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NEWSLETTER

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May this new generation of your men and women come to know you, Christ the Universal King.

Amen



Good afternoon everyone. So here we are approaching the end of November already. In the past two weeks we have enjoyed visits from Sister Maureen to Reception and Year 1, a Year 6 Assembly, a Year 4 and Year 3 Mass, Year 6 have been to the Black Country Museum (and been down the mine which was a little scary I think!). We have taken part in two football matches against Corpus Christi (with a third going on right now!). Nursery and Reception parents have been to reading meetings held in the school this week and all the usual activities such as brass and swimming have continued go on.

This week the stage has gone up in school and rehearsals for our nativity plays are underway—I can report that all is calm at the moment, there have been no stray sheep, or missing stars and everyone appears to have a Mary and Joseph! All is well.

We are looking forward to a fun filled final month of school before Christmas.

2 Congratulations Mr Kelly

I am incredibly proud (if a little sad) to inform you that Mr Kelly will be leaving us at Christmas to become Headteacher of St Andrew's Catholic Primary School. It is a great achievement and we wish him nothing but happiness and luck on his new adventure. I have already told him nothing will ever beat St Cuthbert's but his talents and skills are needed elsewhere.

Now don't panic—there was a life at St Cuthbert's before Mr Kelly and there will one after he leaves us. The governors and I have agreed to put a new staffing structure in place for the next two terms and although there will be a transition period I have every confidence. Don't worry I'm not planning on going anywhere!

New Staffing Structure

Mr Wilson and Mrs Hodson will become Assistant Headteachers. They will remain in class and continue with their teaching responsibilities but will support me in the running and management of the school. They are experienced teachers and wonderful colleagues and I have no doubt we will make an excellent team.

Mr O'Rourke will begin to take on the responsibility of SEND across the school. He will also continue his class teaching role and for two terms Mr Samuels and I will be supporting Mr O'Rourke overseeing SEND.

We will be holding a meeting for all parents of children with Special Needs on Wednesday 6th December at 9:00am to explain the transition of SEND over the next two terms.

In terms of the teaching that Mr Kelly does, Year 6, I will be supporting Mr Wilson on Thursday mornings after Christmas and Mr O'Rourke will be taking over Mr Kelly's Booster Class on a Thursday after school. Year 5 PPA will be covered by Mrs Harries on a Thursday afternoon.

It is always challenging to face change but be assured that all will be well.

Reception Applications

This a reminder to parents of children in the Nursery and parents of children who will be school aged by September 2018 (4 years old by September 2018). Applications are due in by January 16th 2018. Please make sure that you complete your applications on line, if you have any difficulty or need some help come into the school office and they will happily help you.

Weekly Attendance for
St Cuthbert's:

96.61%

Class Weekly Attendance

Reception— 92.335

Year 1— 98.6%

Year 2— 91.3%

Year 3— 97.4%

Year 4— 94.8%

Year 5— 99.3%

Year 6— 96.6%

Many congratulations to Michael in Year 5 and Fabian in Reception who won the weekly attendance award.

At present Year 5 are in the lead on our attendance leader board with Year 6 and Year 4 not too far behind them.

Keep it up everyone.

Dates for the diary

Mass—Sunday 26th November

10:30am

Tuesday 28th November—
Year 2 trip Blakesley Hall

Tuesday 28th November—
Year 5 and 6 Swimming

Wednesday 29th November—Flu immunisations Reception to Year 4

Friday 1st December—Year
2 Mass

Tuesday 5th December—
Swimming Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 6th December—
Gift Night 3:30pm

Thursday 7th December—
School Photographs

Friday 8th December—Year
5 Mass.

Please do remember to look at the school website for additional dates and information.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs

Football

Many congratulations to the boys of St Cuthbert's Football Team who have been victorious for the last two weeks. They have played both the A and B sides from Corpus Christi and beaten them both times.

They are currently playing in a competition at John Henry Newman—I will let you know how they get on. Congratulations to Callum G, Pharen, Finley, Oscar, Daniels, Emmet and Corey (Year 6) and Michael (Year 5)

My thanks also go to Mr Wilson and Mr O'Rourke who have given up their time to organise the matches.

Corpus Christi Church—School Mass

We will be presenting Mass at Corpus Christi Church, this Sunday, **Sunday 26th November at 10:30am**. This is youth Sunday and also the time of the parish visitation by the Bishop. Please make a note of this date in your diary as it is always wonderful to share a celebration of Mass in the parish with our wonderful children. It is also the time when Year 3 and Year 6 children who will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion or Confirmation this year are presented to the Parish.

I am a little worried that St Cuthbert's won't be fully represented on Sunday, we are a great community and I am asking that you make the effort to come to Mass on Sunday to celebrate that community. It will also be Mr Kelly's last Mass in the parish before he leaves.

I do hope to see as many children there as possible.

Gift Night

Our annual gift night will be held on Wednesday 6th December after school. We are changing the format a little this year in the hope to make it more interactive for you and your child. This year you will be able to make a Christmas Card (there will be glitter and sequins, felt tip pens and glue). We will then post the cards in the local area and to members of our community. We will ask for a donation of £1 and then this money will go towards a Homeless Centre to support the work they do over the Christmas period. Please do come along, the hall, the library and the Year 5 and 6 classrooms will be set up for you to use. Take the stress out of the day and be creative for 20 minutes after school—what could be better.

School Photographs

My apologies for not getting the school photographs booked and in place earlier this year.; due to my absence last year this was one of the things we didn't get booked in. Individual and family photographs will be taken on Thursday 7th December throughout the morning. If you wish to have a family photograph with younger sibling (i.e. babies and toddlers) then Dawn our photographer will take those from 8:30am on the 7th.

I am afraid that photographs ordered won't be ready for Christmas but will be ready for the New Year. Once again I am sorry for this oversight.

Christmas Dates in School

Tuesday 12 December—Year 2 Play at 2:15pm

Wednesday 13th December—Year 3 and Year 4 Plays—7:00pm

Thursday 14th December—Reception/Year 1 Play—2:15pm

Thursday 14th December—Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Service 7:00pm at Corpus Christi Church

Friday 15th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Party Day—non uniform.

Friday 22nd December—School Breaks for Christmas at 2:00pm