



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2019


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Thank you to Father Chris and the parish for making year 5 so welcome at Mass this morning. We will add the dates of our next whole school Masses to the school website next week and send them home via ParentMail as well. These dates will include our end of year Mass in July and our May Procession which will take place at the end of this half term.

Our whole school attendance is 96.8% for the week and year 6 have won the trophy with a near perfect 99.4%! 😊

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	98.1%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	92.8%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6 	99.4%
Whole School	96.8%

Thank you everyone for your understanding as our Nursery classroom was used as a polling station this week. St. Cuthbert's has been used as a polling station for many years and we have very little say in the matter when venues are chosen. We do everything we can to make sure our school day runs as normally as possible, and it does run smoothly for all our children. Anyone who comes to St. Cuthbert's to vote must go through the Nursery door and their path is blocked off from the playground by fencing provided by North Tyneside Council. This means no-one can accidentally find themselves anywhere in school apart from the small section of Nursery classroom, and that children can't get out the gate. Our Nursery children had a fantastic time on Thursday as they played at the Roundhouse, met Postman Bill, the fire service and engine, planted seeds and watched our amazing Stomp dancers with Ollie from @BeatGoesOn. Our Nursery Classroom will be used as a polling station once again on Thursday 23rd May and arrangements for the school day will be the same as they always are with access to the school playground for families through the Lovaine Place gate only.





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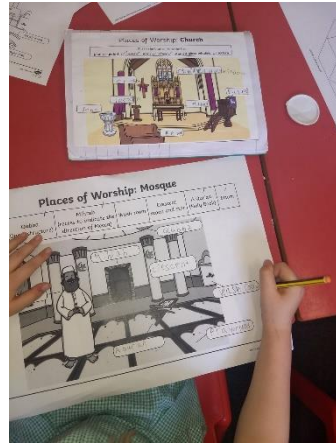
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Children have been following up their work with Amenna by looking at similarities between Islam and Christianity and exploring Islamic art and culture this week. Classes have loved creating their own Islamic artwork and have been learning how Muslims pray and how important prayer mats are. If you can help us explore Islam even more please have a chat with Mrs Cottiss or myself.



Our Mini Mini Vinnies and Mini Vinnies have been hard at work this week on a number of projects helping to make St. Cuthbert's even better for everyone. The Mini Mini Vinnies continued with their focus on playtime and created lots of games for everyone to play at break and lunchtimes. The Mini Vinnies got to work throughout the week decorating school with elephants as part of a mystery project, we're not sure what it is but two gentlemen delivered a mysterious parcel to school during the week! All will be revealed on Tuesday morning 😊





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If you have any cuddly toy animals looking for a new home we'd love to have them at St. Cuthbert's 😊 We're also on the lookout for some baskets and boxes to help us create our very own St. Cuthbert's vets for the children.



We will be opening our school gates for a family outdoor fun morning from **10am- 12 noon on Saturday 11th May**. We will be lighting the campfire and everyone who comes along can cook lunch on it (we'll provide the food). We will have lots of games to play and I am sure we will have some music on the go as well 😊 You will be receiving a ParentMail message about the morning through the week and we would love you to join us for a few hours of outdoor fun.

Year 4 had a fantastic time on Thursday morning as they worked with Ollie Tunmer from Stomp and @BeatGoesOn. The children created a fantastic stomping, stamping and clapping routine which they performed for the whole school- everyone joined in!



We were delighted to receive 150 trees and hedges from The Woodland Trust before the Easter holidays, and thanks to Lexi from year 5 donating even more trees and hedges, we now have enough to invite every family at St. Cuthbert's to plant one each around school. Mrs Wright is organising the project and has put a timetable together which hopefully gives every family the opportunity to come into school and plant together. If you can't make it on the day allocated we will organise other planting times as soon as we can, the outdoor fun morning on Saturday 11th May can also be used to plant. Each tree and hedge planted will be labelled with your names and we will be working with the children making sure that everything you plant thrives and grows.



