



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Monday 23rd October 2017

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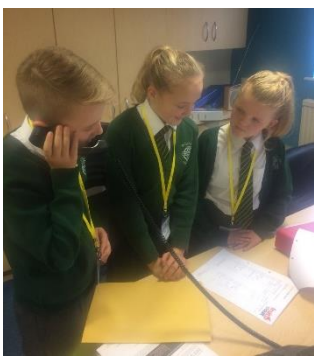


Peter Quinn from NiteBite was delighted to accept your very generous donations of packets and tins of food from our harvest assemblies. Everything you have donated will help members of the North Shields community who are struggling and going hungry. Peter and the rest of the volunteers at NiteBite do an amazing job and they can only exist with support from the wider community.

Our whole school attendance was 93.7% last week as bugs have run through school. I am confident that attendance will rise to our usual high levels next half term as children get back to full health. Year 3 have won the attendance trophy with a very good 98.6%. Our whole school attendance for our first half term is 96.2%. If your child is absent from school you must contact us to let us know. If you don't absence is recorded as unauthorised. We monitor attendance very closely at St. Cuthbert's and we will be contacting families to discuss children's attendance where we think it is becoming an issue. Half term attendance numbers for each class are in the table below.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	93.4%
Year 1	88.7%
Year 2	91.7%
Year 3	98.6% 
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	92.9%
Whole School	93.7%

Class	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Whole school
%	93.4	95.7	98.1	98.6	95.7	97.5	94	96.2



Our Fruitastic Tuck Shop purchasing team made their very first purchase this week and stock will be ready to sell to the rest of the children when we return after half term. Our Fruitastic Team are all taking their roles and responsibilities very seriously and I have no doubt we have a quite a few future entrepreneurs at St. Cuthbert's.



If you have a child in Year 6 you must complete your application for a high school place by next Friday 27th October 2017. Any applications submitted after this date will be considered late and will greatly reduce the chances of your child receiving a place in the school of your choice. If you haven't yet completed your application you can do so by registering on the North Tyneside Council website, <http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/219/online-school-applications>

Applying for your child's high school place is your responsibility, St. Cuthbert's do not have any say in which high school place your child is offered.



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We had an amazing Diversity Week with many, many highlights last week. We were delighted to welcome Stephen Miller MBE to open our celebrations and he inspired our children with his determination, achievements and stories of his experiences at Olympics and World Championships. Stephen also joined children from years 5 & 6 on their cycle at Percy Hedley school in Forest Hall; there is a video of him zooming around the school playground with all the children on our Twitter page. All our children took part in a range of art workshops, well-being sessions, class and whole school singing and dancing celebrations and assemblies. Another fantastic highlight of the week was the fantastic food our Filipino families cooked for everyone on Thursday afternoon. Lots of other families have asked if they could also cook for our whole school community and this is something which we'd love to do sometime this school year- St. Cuthbert's Food Fair! All our children and staff have added their hand prints to our Tree of Life mural and we'd love parents and friends to add hand prints when we return to school after half term. We'll set up the paints as soon as we have a dry day and we'll Tweet and send a message to let you know it is happening. Thank you to everyone for your support during Diversity Week. You help us give our children a fantastic curriculum full of brilliant experiences which help make St. Cuthbert's such a special place to be. You can watch an Animoto video of the week by clicking on the pinned post at the top of our Twitter feed.





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There has been great demand for tickets to the Tyne and Wear Citizens launch event at Tyne Theatre and Opera House on 7th November 2017. Tyne and Wear Citizens is



part of the wider



Citizens UK movement and is made up of organisations who want to make positive changes to society and champion justice and the common good for everyone. Citizens are the organisation behind the national Living Wage campaign and other campaigns supporting communities throughout the country. Our school choir are performing at the next meeting on Tuesday 7th November

in front of over 1000 people at the Tyne Theatre and Opera House- the night before the Russian State Ballet perform Swan Lake! Tickets for the event are free and must be booked online at (sorry for the long link!) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tyne-wear-citizens-launch-assembly-doors-1730pm-start-1800pm-tickets-36189090544?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

Next half term will be very busy as we enter the very special Advent season and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. All important dates will be published on our school website and sent home via ParentMail. We will include dates for parent's meetings, Advent services, Christmas performances, carol services, and any other whole school events that are planned.

Have a lovely, restful half term and thank you for your continued support,

Shaun Dillon