

Our Christian Values:

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CHRISTIAN VALUE SUMMER TERM- JUSTICE GLOBAL THEME – INTERDEPENDENCE

North Stainley C of E School

NEWS FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Newsletter 3 Summer Term 2017

Thursday 22nd June



Dear parents / guardians,

New teacher for next Year

After holding interviews we successfully appointed a new teacher for our Y4/5 class next year. His name is Mr Dodd and you will all be meeting him soon.

Class structure for next year:

13 children R/Y1 – Miss Gregory & Mrs Gray
15 children Y2/Y3 – Ms Wilson (Mrs Watts on Friday)
23 children Y4/Y5 – Mr Dodd & Mrs MacArthur
10 children Y6 – Miss Williamson.

Specialist teachers

Madame Heap – French (Thursday afternoon)
Mrs Watkinson – Music (Monday afternoon)
Mrs Rich – Dance and drama (Tuesday morning)
Mr Hills – Wider Opportunities music Year 4 and 5.
Mr Crabtree – Computing Club
Peripatetic music teachers:
Deborah Lumb (clarinet and flute) and Jed Thomas

Mrs Thompson will continue to teach Phonics and children in need of extra support.

All our classes are wonderfully small and our children are very well supported. Please do speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns.

Miss Lord

As you will all be aware our wonderful Miss Lord is leaving on an exciting adventure to Dubai. We are collecting for her leaving present, should you wish to contribute, please send money into school in a clearly marked envelope.

East Barnby

The Year 5 and 6 children went to East Barnby from 5th to 9th June. They had an amazing time and took part in a range of exhilarating outdoor activities from body boarding to mountain biking. Their behavior was outstanding and although the accommodation was 'snug' they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. As Miss Williamson is a KS2 moderator I was lucky enough to be with them on Wednesday and Friday (the sunny days!).



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France 2017

A group of Year 5 and 6 pupils went to France last week with Ms Wilson and myself. We went with three other schools so there was quite a big group of us. The children were fantastic at using their French language skills and had a fabulous time. Again their behaviour was superb and they were a joy to be with.



Trying goats cheese.



Holding a snail at a snail farm, before trying garlic snails.



Shopping in a French market.

Before the holidays I was in a school that told me they were having a 'French day' to cover their French National Curriculum requirements for the whole year. Our children really do get a fantastic deal with French and other non-core learning opportunities.

NEW STARTERS IN SEPTEMBER

We are delighted to welcome our new children who are due to start in September as Reception. We held a new parents' meeting on Tuesday 20th June at 5.30pm. There will then be several transition days for your children to come in to school to get to know their new teachers and new friends. Miss Gregory and Mrs Gray have visited your children in their nursery placements to discuss their progress with the staff there and ensure a smooth transition to school.

Dates for transition days:

Wednesday 28th June -1-3.30pm

Friday 7th July -1-3.30pm

Wednesday 12th July -12.00-3.30 to share a lunch in school with their parents.

Ripon Rural Arts Festival – Monday 26th June.

Our school has arranged a celebration of The Arts for our local primary schools. There will be a shared lunch then a selection of local schools will perform within the ruins of Fountains Abbey. I will send home two free tickets for every child in Y5 and 6. If you can't make it please pass on the tickets to someone else, it would be great to have lots of parents/ relatives/ friends there. It is only for the afternoon, we will be back by 3.30pm. I hope to see you there!

Year 4/5 Instrument Tuition 2017-18.

Our school is absolutely fabulous at The Arts and as a result we are applying for Arts Mark Gold Award. The area that we would like to develop is increasing the number of pupils playing a musical instrument. Some of our pupils have instrumental tuition through one of our peripatetic music tutors but we would like to increase this number. We are therefore arranging for all pupils in Y4 and 5 (Mr Dodd's new class) to learn an instrument through the Wider Opportunities programme.

Mr Hills from the music service will be coming in to school to teach all pupils to read music and play the Ukulele. The school will be providing instruments but should you wish your child to have their own instrument to practice on at home please feel free to purchase one. We have chosen the Ukulele as it is cheap to buy, easy to play and sounds good in a group. The skills are also transferrable to other instruments.

The brands we will be using are: Puretone and Mahalo. They retail for under £30.00



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Tuesday 20th June -5.30 New parents' meeting
Wednesday 21st June – Year 6 Alpa Mare leavers trip
Monday 26th June – Ripon Rural Cluster Arts Festival at Fountains Abbey.
Wednesday 28th June –New starters 1-3.30pm
Wednesday 28th June –Y3/4 Change 4 life at Outwood
Thursday 29th June –Y5/6 3D printing project with Mr Crabtree and our own 3D printer.
Friday 30th June –Y5/6 VX Festival-Ripon Grammar
Monday 3rd July –Y6 Crucial Crew
Tuesday 4th July – Leavers Service –Ripon Cathedral 1.30
Wednesday 5th July –Sports Afternoon 1pm
Thursday 6th July –Y5/6 Rounders –Outwood
Friday 7th July –Year 4 –Big Write –Royal Hall, Harrogate
Friday 7th July –New starters in 1-3.30pm
Monday 10th July –Wednesday 12th July- Year 3 / 4 residential trip to Robin Wood
Wednesday 12th July –New starters in for lunch with parents 12.00-3.30pm
Friday 14th July –Y5 STEM day Ripon Grammar School
Wednesday 19th July -2pm End of term Production
Thursday 20th July -5pm End of term Production
Friday 21st July –Break up 2.30pm

Please contact me if you have any concerns or comments,

Kind regards,

Mrs Elizabeth Watts

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