

After school booster for Year 6 starts

Wednesday 17th January

After School sports hall athletics year 3/4 at NHS

Thursday 18th January

After school computer club Y1-6 starts

Monday 22 January

2.30—3.00 Inspire workshop afternoon—words, words, words. All parents welcome

Tuesday 23 January

KS2 Geology Studies at How Stean Gorge - pm

Tuesday 30 January

Whole school trip to Leeds Museum - "Egypt"

Friday 2 February

09:00 Sharing Assembly

09:30 Headteacher Coffee & Chat

Friday 9 February half term

Monday 19 February

School reopens after half term

Wednesday 21st February

After school tag rugby competition year 5/6 at NHS

Monday 26th February

Parents Evening

Thursday 1 March

World Book Day

Wednesday 7th March

After school high five netball year 5/6 at NHS

Wednesday 21 March

Y5/6 Cycling Proficiency Day 2

All things Christmas



It seems like a long time ago now!

Thank you to all families for their attendance at our Christingle service and at the Sunday carol service. The children as always did us proud and will no doubt have happy memories of taking part in these celebrations.

It was lovely to see Father Christmas at our party—he was very generous as always.

