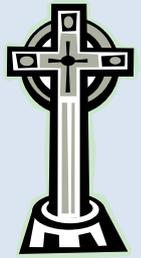


## Our Christian Values:

*Justice*  
*Compassion*  
*Respect*  
*Friendship*  
*Thankfulness*  
*Hope*  
*Resilience*  
*Truthfulness*



**CHRISTIAN VALUE SPRING TERM- Perseverance / Resilience**  
**GLOBAL THEME – Diversity**

## North Stainley C of E School

### NEWS FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Newsletter 1 Spring Term 2018

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January



Dear parents / guardians,  
Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely, peaceful Christmas and New Year. Hopefully you managed to spend some quality time together. It seemed to pass very quickly and now feels as if we have never been away. It has been lovely seeing all the children again and hearing all their news.

This is a short half term (5 weeks) and very busy, we have planned lots of exciting events and activities for the children and hope they fun and learn lots.

#### AMAZING BOOKS

Our whole school theme this term is Amazing Books. The children are excited about The Reading Challenge; several have already come to tell me that they have finished books from the lists. Please continue to encourage them, ask them what they are reading and share the books with them. You could even complete a book review at home if you would like! The key to this is enjoyment and engagement.

#### BREAKFAST AND A BOOK -Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

A date for your diary! Straight after half term we will again be having a Breakfast and a Book session. We invite parents and / or grandparents to come into school, have a croissant or pain au chocolat and a drink and share a book with your child. This takes place between 8.30 and 9.30 so hopefully if you need to dash off to work you can still come in.

As always you are always welcome in school, be it to hear readers every week, occasionally or just once. You might come on a school trip or have something interesting to share with the children. Please do come in, we love having parents in school.

#### GUEST READER OF THE WEEK

We will also be having –Guest Readers of the Week. This is so that our children hear about other people’s enjoyment of reading and are not just listening to the staff talking about how fantastic and how important it is. Our guest readers can read in assembly to the whole school, or every class individually or in just one class, depending on how confident they feel. It can be the beginning of the day, the end of the day or any time in between, to suit our guest readers. They only need to commit to one visit into school. It would be great to have some mums, dads, grandparents or older siblings read with us in school. If you think you can become a Guest Reader of the Week, please speak to a member of staff. Thank you.



“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.”

## FONSS

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing FONSS team. They do a fabulous job of raising funds for the school. The auction before Christmas was a brilliant idea and a great success. They raised an amazing £465. Thank you all so much.

## RAINBOW FACTORY – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Class 1 and 2 will be visiting The Rainbow Factory to take part in a day of Stories, drama and creativity.

## NEVER SUCH INNOCENCE – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January pm

Year 6 will be attending an event commemorating the First World War at RAF Leeming. The event will be attended by schools, press and VIPs. The children will be performing a poem they have written and entering a competition for Artwork.

Never Such Innocence is a charity established to engage young people (aged 9-16) in commemorating the Great War through poetry, art and music.

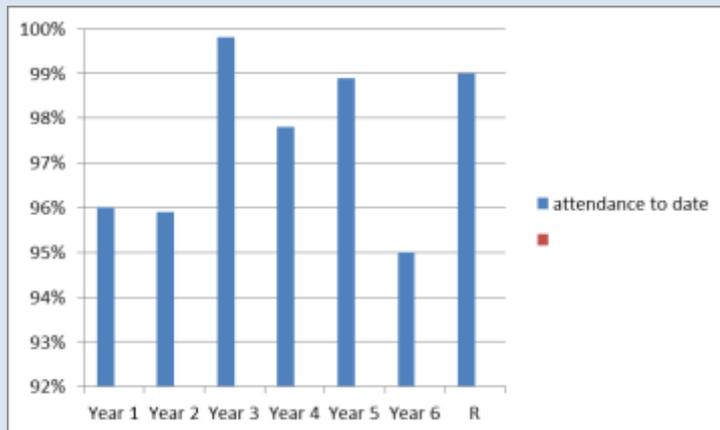
## SWIMMING

Class 3 (Y4/5) will be going swimming on Friday mornings. They go to Ripon swimming baths.

## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance in most Year groups is above national, hopefully we will not have an epidemic so we can keep our children in school, learning and having fun.

Whatever Y3 parents are giving their children, can we all have some – what a healthy bunch!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Class 1 and 2 visit The Rainbow Factory

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 take part in Never Such Innocence, WW1 Commemoration event

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 11.30 – Parent Celebration Assembly and lunch

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Billy Bob Buttons children's author in school

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Science Week

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Meeting Y5/6 Lake District Residential 3.30-4.30

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Break

Please contact me if you have any concerns or comments,

Kind regards,

Mrs Elizabeth Watts

Heateacher.