

## Our Christian Values:

Justice  
Compassion  
Respect  
Friendship  
Thankfulness  
Hope  
Resilience  
Truthfulness



**CHRISTIAN VALUE AUTUMN TERM- FRIENDSHIP**  
**GLOBAL THEME – DIVERSITY**  
**BRITISH VALUE - TOLERANCE AND MUTUAL RESPECT**

## North Stainley C of E School



### NEWS FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2018

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Dear parents / guardians,

The weeks are rushing by; I can't believe it is October already! I hope your children have settled happily into their classes, where strong teaching and high expectations for academic progress are balanced with a nurturing and supportive approach for all our children and their families.

#### MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you to all of you who attended the MacMillan Coffee afternoon, a special thanks to FONSS who served the drinks and provided some gorgeous cakes. We raised £156 altogether, as you know from the email sent out by Mrs Taylor, we are sharing this between our school and the MacMillan charity.

Well done everyone!

#### HEALTHY SNACKS.

Please can you ensure that your children have a healthy snack for morning break that they keep separately from their lunch. Some children are taking out chocolate biscuits, crisps, etc, often having taken out of their lunch box, which we then have to tell them not to eat- this causes unnecessary upset. We are now asking the children to take their snack into class where they will be stored in a snack box until break. Children should therefore have no need to access their lunch boxes. The children will not be allowed to eat any unhealthy snacks.

Thank you for your support. We are trying educate our children to make healthy choices.

#### PARENT CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY and LUNCH

We would like to invite you to a celebration Assembly and lunch on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The assembly will start at 11.30am in the Village Hall. You are also warmly invited to join us for a school lunch. Mrs Taylor will send out an invitation letter, you will need to book a lunch if you would like one as we only cook the correct amount to avoid waste- both financial and food.

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### INTERSCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS – Cyclo Cross, swimming and Archery

Our children have represented us very well in the above events.

The cycling and archery took place in the rain; the children were brilliant. Our Y5/6 girls won the cycling, our Y5/6 boys would also have won but in the rain our team got confused and stopped before the finish line!

The archery was stopped as the rain worsened.

At this event, our children also won several individual school games attitudes wrist bands for great attitude to competitive sports.

Our swimming team came 6<sup>th</sup> – a great effort.

“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.”

### WORLD MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

We are having a special day in school on World Mental Health Awareness Day. The day will focus on open discussions and learning about mental health and well-being in an age appropriate way. We will look at internet safety with particular regard to cyber bullying; bullying and friendship; anxiety; worries and mindfulness. Please continue to discuss these topics with your children so that they know they have a good support network should the need arise. Mental Wellbeing is an increasing problem in our society and we need to support our young people to be able to recognize when they need help, remove any stigma around mental health and teach them to be mindful of their well-being.

### FRIENDSHIP & BULLYING, TOLERANCE & MUTUAL RESPECT, DIVERSITY

These are our Christian, Global and British Value themes for learning this term. We will be looking at what makes a good friend, the teachings of Jesus, what bullying is and what can we do about it, and discussing tolerance and respect of others. Please discuss these topics with your children to develop their thinking and actions.

### READING

**Please, please** read at home with your children, being a competent reader is an essential life skill that builds confidence and raises their self-esteem. Make it fun and they will love it. If they don't want to read, you read to them. They will enjoy listening and soon want to join in. I continue to be surprised that there are still some children who are never read with at home.



### 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.

Five minutes late a day is 25 minutes learning lost a week, that is 1h 40 minutes a month. Often the children do the same lesson first thing- so children who are late miss the same learning every day.

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

### MISS MARLEY

As a school, we were saddened to hear about the death of the wonderful Miss Marley. She was a huge part of the school for many years and latterly used to love watching the children as they played. Our prayers and thought are with her.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – World Mental Health Awareness Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Celebration assembly and lunch for parents 11.30am Village Hall

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October –Messy Church 3.30-5.00

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Dress Up as a Plant / Insect fundraising day for the Walled Garden

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October –Break up half term

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

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening from 3.40

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas fair in Village Hall

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Messy Church 3.30-5.00

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Cluster Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Y4/5 children to take part.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Nativity Production, Village Hall 5pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime, Harrogate Theatre

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Break up Christmas at 2.30pm.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or comments,

Kind regards,

Mrs Elizabeth Watts

Heateacher.