



# St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

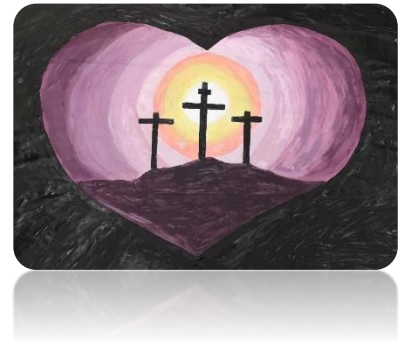
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Thank you to Fr. Chris and the parish for making year 4 so welcome at Mass this week. All our classes take turns to join the parish for Mass at St. Cuthbert's Church each Friday morning and we are always delighted when you are able to join us. All children who are not going to Boggle Hole will join the parish for Mass this Wednesday and to receive ashes and mark the start of the Lenten season. Mass is at 9.30am and we would love you to join us and help walk the children to and from Church. Our next whole school Mass after this Wednesday will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.30am in St. Cuthbert's Church. We will be joining our friends from Christ Church and St. Joseph's to perform our Easter Passion at Northumberland Square on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We will end this term with our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Easter play in school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April when the children will retell the story of Jesus' sacrifice for us all. Details for each event will be sent out later this half term. We will also be holding daily opportunities for families to join us in prayer and reflection throughout Lent and we will send more details of what we are doing and when next week.



Our whole school attendance is a very good 97.1% for the week and year 1 have won the trophy with a near perfect 99.1%.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	91.8%
Year 1 	99.3%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	98.4%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	96.5%
Whole School	<b>97.1%</b>

Thank you to everyone who came to school to chat with class teachers this week. We are always delighted at the turnout we get at St. Cuthbert's with over 85% of our families coming to the meetings. If you were unable to make it last week please arrange a suitable time to meet with your child's teacher.

We are now in the second half of our school year and we ended the first half with an all singing, dancing, magical talent show when our children shared their gifts and talents with the whole school and friends. The children who performed and planned their own acts and rehearsed in their own time in the week leading up to the shows. The idea for the shows came about through their Thrive lessons with Mrs Cottiss when they talked about what makes them unique, recognising what makes other people unique and talking about how their talents are precious gifts from God. Thank you to everyone for coming along and supporting the children and thank you to our amazing children for sharing their gifts and talents in so many creative and entertaining ways. Our children's confidence in performing for a whole school and guests demonstrates how important events like the talent shows are in nurturing their gifts, talents and sense of belonging to a whole school community.





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Our Mini Vinnies and student council would like our whole school community to support the fantastic Community School Clothing Scheme this Lenten season by promoting it throughout school and our local community and by donating 40 bags of clothes and toys during the 40 days of Lent. The children have already begun packing school uniforms and clothes that were donated last week and they will keep filling the bags as long as your donations come into school. The Community Clothing Scheme will take any uniforms, children's and adult clothes and toys and books. We will be organising regular drop-offs to their premises at The Cobalt and we'd love families to be involved with this as well. The Community School Clothing Scheme is a fantastic initiative which anyone can make use of at any time. They don't just provide uniform for free if you need it but PE kit, coats, shoes, books, toys, baby things, adult clothing, furniture and lots more!



Thank you to everyone who has replied to ParentMail messages about class trips over the coming weeks. Your swift responses always help us make sure we are well organised for the trips and your support is always very, very welcome. We are only able to take part in many of our trips because of your support and we greatly appreciate the time you give us at school helping give your children the best experiences we can.

This week we welcomed the newest member of our school staff as Mrs Anouska McAnulty joined us as our new School Business Manager. Mrs McAnulty is taking over from Mrs Wigham who is now working with her family business and we can't thank Mrs Wigham enough for everything she has done for St. Cuthbert's as a school and especially for all our children. We wish both Mrs Wigham and Mrs McAnulty every possible success in their new roles and we know that we will still see lots of Mrs Wigham at St. Cuthbert's.

Our musical theatre group will be performing at the annual Dance Festival at The Parks Leisure Centre on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The children are very excited about their big performance and we can't wait to see them light up the stage! Tickets for the event are available from The Parks. Our choir are next in action on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Whitley Bay Playhouse and we will let families know when tickets are available as soon as they arrive at school.



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We will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and we'd love children to come to school dressed in festival clothes like they did for our last reading festival or as their favourite book character. Children will be taking part in lots of activities on Tuesday and we'd love families to join us for a Bookie Breakfast which will be running in the school hall from 8.15am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday next week. There will be a book swap each morning and we'd love to see Tweets of children reading at home. Next week will also see the return of the fantastic Scholastic Book Fair. This is great opportunity to find books that will encourage your child to read for pleasure. The Book Fair hours will be **8:15 – 8:50am** every morning and from **3:30 – 4:00pm** every afternoon from **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Our Book Fair accepts cheque or cash and this year there will be an online payment system; your child can even use their World Book Day token when buying books!



Our year 3 and 4 children are all ready for their trip to Boggle Hole and there is no doubt they will all be very excited as well! The children will be leaving school on Wednesday morning and they will enjoy a wonderful time at the magical Boggle Hole youth hostel, at Robin Hood Bay and on their visit to York. They will get back to school on Friday afternoon with lots of big hugs and washing for their families! Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned paperwork and met with Mrs Cottiss to discuss any medical needs. If you haven't returned your forms or spoken to Mrs Cottiss please make sure you do so before the end of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March as we need to organise all our paperwork. We'll keep everyone up to date with what the children are doing on Twitter, tea time is usually when our Tweets start going through as we return to the youth hostel and an internet signal!





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Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising. **We now have 73 supporters and have raised £458.71 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 jackpot. All profits from the lottery go towards helping us



## 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

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 rest of this school term. This list will grow 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
St. Cuthbert's Reading Week	All week	A range of events including Bookie Breakfast on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Scholastic Book Fayre in school all week.	School
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Afternoon	Year 4 hockey	The Parks Leisure Centre
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	World Book Day	School
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning	Whole school pancake race	School
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening	Dance Festival at The Parks	The Parks
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	St. Cuthbert's World Book Day	school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning	Year 3 and 4 children leave for Boggle Hole	Boggle Hole
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Whole school Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Cuthbert's Church	St. Cuthbert's Church
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Nursery and Reception Class at Hancock Museum	Hancock Museum
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Afternoon	Year 3 and 4 children return from Boggle Hole	School
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	All week	Science Week: range of events, workshops and exciting experiments and magic all week.	School
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning	Year 2 at Centre for Life	Centre For Life
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening	St. Cuthbert's choir performing at Whitley Bay Playhouse	Whitley Bay Playhouse
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Afternoon	Year 4 at Hancock Museum	Hancock Museum
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	St. Cuthbert's Day	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 5 at St. Thomas More skipping festival	St. Thomas More
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Afternoon	Year 5/ 6 hockey team at The Parks	The Parks Leisure Centre
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Whitley Bay Park Run	Whitley Bay Links
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Mother Language Day @ St. Cuthbert's	School
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March		Mother's Day Assembly	School
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Afternoon	Easter Passion at Northumberland Square	Northumberland Square
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am	Whole school Mass at St. Cuthbert's Church	St. Cuthbert's Church
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning	Girls Football team at Northumbria University	Northumbria University
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	afternoon	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Easter Play	School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	Staff training day with North Tyneside Catholic Schools	

Thank you for your continued support,  
Shaun Dillon