



Fountains Earth CE Primary School

Newsletter—Friday 19th May 2017

Year 2 and 6 SATS

I have a huge amount of respect and admiration for the Year 2 and 6 children who have worked tirelessly and with full commitment through their SATs papers. Whenever this time of year comes around it makes me think about what a 'narrow' judgement the tests make and how subliminally it could belittle the children's special gifts and talents.

And so, please this weekend (and forevermore!) may we celebrate and be proud of all our sporty, inquisitive, creative, arty, musical, astute, articulate, thoughtful, caring, responsible, logical, scientific, knowledgeable, 'outdoorsy' children.

Our School in the Dale

This whole school theme is well and truly in full swing with the children using their map making skills this week having been out and about in the village looking closely at the features. Interestingly, given the freedom each group chose to do things in a very different way!



Holidays in term time

We have recently received several requests for holidays in term time. Please can I urge parents to utilise the 13 weeks per year already allocated for holidays rather than taking children out of school where they miss huge chunks of learning.

Diary Dates

Weds 22nd May 6pm—first federation GB meeting St C

Weds 24th May - class 1 to Limley Woods

Weds 24th May—year 5/6 quick cricket competition at Nidd High

Friday 26th May—9am Sharing assembly followed by coffee and chat

Friday 26th May—break up for half term **returning Tuesday 6th June**

Saturday 17th June 1.00pm—FOLS sponsored walk

Sporting success

Well done to Olivia and Alice who competed with St Cuthbert's in the tri-golf competition in Harrogate. They came a respectable fifth! Also to everyone who competed in the tennis tournament at Nidd High this week.

Maths Passports

Congratulations to:

- ◇ Joseph for completing Antarctica
- ◇ Otto for completing South America
- ◇ Alice for completing North America

Bags to School

Great news! The bags 2 school collection raised £107.60 for friends funds. That is an awful lot of bags so thank you so very much. The next FOLS fundraiser will be the sponsored walk on Saturday 17th June. Further details to follow. The money that FOLS raise continues to have a huge impact in school with the most recent purchase being the writing shed!

