

## Our Christian Values:

Justice  
Compassion  
Respect  
Friendship  
Thankfulness  
Hope  
Resilience  
Truthfulness



### CHRISTIAN VALUE AUTUMN TERM- HOPE GLOBAL THEME – HUMAN RIGHT

## North Stainley C of E School



### NEWS FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Newsletter Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to all our new families; I hope you all had a lovely summer.

#### JUNK MODELLING

Our reception /Y1 children are a very creative bunch and are rapidly using up all our junk modelling boxes. Could we please have donations of small boxes –tea, cereal etc, egg boxes and other small items that are clean and can be used creatively. Toilet rolls are not to be used in school but kitchen roll tubes are great.

Thank you in anticipation.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL

It is the community Harvest Festival on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm in St Mary's Church. This will be the last Harvest Festival led by our wonderful curate Rev Nick Morgan before he moves to his own parish, we wish him all the best for the future. It would be great if we could have as many families as possible to support this community event. The children from school and other community groups will be taking part.

#### MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding our annual MacMillan coffee afternoon. Donations of cakes and biscuits would be gratefully received. If any Parents/ Carers/ Grandparents could help to serve the drinks, please speak to me or a member of FONSS as help would gratefully received. We will be splitting any money raised between MacMillan and our school.

There will be drinks and cakes for all children, so we ask that they bring in £1 on the day, or more if you wish to donate. There will also be a raffle and other games so a little extra money would be useful.

#### FEAST FRIDAYS

We are resuming Feast Fridays. Instead of ice lollies we will be selling cakes and biscuits on Friday afternoons from next week. The money raised goes to school to help us pay for exciting events and activities in school. If you would like your child to take part please send in £1 on Friday's.

#### SINGING

Our school choir is starting to prepare for our January trip to Young Voices at Sheffield Arena. Choir takes place on Wednesday evenings straight after school. Unfortunately Mrs Watkinson was unwell last week but is back in school from this week. It would be fantastic if we could have a big group to take to this exciting, once in a lifetime event.

#### INTERSCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS

Our busy calendar of inter school sports events starts next week with Y2/3/4 taking part in an Archery competition and Y5/6 taking part in a cyclocross competition. There are lots of events in our sporting calendar including; gymnastics, rugby, athletics, swimming, etc

"Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender."

We have also got the Ripon Swimming Gala on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Children who have been asked to represent our school will have a letter coming home in the next few days.

### SPELLINGS

In reception and Y1 our children learn Phonics through the Read, Write Inc programme. This encompasses letter formation, sentence building, reading and sound recognition.

From Year 2, or when they are ready, the children learn spelling through a systematic teaching approach that is continually practiced and reinforced, until spelling knowledge is committed to children's long term memory. They spend 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. Regular checks will be made on their 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. Children will also have Reading Challenge books to enjoy. We are replenishing these boxes for this year.

Please read at home with your children as it is an essential life skill that builds confidence and raises their self-esteem.



### 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.

### 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 3 in the Spring term and Class 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.

### 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

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Y3,4,5 trip to Fountains Abbey

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September – pm Y3/4 -Archery Y5/6 Cyclo cross at Outwood

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September –Swimming Gala, Ripon Swimming Baths

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 1.30-3.30

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October – pm Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October –Break up half term

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Staff Training Day

Please contact me if you have any concerns or comments,

Kind regards,

Mrs Elizabeth Watts

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