



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, a Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

15th September 2017



We have got to a fantastic start with attendance of 97.9% for the first week back which is above our target of 97%. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Airedale, Wharfedale and Nidderdale who all achieved 99%.

New term, new hall!

During the summer the hall has been refurbished – the ceiling has been replaced, walls painted, floor sanded and new blinds installed. It is quite a transformation! We have also installed new gym equipment funded through our sports funding that will provide more challenge and opportunities for development in PE lessons. Wensleydale were the first class to try it out!



Welcome

Welcome back to all our children and welcome to the school all those children who have started this term.

We would also like to welcome new staff to the school. Ms Duncan starts with us as the Nidderdale teacher and Mr Douglass returns to teach Wharfedale. We also welcome Mrs Keighley, Mrs Hannan, Miss Yates and Miss Watmuff who will be providing additional support in KS2.

Help please!

Do you have any unwanted lego, board games, traditional games e.g. jenga, dominoes, draughts etc. We would love to have them in school to encourage games and for wet playtimes. Please leave at the office. Thank you.



Thank You!

Thank you to Miss Podmore and Mr Donizetti, from GP Landscape Design and Maintenance, who are parents of George in Ribblesdale. They kindly volunteered to look after our 'Living Wall' surrounding the sand pit in the outdoor area and the planters during the Summer holiday. Frequent watering was needed during the six week break and we have returned to school to fabulously healthy plants so thank you very much from all of us in Foundation Stage!

Volunteer readers!

If you have a spare morning or afternoon Malhamdale would love it if you could come and hear them read on a weekly basis. Please see Mrs Moon for details.

Achievement Assembly

The award for Catholic value each week can be for any of the values. These are forgiveness, tolerance, justice, truth, humility, dignity, service and integrity.

Congratulations to the following who embodied the value week ending 8th September:

Ribblesdale: Elissia

Malhamdale: Keian

Airedale: Julia

Wharfedale: Kayden

Nidderdale: Iona

Wensleydale: Alanya

Well done to everyone who worked hard at being the best they could be this week.

Dates for your diary

September

Monday 18th – Netball @ Sandylands 3.45pm to 4.45pm

Thursday 21st – Wensleydale canoeing trip on Skipton Canal

Monday 25th – Netball @ Sandylands 3.45pm to 4.45pm

October

Monday 2nd – Netball @ Sandylands 3.45pm to 4.45pm

Monday 9th– Malhamdale (Y1) parents information meeting 2.30pm

Monday 9th - Netball Finals 3.45pm to 4.45pm

Monday 16th– Malhamdale trip to Skipton Castle

Monday 16th– Sports Hall Athletics Year 5 & 6 3.45pm to 4.45pm

Friday 20th– Whole School Mass

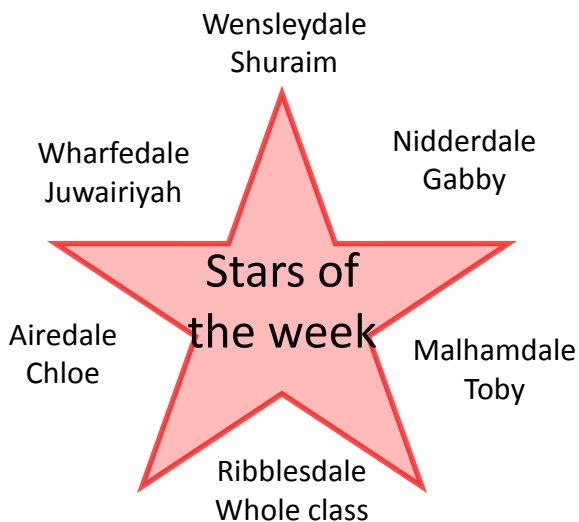
Friday 20th– School closes for half term

Monday 30th– school reopens for half term

November

Monday 8th – School photographs

Monday 13th – “Wind in the Willow” musical theatre



Thank you FOSS

We started the new term with new tables and benches for lunchtimes. It is a much nicer environment in which the children can have lunch. FOSS have bought these for the school with funds raised during the year. Thank you to FOSS and for all your continued support.



Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. We have various hours and days available from Monday to Friday and 11.30am to 1.00pm. The salary range is SCP 7-9 £7.58-£7.76 per hour dependent on experience. Please ask at the school office or see the school website for further details.

Bike & Breakfast

FOSS are holding a Bike & Breakfast event this Sunday to raise funds for the school. Riders can do a 4.5 mile lap as many times as they wish starting from the school every 30 minutes. Breakfast can be bought from the school hall. It runs from 6.30am to 11 am. A children's bike skills activity will take place in the school playground from 10am to 12 noon.

Mass Times at St. Stephen's church

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

Sunday 6.00pm

The first Sunday in every month is **Family Mass** at St. Stephen's church. Please come along and join us for Mass.