



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

Newsletter

20th October 2017



After a good start to the year attendance dropped to 94.9% last week which is below our target of 97%. Please ensure where possible that children attend school on time. Thank you for your support. Congratulations to Nidderdale who achieved 98.5%.

Ripon Pilgrimage

7 children from Year 6 attended Mass at Ripon Cathedral on 18th October as part of the diocesan pilgrimage to Ripon. They joined with members of the Parish and Mass was a joyous celebration. They behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school and their families.



Malhamdale trip to Skipton Castle

Malhamdale had an exciting trip to Skipton Castle this week as part of their topic on 'Dark Knights and Dingy Castles'. The children were very well behaved and learnt about the history and secrets of the castle including how it felt to be locked in the dungeon!

Thank you to Miss Carroll, Mr Gotting and Mrs Davies who all volunteered to help with the trip.



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.



Open Days

St. Stephen's are holding open days for prospective parents and children on:
Thursday 16th November 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 23rd November 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 28th November 9.30am to 11.30am
Please call the school to make an appointment.

This week's 'Think'

Would you rather be 'smart' in appearance or 'smart' in cleverness?



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 for the weeks ending 29th September, 6th and 13th October:

Ribblesdale: Betsy, Zachary and Finley

Malhamdale: Freddie, Ria and Maisie

Airedale: Bella, Madeline and Lexii-Lou

Wharfedale: Alex W, Oscar F and Amanda

Nidderdale: Caitlyn, Raphael and Aidan

Wensleydale: Kaitlin, Jasmine and Eliza

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

Clothing collection

Do you have any unwanted clothes, paired shoes or handbags? If so please bring them into school on Friday 10th November to raise funds for the school and the Fire fighters Charity. Bags for these will be sent home after half term.

Please bring any good quality second hand clothing, paired shoes or handbags. No school uniforms or bedding please.

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. If your children have outgrown their wellies Nursery would like them - size 10+ please.

Please leave at the office. Thank you.



Dates for your diary

October

Friday 20th – Whole School Harvest Mass 2.00pm

Friday 20th – School closes for half term

Monday 30th – School reopens

November

Thursday 2nd – Fire Officer workshops on fire safety for KS1 and KS2

Wednesday 8th – School photographs

Wednesday 8th – Parents' Evening

Thursday 9th – Parents' Evening

Friday 10th – Clothing bags pick up

Monday 13th – "Wind in the Willow" musical theatre

Tuesday 14th – KS1 Mass at Church

Thursday 16th – Open Morning for prospective parents and children 9.30am to 11.30am

Thursday 23rd - Open Afternoon for prospective parents and children 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Tuesday 28th – Open Morning for prospective parents and children 9.30am to 11.30am

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.

Wensleydale
Georgia, Tommy
and Marcus

Wharfedale
Lily H, Oscar
and Juwariyah

Nidderdale
Sean, Isobel and
Aidan

Stars of
the week

Airedale
Alex, Isabella
and Kuba

Malhamdale
Julian, Viktor and
Patrick

Ribblesdale
Grace, Emily and
Esme

The Golden Book
Gabby (Nidderdale) and Tommy
(Wensleydale)

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.

