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Today is the memorial of St Timothy and St Titus.

They became disciples of Jesus through the Apostle St Paul and dedicated their lives to spreading The Good News.

Good afternoon! I always try to start the newsletter on either on a Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning. This morning I am looking at a very pretty sunrise outside the office window—the first hint of slightly lighter mornings! It is making me smile,

1 We are now ending our third week of this term—it is just going so quickly. This week we had the delight of a Year 5 assembly which sent us all into the day with a smile on our face and we also had a lovely Reconciliation meeting with the parents and children of Year 3.

2 Thank you to our wonderful parish priest—Father Andrew- and equally as lovely parish sister—Sister Maureen for supporting us at the meeting. Mrs Ireland (school governor) was also present; as a community we all felt incredibly well supported.

3 So another week has flown past and we prepare to think about week 4 and all the things coming up in the Spring term.

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School Disco

2 Wow—we love a disco at St Cuthbert's. Thank you so much to all the children who came to support the school disco. There were some very smart moves being displayed on the dance floor and not just by Mr Gallagher! It was a great success and you raised over £250, which is tremendous; this will allow us to complete the prayer garden, to buy flowers, some more paint and tiles. We will be officially opening the prayer garden to celebrate the season of Easter after our Easter holidays.

2 Many, many thanks to Mr Whitmore (our really rather wonderful site manager) for being a resident DJ and Mrs Sutherland, Mrs Dennis, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Romilio who volunteered to support the event and run the photo booth. Photographs will be on the website soon. My thanks also to all the staff who stayed behind (on a Friday) to support the disco and Mrs Hoyle and Miss Debono who supported the organisation and logistics of the event. (Reading this back it sounds like I'm giving an Oscars acceptance speech!)

Reconciliation details

Many thanks to the parents who attended the Reconciliation meeting on Wednesday evening. It was great to see you all. As promised the details are:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation—Thursday 22nd March

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Corpus Christi Church

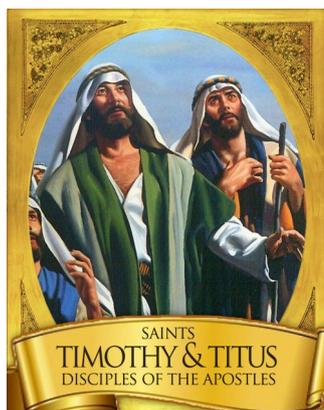
Please ensure the children wear school uniform.

Health and Safety Fortnight

Throughout the last two weeks of this half term all classes will be focusing on different aspects of Health and Safety. Each class will look at specific aspect of keeping safe or being healthy during the first week and then many classes will focus on online safety in the final week.

We will give you details of the areas that your child/children will be studying and any extra investigating that you wish to do with your child is always welcome.

Remember that we do try to put up useful links and guidance for online safety on our website for you to follow. The digital age is a great thing but it does carry its dangers and we need to support our children as best we can in keeping safe on line.



Weekly Attendance for
St Cuthbert's:

95.83%

Class Weekly Attendance

Reception— 95%

Year 1— 94%

Year 2— 95.1%

Year 3— 94.8%

Year 4— 97.3%

Year 5— 98.6%

Year 6— 95%

Congratulations to Year
5 who won the attend-
ance for last two
weeks—are they un-
stoppable or will anoth-
er class catch up? Well
done Year 5

Attendance

Congratulations to Nathan in Year 4 and Liam in Year 5 who won the weekly attendance for the last two weeks.

As I keep saying and will continue to say, attendance is vitally important to your child and the progress they make. Please ensure your child's attendance is as high as possible. Could we also remind you to phone in if the children are ill and unable to attend school, otherwise we will be chasing you up. We have to ensure that we know why children are absent and that they are safe.

Finally if you do have a change of contact number could you please ensure that you give the details into the office.

Punctuality

The school bell goes at 8:55am—the children go into class and the register is taken first thing. Please try to ensure that your child gets to school on time—missing 10-15 minutes at morning can add up to over an hour of education a week which does have an impact. Please remember if your child is late it is not their fault, they rely on you to get them to school on time.

Punctuality: I am going to start publishing how many lates occur in each class per week.

Curious and Active

This term we are looking at the virtues of being curious and active; we want our children to be **Curious** about everything; and **Active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

In assembly on Monday we discussed being active listeners—something we all struggle with. The following children were complimented on being listeners who took notice, responded, showed respect, were engaged and acted in the right way to what they were listening too.

Well done Karl, Corey and Laura-mae (Year 6), Jennea and Daniel (Yr 5), Chloe and Julian (Yr 4), Albert, Kristapas, Emma, Matthew, Gabrielle and Isha (Yr2), Tommy, Sophie and Ifrah (Yr 1) and Ibrahim and Ethan (Rec) Mr O'Rourke really worked hard with his Year 3 class on listening last week and he was able to recommend Lola, Sinead, Thomas, Mahek, Eldana, Logan, Sophie, Hajrah, Theo, Riley and Abubakr! Well done to you all.

Dates for the diary
Tuesday 30th January—
Swimming Year 4
Thursday 1st February—
Year 4 Inspire
Friday 2nd February—Year 3
Mass
Monday 5th February—
HEALTH AND SAFETY
FORTNIGHT BEGINS
ARRANGEMENTS TO FOL-
LOW.
Tuesday 6th February—
Swimming Year 4
Tuesday 6th February—Year
1 trip to Blakesley Hall
Friday 8th February—Year 5
Mass
Tuesday 13th February—
Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 14th February—
Ash Wednesday Mass (KS1)
To Be Confirmed
Thursday 15th February—
Year 2 Assembly
Friday 16th February—Break
up for HALF TERM.

World Book Day (the day before!)

World Book Day is March 1st but myself and Mr Gallagher are booked on an RE course and didn't want to miss it; cricket coaching also starts that day for Year 4 and Year 5 so we have decided to hold World Book Day on WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY. The children are allowed to dress up as any book characters they want—and any staff who are up for it will do the same. I will keep reminding you of the day. I can't wait.

Nursery Places

If your child will be 3 years old by September 2018 then you are eligible for a Nursery place at St Cuthbert's. We have 52 part time places; some parents may be eligible under a government scheme for a full time place and we also offer self paying full time places. Please complete the forms at the main school office to register your child. We will be letting parents know very soon about Nursery places for September 2018.

**Teacher Training Day Mon-
day 26th February 2018**

I wish you all a very happy and restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday morning for another week.

Take care

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs