

Our Christian Values:

Justice
Compassion
Respect
Friendship
Thankfulness
Hope
Resilience
Truthfulness



CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM- RESPECT
GLOBAL THEME – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

North Stainley C of E School

NEWS FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Newsletter 2 Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 8th February

Make a
NOISE
about bullying
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are well on the way to half term now and hopefully spring is just around the corner.

E-SAFETY – PUPILS AND PARENTS



E-Safety is a very important topic and very much in the news at the moment. All children have access to the internet through mobile phones, Ipads, computers etc. It is essential they understand how to keep themselves safe and for the older children the implications and legalities around social media. As parents it is essential that you understand this as well in order to protect and support your children. I do hope most of you will attend the presentation I have organised to inform and support you.

After consulting with you about times it is clear the earlier slot of 3.30-5.30 is the most popular. We will be putting on a film night as well as the usual computer club. Please let us know if you will be attending and if you would like your child/children to stay to the film night. A pro-forma will be sent out.

READING AT HOME



I have been carrying out some research in school about the impact reading at home has on pupils' reading standards but also their engagement with reading and the enjoyment they get out of it. It is very clear from my research that reading at home has a **massive** impact on pupils' learning but also on their love of books- which they will take with them for the rest of their lives.

Parents may see reading with children as a chore and just another thing they need to try to squeeze in to their busy schedule. It is absolutely vital that you give your children the support at home that they need. It is impossible for us to hear every child in school read for 15 minutes, a class of 16 children would take 4 hours per day. Your children are young for such a short period of time, please give your children the best start in life by spending a bit of time with them at home reading. Older children also benefit from sharing a book and discussing the plot, your children will really appreciate and enjoy the time you spend together. The relationship between low attainment and lack of parental support in reading is very clear.

NORTH STAINLEY'S GOT TALENT



As you know we are in the process of planning this years' North Stainley's Got Talent. There is already a buzz of excitement in school as children decide what they would like to perform. FONSS are hoping to provide supper, watch this space for further details.

"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."

LIGHTWATER VALLEY RUN



It's that time of year again. Our fabulous FONSS team has been working really hard to get ready for this year's bigger and better race. We are hoping it will be a record turn-out. Please volunteer to help. We really need marshals. Thank you in anticipation.

PUNCTUALITY

A reminder that school starts at **8.50am**. We start letting children in around 8.45, gates shut at 8.50 when everyone should be inside. The children are settled and starting lessons by 9am. Please ensure your child is not late as it is very disruptive and being late is not a good habit to let your children get into for future life. We now have several regular late arrivers; this is a really bad habit to get into. Please arrive on time.

ATTENDANCE.

Our target attendance for all our pupils is 98%. You have to be here to be learning!

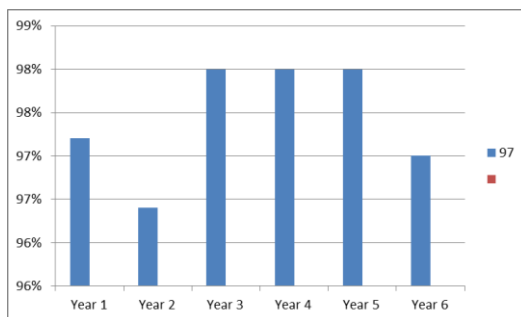


TABLE MANNERS AT LUNCHTIME

We have a new lunchtime routine which is working well and the children's behavior is excellent. We are now having a big push on table manners-saying please and thankyou and holding a knife and fork properly. This is an important life skill. Please practice correct use of a knife and fork at home. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday mornings – Swimming Class 2
- Friday 17th February – Parent Sharing Assembly
- Friday 17th February –break up half term
- Thursday 2nd March –World Book Day –dress up as your favourite book character
- E-Safety training - Parent Presentation 3.30-5.30
- Sunday 5th March – Lightwater Valley Run
- Monday 6th March –Y5/6 Netball tournament
- Monday 6th March – Parents Evening – appointments available next week.
- Friday 10th March – Non uniform day –Bring a Prize for our Raffle (Chocolate or pamper hamper)
- Thursday 23rd March –North Stainley's Got Talent 5.00-7.30pm
- Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day –details to follow
- Tuesday 28th March –Growth Mindsets Presentation by children and Tony Swainston 9.15 – 10.15 or 3.15 -4.15.
- Monday 3rd April –Y1/2 cluster football tournament
- Wednesday 5th April -2pm Easter Production
- Thursday 6th April -5pm Easter Performance
- Friday 7th April – break up for Easter at 2.30pm.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or comments,
Kind regards,
Mrs Elizabeth Watts
Heateacher.