



# St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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It was brilliant as always to see everyone back at school this week following our half term break. We had a very busy first half term this school year and you will not be surprised to find out we have another busy, action packed half term coming up as we look forward to Advent and all our Christmas celebrations. Year 2 planned and led a wonderful Remembrance Day assembly for our whole school, families and friends yesterday. The children shared the story of the 1914 Christmas ceasefire when British and German soldiers stopped fighting and spent time together sharing gifts, playing football and singing Christmas Carols. Year 2 and year 6 sang Silent Night in English and German and it was absolutely beautiful. Year 2 and Mr Mercer then led our whole school to North Shields Cenotaph where we all observed one minute of silence and laid a poppy wreath. The observing of silence was magnificent, our children really do understand the sacrifices that have been made, they do remember.



Our whole school attendance for our first week back is 95.9% and Reception Class have won the trophy with 98.3%. If your child is absent from school for any reason at all can you please make sure you inform our office as soon as you can. If we have no reason for an absence it is recorded as unauthorised. We will be carrying out our half termly attendance reviews next week to make sure we are doing everything we can together to help your child achieve the highest attendance possible.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	94.5%
Whole School	<b>95.9%</b>

We will be celebrating *St. Cuthbert's Friendship Week* next week and we would love to get it off to a flying start by asking all our children to come to school wearing odd socks with their normal uniform. Children can wear whatever combination of socks they like and tuck their school trousers into them to show them off!





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Thank you to everyone for your amazing support and kind words during our OFSTED monitoring inspection before half term. Families, friends and most importantly, our children, spoke very highly of school and everything the children do and achieve. The final report should be available soon and we will send it to all families as soon as it is.

We will be holding our next round of Parents' Evenings on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. The first appointment of each evening will be 3.40pm with the last appointment at 5.30pm. You will be able to book appointments through ParentMail from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, if you are unable to access ParentMail please call into the school office and we will help you book your time.

Year 3 began their pedestrian safety training with North Tyneside Council this week. The children are learning about road safety and it is a programme that all our children go through when they are in year 3. Staying safe at all times is an important message we share with our children all the time as we help them develop into confident and self assured young people.



Everyone at St. Cuthbert's continued to Thrive this week as children in all classes took part in a wide range of activities and lessons. Thrive is having a massive positive impact on the wellbeing of all our children and it is providing them with even more opportunities to talk about their feelings, ask questions they have about the world around us and to stop, slow down and think.



**Please note that there will be no after school clubs next Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November as all teachers will be taking part in Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan training after school.**



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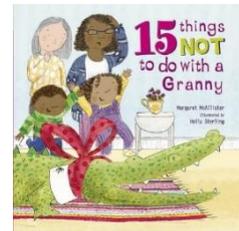
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We will be supporting Children in Need next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November by asking children to come to school wearing pyjamas. We will have donation buckets on the school playground before and after school and anyone can make any donation they would like.



Years 1 and 2 had a wonderful time when they met children's author and illustrator Holly Sterling this week. Holly entertained the children and gave them a workshop on how to create their own illustrations!



We will be holding a Christmas Fayre at school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm. We will holding a number of non uniform days in the build up to our fayre and we would love the children to bring a bottle of something for the bottle stall on each of these days. We have a number of stalls already confirmed for the fayre and we will let you know a full list of who will be with us as soon as everyone is confirmed. **The non uniform days are Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November.** All our children will also be taking part in a Christmas Crafts day at school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we will send you more information about it closer to the date.



Our fantastic Fruitastic stall is back up and running next week and all children will have the regular opportunity to buy healthy snacks during breaktimes. All snacks are 50p each and children can buy a maximum of two items on their day. The Fruitastic stall is always very popular and a massive success on the school playground and our children are brilliant at running it. Each class has a designated day when they can buy things from the stall, this helps make it manageable for the children running it; you can see when your child's class can buy their Fruitastic snacks from the timetable below.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Year 6	Reception	Year 5	Year 3	Nursery (AM)
Afternoon	Year 1		Year 2	Year 4	Nursery (PM)



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Year 1 and year 4 enjoyed brilliant curriculum trips this week. Year 4 explored North Shields as part of their local studies work and year 1 investigated old toys and World War I as part of their topic work. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped the trips, your support is what makes our trips possible and it is one of the things that makes St. Cuthbert's so special.



If you haven't already done it now would be the perfect time to sign up to our Easyfundraising page as you get ready for Christmas! We have 64 supporters and have raised £338.30 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.

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The Cedarwood Trust have asked us to share their programme of workshops and events for the coming months. All sessions are free apart from morning sessions at St. Hilda's. If you would like to find out more about what is on at the Cedarwood Trust you can contact them on 0191 259 0245 or visit their website,

