

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

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Tuesday 23rd October

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Just a couple of days to go until half term, the children are ready for a break. I hope you all have a lovely, restful break, lots of snuggling up playing games and watching films- and of course reading books!

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND TEA TOWELS

Hopefully you have now received your Christmas card order form. The cards are beautifully made, very professional. I am certainly ordering some cards to give out this year. The tea towels also make great stocking fillers!

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

As we did last year, we are asking our Class 1 parents to try and encourage their children to enter school independently by saying good bye at the gate. If you need to speak to the staff, and we warmly invite you to do so, please come at 8.30 or speak at the end of the day. Staff need to get on with teaching and if parents are in the classroom after 8.50 it really interferes with the children's learning time. 10 minutes lost a day is 50 minutes over a week.

I can assure you that all our children are now happily settled, and it is just the moment of parting that is stressful, as soon as parents have left the children all get on happily.

ONLINE SAFETY

Please be aware of the serious dangers of allowing children unsupervised access to the internet. The internet is a wonderful tool that we use frequently, however you need to know what your children are accessing at all times as there are some very inappropriate things that come up even if children make a seemingly harmless search. Mobile phones often have no child blocks on at all. Information to help parents protect their children is available at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/parent-online-support-pack-teachers/>

Grooming often takes place on games where children talk to other game users such as Minecraft. Nearly 30% of online grooming is of children under 10 going online unsupervised, usually in their bedrooms. Be aware and keep your children safe!

Supervision is the key!

DEVICES AND BEDTIME

There has been much research about the harmful effects of technology in bedrooms and there is absolute proof that using a device upsets sleep patterns. Children should not be using devices for at least an hour before bedtime.

This is an excerpt from a recent newspaper article:

“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.”

'Parents have been warned technology should be taken out of children's rooms to ensure they get the rest they need.

Losing as little as an hour's sleep can ruin a child's performance at school, according to the study published in the Journal of Paediatric Psychology.

Pupils who have late nights find maths problems harder to solve and have poorer memory skills.

However, bringing bedtime forward – even by 60 minutes – makes youngsters calmer and better able to concentrate,

The paper's lead author, psychologist Dr Jennifer Vriend, of Dalhousie University in Canada, said: "One of the biggest culprits for inadequate and disturbed sleep is technology.'

Please help your children get a good night's sleep by setting up a calm bedtime routine of bath and story time. This will really help their behaviour, their learning and their enjoyment of life.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Thursday 26th October –Break up half term

Friday 26th October – Staff Training Day

Saturday 3rd November – Jumble Sale, 10am in the Village Hall

Tuesday 13th November – Parents' Evening from 3.40

Friday 16th November – Non –uniform day –Chocolate Tombola Gift (Christmas Fair)

Saturday 24th November – Christmas fair in Village Hall

Monday 26th November – Advent Messy Church 3.30-5.00

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

Tuesday 11th December – Christmas Nativity Production, Village Hall 5pm

Thursday 13th December – Pantomime, Harrogate Theatre

Friday 21st December – Break up Christmas at 2.30pm.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or comments,

Kind regards,

Mrs Elizabeth Watts

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