



# St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

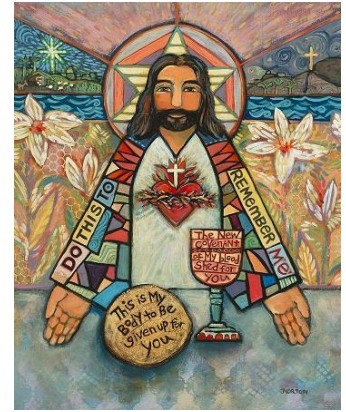
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Thank you to Fr. Michael and the parish for making our children so welcome at Mass this morning. Our next whole school Mass will be at St. Cuthbert's Church on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. We would be delighted if you could join us for our final Mass of the term and a Mass which marks the most important season of our Catholic year. We will be performing our Easter Passion with friends from Christ Church Primary School and St. Joseph's RC Primary School earlier in the week; we will send you the date and time as soon as we have everything confirmed. Our Easter Passion last year was a fantastic success with over 600 children and families joining together to retell the Easter Story. Our Passion Play received a big write up in the Evening Chronicle and Journal!



Thank you to everyone who sent in memories of Mr Jennings and reflections on his time with us. We were privileged to welcome Mr Jennings' family to school for a staff liturgy on Monday evening and they told us they took great comfort from all the kind words and prayers from St. Cuthbert's community over the last year. Thank you to everyone who added their hand prints to our Diversity Tree of Life mural, we were delighted that Mr Jennings family added their hand prints as well.

Our whole school attendance for the week is 92.9% and Reception Class have won the trophy with 95.1%. Thank you again to everyone for following school policy and procedures and having your GP check your child for suspected Slapped Cheek and Chickenpox over the last two weeks. We have had a number of confirmed cases of Slapped Cheek and Chickenpox within school over the last couple of weeks. Our School Nurse recommends that the symptoms to look out for with Slapped Cheek, and recommended period of time to be absent from school are:

1. The condition is infectious for 3-5 days with signs of: sore throat, headache, runny nose or temperature over 38 degrees before the rash appears on the skin.

2. Once the rash is visible the child is no longer required to be absent from school (UNLESS THE CHILD IS STILL UNWELL IN THEMSELVES)

If you have any concerns please contact your local GP, or alternatively for full information please use the link; <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

If you have any questions about how long your child needs to stay off school from any illness please contact the school office.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	95.1% 
Year 1	95%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	89.8%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	91.1%
Whole School	<b>92.9%</b>



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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our family cycle last weekend. It was great to see so many new faces, and everyone had a great day out. Our next family cycle will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, leaving school at 10am. We will send

out a ParentMail closer to the time to remind families and to give you the chance to put your order in for bikes and helmets. There is no cost at all to families for the bike rides and we make sure that everyone can manage the route we take and have a lovely day out. We have had children from year 2 up complete the cycle and make sure it is an enjoyable day for children and adults alike.



Our Recipe Bags got off to a flying start this week and it was brilliant to see everyone Tweeting photos of the delicious meals they made with the ingredients provided. Thank you for all your recipes, we are collecting them all for our *St. Cuthbert's Recipe Book* which will be on our website once everyone has had their turn with the bags. Thank you also for returning the bags by Wednesday, this gives us time to re-stock everything and make sure everyone gets a chance to cook up something magic!



Our ParentMail system has proven very popular for families wishing to book appointments for our parent's evenings straight after half term. We hope you have found this method of booking easy and useful, the appointments were booked very quickly once we made it available to everyone.



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Our year 3 and 4 children are all very excited and can't wait for their trip to Boggle Hole next week! I am sure they are all packed and ready to set off already, and I know they can't wait to explore Boggle Hole Beach and Robin Hood Bay. We've heard there may be pirate treasure buried somewhere in the bay, if there is we might just have to go in search of it!



Children across school have been very busy keeping fit and healthy again this week at St. Cuthbert's. Our Early Years children enjoyed another outdoor PE session and they are more than ready for the Winter Olympics this year! Year 6 enjoyed a great day orienteering at the Rising Sun Country Park, and in keeping with our healthy lifestyles philosophy, the children and staff all cycled there and back. Our year 4 and 5 swimmers have been making fantastic progress at Hadrian Pool during the last two weeks, it has been amazing to see how far they have come along in such a short time.



The children are loving the sessions and there was great excitement this morning when they finished their lessons with a few competitions- it was great to see their competitive and sporting personalities to the fore. Rory and Charlie were real stars today and encouraged everyone taking part with their genuine and infectious enthusiasm!



Can I please respectfully remind everyone of our school uniform which was introduced in September 2016. Our uniform is very simple and it was chosen in consultation with families, governors and children. Everyone involved with our choice of uniform worked hard to make it as smart looking and as cost effective as we possibly could- it actually costs less than our old school uniform and this is down to the research and hard work of everyone who put it together. Nursery children have a sweatshirt which they can wear if they wish too. It is not compulsory but it is very easy for the children to put on and take off themselves. All other children have a simple uniform of green jumper or cardigan, white shirt and green tie for Reception to year 4 and green and yellow tie in years 5 and 6. All children are asked to wear grey trousers or skirt and black shoes or boots. When classes go on school trips, (and they go on lots), everyone comments on our children's good manners, brilliant behaviour and how smart they all look. When we have visitors to school they all comment on the same things and this makes our children, families and staff even more proud to be part of the St. Cuthbert's community. Can you please make sure your child is dressed in our school uniform, hoodies shouldn't be used to replace jumpers, new ties can be bought very cheaply from the school office and children shouldn't be wearing bright coloured trainers rather than school shoes each day.





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The standard of homework in all our classes continues to amaze us and it is always fantastic to see how much families work together to research and create homework linked closely to the work children are doing in school. Children have been asking if they can hold exhibitions to display their work for everyone and we will put exhibition time in place for each class before we break up for Easter. Year 2 have been very excited about exploring space and different planets and they have been talking lots about the International Space Station. We chatted about the Space Station in assembly today and the children know that it is over North Shields over the next few early evening so, if we have clear skies, they can all see it. You can see the viewing timetable for our area at

[https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/view.cfm?country=United\\_Kingdom&region=England&city=Newcastle#.WnTQr0x2uUk](https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/view.cfm?country=United_Kingdom&region=England&city=Newcastle#.WnTQr0x2uUk)

When it is passing by it looks like a steadily moving star, and if you are lucky enough to have binoculars or a telescope you can actually make out the shape of the Space Station! All our children have found this very exciting as they have been talking about it so much in school. We are lucky that it passing at such early times this year as quite often viewing times are late at night, it would be fantastic the sky stays clear so all our children get a chance to see it.



Thank you for your continued support,  
Shaun Dillon