[www.cedarwoodtrust.co.uk/](http://www.cedarwoodtrust.co.uk/)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>10.00 – 11.00</b> <b>Exploration Station @ St Hilda's, Stanton Road</b></p> <p>Offers a range of sensory based activities for children 0 - 4 aimed to give your explorers the opportunity to engage in open ended play helping them to develop their physical, social, communication and creative skills</p> <p><b>12.30 - 2.30 Baby Yoga</b> <b>Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>Baby yoga offers many benefits for your child including flexibility and building strength in muscles, thus ensuring your infants confidence in themselves as they progress from sitting to crawling to walking.</p>	<p><b>9.30 – 11.00 Imagination Station @ St Peter's, Central Ave, Balkwell</b></p> <p>A stay and play group. A variety of imagination stations are set out to excite, entice and engage your young explorer.</p> <p><b>12.30 – 14.30 Coping with OCD and Anxieties</b> <b>Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>The course is designed to help you become more relaxed and confident in dealing with everyday life when suffering from anxiety or OCD. The course is 6 weeks , requires commitment to the full 6 weeks.</p>	<p><b>9.30 – 11.30 Sing &amp; Sign</b> <b>Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>Babies use all kinds of signs and gestures as a natural part of learning to talk and communicate. Sing and Sign is an open session which you can just pop along too. It's a fun way to learn 'Makaton' a language program that gives your child a helping hand to communicate.</p> <p><b>12.30 – 2.00 Creation Station @ Percy Main Cricket Club starts November.</b></p> <p>A stay and play group. A variety of creative activities are set out to meet the key stage development needs of your child.</p>	<p><b>9.30 – 12.00 Cooking on a budget</b> <b>Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>A 5 weeks course hosted by North Tyneside Heath and Wellbeing to help build practical cookery skills to learn how to prepare nutritional food from scratch. Ingredients provided, places limited and commitment to the complete course required</p> <p><b>12.30 – 2.30 Breast Feeding</b> <b>Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>A mother to mother support group for pregnant women and new mums to help, encourage and promote better understanding of breast feeding as an important element in the healthy development of baby and mother</p> <p><b>01.00-2.30 Stay and Play @ St Aidan's, Billymill Lane</b></p> <p>A stay and play group. A variety of imagination stations are set out to excite, entice and engage your young explorer.</p>	<p><b>9.30 – 11.30 Stay n Play – Motor Skills</b> <b>Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>Is an open sessions which you can just pop along too where you and your child can socialise, make new friends, learn through having fun or take part in one of our Parenting Workshops which focus on the everyday issues of bringing up children such as; Temper tantrums, The Terrible Two's, Biting, Allergies &amp; Intolerances</p>



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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”.

Our next drop-in will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 9am-12pm.

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](mailto: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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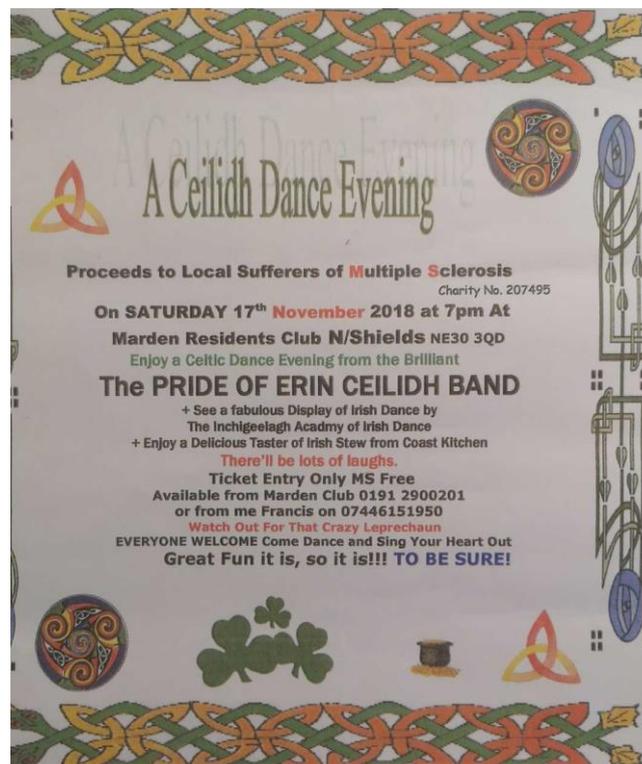
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Information about applying for places in our Reception Class, or High School next September 2019 has now been sent home and you can make your applications online now. It is very important that you make sure your application is completed before the deadlines set out, these are very clear on the information sheet. **The deadline for applications for high school places has now passed. If your child is at Nursery at St. Cuthbert's or anywhere else, you need to apply for a place in our Reception Class by Tuesday 15 January 2019.** If you have any questions or would like any support with your application please come into the school office and we will be able to help you. We have a number of places available in our current Nursery and Reception Classes, if you know anyone who is looking for a Nursery or Reception Class place now please let them know. You can find out more about school admissions on the North Tyneside website, <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/129/school-admissions> .

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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We have updated our calendar for the rest of this term. Make sure you keep an eye on ParentMail to find out about individual class or club events and activities. We will let you know of any changes, extra details and extra events as soon as we can.

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November		Friendship Week	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Children In Need wear spots to school day	School
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November		Years 5 & 6 meet children's author Adam Bushnell	School
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	3.40-5.30pm	Parents' Evening	Classes
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	3.40-5.30pm	Parents' Evening	Classes
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November		EYFS to meet children's author Helen Stephens	School
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	All day	Non uniform day, children to donate a bottle for Christmas Fayre	School
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	All day and evening	School choir singing at The Sage Gateshead	The Sage Gateshead
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Non uniform day, children to donate a bottle for Christmas Fayre	School
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	2.30pm	First Advent collective worship, further collective worships will be held each Friday up to the end of term. Everyone is welcome to join us.	School hall
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	All day	Christmas Crafts Day for children	School
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30-5pm	Christmas Fayre	School Hall
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Evening	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance at the Saville Exchange. Further details will be sent home closer to the date.	Saville Exchange
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning	Whole school trip	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		Whole school Christmas Lunch	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	After school	Christingle service. Further details will be sent home closer to the date.	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Morning	Whole school end of term Mass.	St. Cuthbert's Church.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Shaun Dillon