



Fountains Earth CE Primary School

Newsletter—Friday 13th January 2016

Message from the Headteacher

Our New Year Resolution – ‘Making Time’

During the first week of term in Collective Worship, we have been talking about making time to do things in life that make us happy and give us a positive sense of wellbeing. The children have all made a written commitment to ‘making time’ to doing something in particular (time to read, time to play trumpet, time with my family, time to walk, time to rest). Please talk to your child about what they have made time for – I would hope that this would be a commitment to something other than screens and electronic games. As with my girls the terrible ‘t’s’ seem to dominate our lives ‘tablets, telly and technology’. Let’s all make a commitment to reduce the time spent on such devices. A sad indication of this was on the radio this morning - children now spend more than half of their leisure time using technology.

Value for life

Our ‘value for life’ this term is the value of humility – a tricky value to teach but one that is so very important. Many of the fables help us to explain the meaning of humility and the proverb ‘pride comes before a fall’ links to this. You will be pleased to know that we are encouraging the children to be helpful at home and show humility by recognising that everyone needs help. Have a look at our collective worship board for some of the work that we have been doing.

Miss Lynette Brammah

Welcome to our New Faces

A warm welcome to Petra and Thora (and family) who have made a fabulous start to the term—like they have never been away! A warm welcome also to Charlotte Hatch teaching in Class 2 on Thursdays and Fridays. We know that she will be very happy in the Fountains Earth family.

Sharing Assembly

Our first Sharing Assembly will take place on Friday 20th January on the day of the winter disco at St Cuthbert’s. Parents are welcome to attend every week to celebrate certificates. Feedback from staff and parents is that, overall, sharing assembly does work better once per month - a very special occasion warranting the preparation time and the attention it deserves.

Maths Passports

The children were all very excited to receive their Maths Passports and have been busy working towards their targets. Thank you to families for joining in with this and please keep practising little and often at home.

Diary Dates

Thursday 19 January— Infant Agility Festival at Nidderdale High School (Years 1 & 2) 3.45pm-5.30pm.

Friday 20 January—Sharing Assembly; Winter Disco at St Cuthbert’s for Years 1-6, 6pm-7.30pm, £3.50 (Flyer to follow).

Wednesday 25 January—Reception at St Cuthbert’s, Years 1 and 2 at Harlow Carr; Gymnastics at Nidderdale High School for Years 1-4, 3pm-5.15pm.

Monday January 30—Gymnastics at NHS for Years 5 & 6, 3pm-5.15pm.

Wednesday 8 February— Visit from PCSOs Jones and Wilson on road safety.

Friday 17 February—Sharing Assembly followed by coffee and chat; school closes for half term.

Monday 27 February—School opens after half term.

Friday 7 April—School closes for Easter.

Big Bird Watch

The children have taken part in the RSPB’s big bird watch. The birds spotted during an allocated time of 1 hour will be logged on the RSPB’s website and this data will be combined with the national bird watch results. Have a look at the website <http://www.rspb.org.uk/> the children can also take part at home by doing the ‘big garden bird watch’. Please come to Sharing Assembly to find out all about it!



