

# North Stainley C of E School

## Spring 2 News Letter

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Thank you to all of our staff, children and volunteer helpers for a wonderful, busy and productive term. Please continue to read this newsletter and find out some of the things we have been up to. There is definitely, never a dull moment here at our little school in North Stainley. We may be small but we have huge aspirations!

**Our School is us we will grow blossom and flourish**



### Happy Easter.

**Luke 24: 6 – 7** He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'

### Wellbeing Champions

On Thursday 31st March our newly appointed Wellbeing Champions Tom Blenkinsop, Jasmine Littlewood and William Gains, represented our school at the Champions for Wellbeing meeting. This was a meeting of representatives of 11 similar, small, rural schools in the Ripon area. The agenda at this first meeting was set around discussing what good mental health and wellbeing looked like in our schools, the barriers we have to this positive wellbeing and a sharing of ideas on how each school addresses these barriers.

We finished the meeting with a lot of ideas and a task to contribute towards a pupil mental health and wellbeing policy for our schools.



### Dates for the diary..

- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Cricket 1-3
- 29<sup>th</sup> April – Class 1 balance bike morning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Ronny Kripper Ripon Cathedral Choir Assembly
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – FONSS AGM meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – Children's First Aid day
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – SATS WEEK Y6
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – Skip2bFit
- 16<sup>th</sup> May – SATS WEEK Y2
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Special children's lunch
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May 20<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> July Class 2&3 Weekly Tennis PM
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – Jubilee Lunch to include parents.
- 6<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics check Y1
- 13<sup>th</sup> June - Multiplication check Y4
- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Light Water Valley – Whole School
- 16<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos & leavers Photos 9am
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – Cathedral Organ Concert – class 2&3
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day RESERVE
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Learn Moore Dallowgill Estate.
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - Class 2&3 Tennis PM
- 12<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Production (AM & PM)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – July – School Summer Fun Afternoon
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Leavers lunch, Y6 parents invited
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Leavers service

## World Book Day.

As always World Book Day was a 'fun-fabulous' event in school. Everyone dressed up and had a great day reading stories, writing stories, role playing and making shoe box scenes from books. There were also author visits that made the day extra special.



## Comic Relief and Ukraine Fund Raising

Our Charity Ambassadors ran fund raising events on 2 consecutive Fridays in March. These were the bi-annual event of comic relief and an extra ordinary event raising money for those affected by conflict in the Ukraine. Well done to our Ambassadors for showing advocacy and to all of our children who contributed by taking part.



## Easter Events

The predominant festival of the Christian Calendar Easter is always a time of year that North Stainley school really like to celebrate. With the easing of restrictions we have been able to plan a number of events including friends and family being able to join us for an Easter Lunch and an Easter Service.

Natasha and Elisa organised a club Easter party after school, including lots of fun and games.

And of course there was 'Eggstraordinary' activities that included egg hunts, egg decorating and egg rolling.



## Light Water Valley Challenge is Back!!

Once again Friends of North Stainley School were able to organise the Light Water Valley Challenge. A 10km run through the beautiful countryside that surrounds our village. The sun shone and we had a number of runners for both the 10km and the 3km challenges. Along with raffles, sponsorship and a food van FONSS were able to make a profit of £2600. This all goes into the school funds and enables all of our children to take part in enrichments to their learning that otherwise might not be accessed.

Such a big event requires a lot of hard work and organisation.

***Therefore we would like to thank Amy Watson, Rachel Stelling, Sarah Mcgavin, Sarah Blenkinsop, Richard Blenkinsop, Rebecca Morley and Kate Khan for all the hours of work that went it to making this event such a success.***

We would also like to thank all the parent and village volunteers who came along to marshal, cheer on and hand out drinks and jelly babies to the runners. These extra touches are what make our run so special.



## Purple and White Ribbon.

This half term a number of purple ribbons have been awarded for showing our values both in children's commitment to learning or in friendships and personal development.

White ribbons have been awarded to Benjamin Morely, Hector Watson, Luke Inman, George Lymer, Sammy Robinson, Mia Edwards, Annie Horner, Tom Blenkinsop, Esme Stelling, Daisy Lloyd Wood, Charlotte Houghton, Ted Flintoft. For going that extra mile and achieving something extra special. VERY WELL DONE!!



## House Points and Attendance Champions.

The house to achieve the most house points this half term were Clover (Green) House with 293 points. Remember you can wear what you want on Friday the 29th of April!!



**Attendance champions** this half term were year 1 who have achieved 93% attendance Very Well Done!!

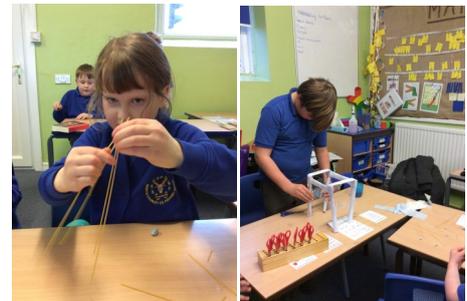
**Clubs:** Clubs have been thriving in school this half term.

Young Foodies is always a firm favourite with the children. This half term they have been learning about Healthy eating and balanced diets, cooking up treats such as pasta bake and shepherd pie.

Tuesday's skills club have encouraged children to choose and improve at a number of skills from bat and ball skills to writing, drawing and puzzles.

Wednesday's club has been all about STEM, here children have been designing structures using only spaghetti and blu tac, coding with SCRATCH, designing rollercoasters using tubes and helicopter propellers.

Thursday sports club have managed to get outside for a number of ball skills sessions this half term.



## Indian Links

Years 2 to 4 have been forging links with an International School in Mumbai India.

The C P Goenka International School contacted North Stainley school and have had 2 meetings over ZOOM, in the first session the children were introduced to each other and a second session where the Indian children taught Years 2-4 about making a clock and the children here at North Stainley shared their work on flap books representing days of the week. We are hoping to continue to build this relationship further in the future.



**Class 1** have looked at how we use our ICT skills to do research on the I pads. The children were given some questions and they had to use their navigation and research skills to find the answers on our very own school website!

Reception have been looking at the natural world outside, and have set themselves not only one but TWO of their very own experiments involving ice and snow! They watched to see what would happen to the ice if left outside and we made predictions. Following on from this, last week a snowman was built and this time they all knew what to predict correctly!



**Class 2** have been very busy learning songs for the Easter Service. The children are looking forward to sharing them with you at the end of term. In Design and Technology the children have been making bread and learning about where food comes from. We took part in a virtual lesson with Harlow Carr and found out about the importance of eating seasonal produce and reducing airmiles. The children adapted a bread recipe and added different ingredients to their individual bread. These ranged from chocolate chips, strawberries, raspberries, garlic and even Australian Smoked Cheese. The results were delicious!



**Class 3** In Class 3 we have started a new book; *The Week at World's End* by Emma Carroll. We actually met the author online when she visited The Little Ripon Bookshop. She read extracts from the book and talked about it, we are enjoying it so far.

In science we have completed some interesting investigations following Mars Day and a visit from the planetarium. We found out about how craters are formed on the surface of Mars. Also, we had a go at making rockets in order to get there!

In food technology with Miss Foulds, we learnt about nutrition and how we can get a balanced diet. We had a lovely time making some very tasty spicy vegetable pasta and learnt many new skills in the process.

We have also been finding out about Alexander Selkirk and we have produced some super presentations about him. Linking in with this work, we wrote and performed some fabulous sea shanties.

