

## Our Christian Values:

Justice

Compassion

Respect

Friendship

Thankfulness

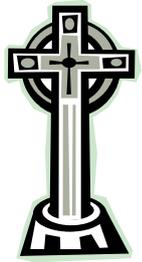
Hope

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**CHRISTIAN VALUE AUTUMN TERM- HOPE**

**GLOBAL THEME – HUMAN RIGHT**



## North Stainley C of E School

### NEWS FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Newsletter Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September



Dear parents / guardians,

Welcome back everyone; I hope you all had a lovely summer.

All your children will settle into their new classes really quickly and slot into their new routines. The class teachers will send out an information sheet with extra information for you this week. Should you have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. After school is best as first thing in the morning the staff need to be in class ensuring a calm and productive start to the school day. Our first formal parent's evening is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We will also be hosting two open mornings this term, when you will be welcome to come in to school and share your children's work and see how they learn.

#### SPELLINGS

We are starting a new very structured approach to spelling this term which is closely aligned to our Read, Write, Inc Phonics programme. The children will be learning through a systematic teaching approach that is continually practiced and reinforced, until spelling knowledge is committed to children's long term memory. They will be spending approximately 15 minutes a day on their spelling work. There is no formal spelling test at the end of every week, rather continual assessments throughout to check progress and inform teaching; then a more formal half termly written assessment of progress.

At home we ask you to practice words the children have written in their spelling book that they have selected from this week's sound pattern. Please sign your name next to the spellings when you think they have mastered them. There will only be 6 or 7 words to practice each week.

#### READING

Every child will be bringing home a banded (levelled) book to read. This ensures children who are good readers continue to challenge themselves with reading and don't get stuck always reading fun but un-challenging books. Next week we will be starting our Reading Challenge!

More information to follow.



#### ATTENDANCE

Please remember how important it is that your child attends school every day. We start teaching at 8.50, the doors are open from 8.45am.

If your child is ill please ensure that you contact school on the first morning off absence via telephone or email.

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#### MUSIC

Mrs Hayley Watkinson will once again be teaching music throughout school on Wednesday afternoons. She will also be running a Choir on Wednesday evenings after school.

Our Year 4 and 5 pupils will also be learning the Ukulele on Wednesday afternoons. They will be taught by a teacher from NYCC County Music Service. I am really excited to see how they get on. The skills they will be learning are transferrable to other stringed instruments.

#### DANCE AND DRAMA

Mrs Rich will once again be working with all our children throughout the school year. She will work with Class 1 and 2 until half term and then just Class 1 until Christmas. Class 2 in the Spring term and Class 3 and 4 in the Summer term. She has had a massive impact on the quality of performance and the engagement of our children in dance and drama. Mrs Rich will be with us on Tuesday morning this year. I'm sure you will all agree last terms performance of Lion King was a resounding success.

#### SWIMMING

This term it is the turn of Class 2 to go to Ripon Swimming Baths to have lessons. Please ensure your children have their costumes, including hats on Fridays.

After Christmas in the Spring term Class 3 will go swimming on Fridays and in the summer term it will be the turn of Class 4.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY more to follow soon

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – School re opens at 8.50am.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Class 3 Trip

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Cluster 5 a-side football tournament

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Ripon Swimming Gala

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2-3.30pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Y3/4 Archery Festival

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Y5/5 Cyclocross

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Celebration Assembly

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Village Harvest Festival 4pm in church followed by Harvest Supper in Village Hall

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half term

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Staff training day

Please contact me if you have any concerns or comments,

Kind regards,

Mrs Elizabeth Watts  
Heateacher.

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