

## St Cuthbert's CE Primary School

### Newsletter

Friday 23 February 2018

#### Message from the Headteacher

A warm welcome back to school after the half term break. I look forward to seeing families at parents evening next Wednesday and at events over the course of the half term. Don't forget, all families are invited to join us for celebrations assembly weekly on Friday at 2.45. This half term we welcome back the Headington family who have settled very quickly. Parents may also notice that Mrs Sharon Hall will be spending more afternoons in the St Cuthbert's office in order to allow Mrs Lumley time to focus on her role of Business manager across the federation. Finally, at the end of this week we would have been saying farewell to Miss Gemma Johnson - a student teacher who has been working in Year 1/2 alongside Mrs Thomas and Mrs Wilcox. Miss Johnson has had such a successful placement and has enjoyed her time at St Cuthbert's so much that she has asked to complete her training with us. She will therefore stay with us until the end of the summer term.

#### Christian values

This half term the value we will be focussing on is the value of courage. We will be talking about making brave choices, having the courage to face our fears and worries, being courageous enough to speak out and stand up for what we know is right, having the courage to be honest and admit to our mistakes and recognising courage in others. Talk to your children about courageous decisions you have made in life and the results of this courage on your self-belief.



In PE this week, Year 3 and 4 did orienteering. It was a bit confusing and cold to start with, but once we got started it was fun.

Congratulations to our writers of the half term: William, Samuel, Harry, Jenna, Seb, Thomas and Hermione.

Welcome to Victoria who joined us last half term in Year 1 and welcome back to Jared in Year 6, Caleb in Year 4 and Grace in Reception.

#### Maths Passports

Alex has competed Europe and Jim completed Ireland. Well done!

### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 28 February**—Parents Evening 3.40—8.00

**Wednesday 28 February**—Friends second hand Book Stall.

**Friday 2 March**—Friends popcorn stall after school.

**Thursday 8 March**—Stay & Play Nursery open session 1.30—3.00

**Monday 12/Wednesday 14 March**—Yr 5/6 Residential to Robin Wood

**Thursday 15 March**—KS2 to Methodist Church Easter Trail

**Friday 23 March**—Red Nose Day

—Royal Hall Concert

**Thursday 29 March**—Easter Service at church 2.00

—break for Easter

**Monday 16 April**—return after Easter

#### World Book Day

Thursday 1st March is world book day and the children will be encouraged to 'share a book'. Please could children bring a (named) favourite story into school to share? We also invite children to **come dressed as a book character should they wish**. Many parents have asked about this in the past and have wanted to take part in dressing up. We are happy for this but we are also mindful of the 'commercial nature' of world book day and **DO NOT WANT** families to purchase pre-made costumes for this purpose - this is not what it is all about! A simple home made costume / prop will suffice. Equally children can come to school in their uniform if they do not wish to dress up.

On Monday the junior members of school council attended a joint staff meeting at Fountains Earth School. We were very busy planning and arranging an Easter egg hunt for the end of term. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the children from both of our schools working together.



#### Rugby

Thank you to all of the children who took part in the rugby skills session at Nidderdale High on Wednesday. Dom Wilshaw was the proud recipient of the 'respect' wristband for his kindness and manners on the evening.



As part of our Materials and Buildings topic, children in Early Years had a very interesting visit to the glass blowers in Pateley Bridge. They were fascinated to see the liquid glass dripping off the tubes, being blown into a balloon, having different coloured glass added for the stem and base and finally being cut. They also enjoyed watching the skilful craftsmen making a colourful paperweight.



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