	Monday	Tuesday 7 th May	Wednesday 8 th May	Thursday 9 th May	Friday 10 th May
Morning	Bank holiday		Nursery AM		Year 5
					Year 6
Afternoon	Bank holiday	REC	Year 1	Year 3	
		Nursery PM	Year 2	Year 4	



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The annual Children's Cancer Run takes place at Newcastle Racecourse on Sunday 19th May and you are still able to sign up to take part in this wonderful event. St. Cuthbert's has always been very well represented at the event and I am sure we will have lots of runners again this year. Leaflets about the event and how to sign up were sent home before the Easter holidays, if you need another copy please ask at the school office. You can register for the event at

<https://register.primoevents.com/ps/event/ChildrensCancerRun2019Newcastle>



Mrs Cottiss and I were delighted to represent St. Cuthbert's at the Tyne & Wear Citizens Mayoral Assembly on Tuesday evening. Three of the candidates seeking election as the first mayor of Newcastle, Northumberland and North Tyneside met with the audience of over 1000 people and promised to support Tyne & Wear Citizens, which St. Cuthbert's is proudly a member of, on a number of campaigns.



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Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising. **We now have 74 supporters and have raised £511.82 so far.** There are no catches to using the site, you don't need to share bank or payment details, just sign up and choose to support St. Cuthbert's. all you then need to do is search for your chosen store or seller on the easyfundraising site and do your online shopping as normal. If you are booking a holiday, buying any insurance, changing internet suppliers, mobile phone providers etc. online, and do so through the site they make quite big donations to school! It's really easy to get set up and running, all you need to do is:

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcuthbertsrcprimary/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to St. Cuthbert's at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we would be really grateful for your support and donations which will go towards all our children.

If you haven't joined our school lottery yet it is really easy and gives you a chance of winning our school jackpot each week and gives you an entry to a much bigger weekly



St Cuthbert's R.C. Primary School

North Shields, Tyne and Wear

🕒 Next draw will take place on Sat 24 November 2018

🕒 Next draw in 0 day 6 hours 14 minutes

jackpot. All profits from the lottery go towards helping us make sure our children continue to have the fantastic opportunities they get every week at St. Cuthbert's. Our weekly prize currently stands at £19.80, you will also be entered into a national school lottery for £25,000 draw each week. You can sign up at

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-cuthberts-rc-primary-school/supporter>

If you think you could be entitled to free school meals and milk for your child it's really easy to apply via the council's website <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals>. You may be entitled if you are in receipt of income support/job seekers allowance/support under the immigration and asylum act/Universal credit/child tax credit without working tax credit. Even if you are unsure it is worth applying to make sure you are not missing out. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free meals at school but you must make an application for this. It's really easy to do via the council website <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals>

It is very important that all our children are signed up for Universal Free School Meals, even if your child prefers a packed lunch. If you have any questions about school meals at all please call into the school office.



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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) drop-in sessions at St Cuthbert's.

Miss Shepherd, our SEND coordinator would like to invite parents and carers to drop in sessions on the morning of the first Wednesday of every month should you have any concerns or questions to answer about any issue relating to SEND.

Partnership with parents

As stated in our SEND policy:

“Partnership plays a key role in enabling children and young people with SEND to achieve their potential. Parents hold key information and have knowledge and experience to contribute to the shared view of a child's needs. All parents/carers of children with special educational needs will be treated as partners and be given support to play an active and valued role in their child's education.



Children and young people with special educational needs often have a unique knowledge of their own needs and their views about what sort of help they would like. They will be encouraged to contribute to the assessment of their needs, the review and transition process.

The school website contains details of our policy for special educational needs and the local offer that includes the provision made for children with SEND. At all stages of the special needs process, the school keeps parents fully informed and involved. We take account of the wishes, feelings and knowledge of parents at all stages”.

For further information and other support services for children with SEND: * North Tyneside Local Offer - This details all support services available in North Tyneside *
SENDIASS@northtyneside.gov.uk -The Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) provide advice and information to young people, and parents whose children have Special Educational Needs.



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Below are the main dates for the summer term. We will be adding many more dates over the next week or two as we confirm arrangements for Masses, trips, celebrations with other schools and many other events we get involved with over the coming months. As always, we will keep the list as up to date as we can and let you know of any changes as soon as possible.

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Saturday 11 th May	10am- 12noon	Family outdoor day	School grounds
Monday 13 th - 17 th May	All week	Year 5 SATs	School
Sunday 19 th May	Morning	Children's Cancer Run	Newcastle Racecourse
Friday 24 th May	3.30pm	School breaks up for half term	
Monday 27 th - 31 st May	All week	Half term	
Monday 3 rd June	All day	Staff training Day	School
Tuesday 4 th June	8:55am	Children return to school	School
Tuesday 18 th June	All day	Year 6 at Diocesan Primary Festival	Youth Village
Tuesday 16 th July	Afternoon	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	School
Thursday 18 th July	1.30pm	Whole school end of year Mass	School
Friday 19 th July	All day	Staff training day	school

Thank you for your continued support,

Shaun Dillon