



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Saturday 9th June 2018

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Congratulations to all the children from St. Cuthbert's, St. Joseph's, Star of The Sea and Rockcliff First School who made their First Holy Communion this morning at St. Cuthbert's Church. The children, their families, and catechists have been preparing for a long time for this very special day, and the Mass was absolutely beautiful. Thank



you to everyone for supporting the children and families, and a very special thank you to St. Cuthbert's Parish social committee who put on such a wonderful First Communion breakfast spread for everyone after Mass.



Our whole school attendance for the week is a 94.1% and year 2 are this week's attendance champions with an excellent 99.2%. I know our attendance for each class will improve next week and we'll be back to our usual high levels of attendance for the rest of the school year. Can I please remind all families that it is important to phone school and let us know if your child will be off on any day. This avoids us recording your child's attendance as unauthorised.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	99.2% 
Year 3	90.8%
Year 4	93.1%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	88.8%
Whole School	94.1%

Children were given their school photos this week and hopefully everyone receives what has been ordered. If you have any questions about your order please let us know at school. The photos are beautiful and I am sure they will take pride of place in lots of homes!

Thank you to everyone who supported our whole school trip to Holy Island this week. It was a very special pilgrimage for everyone at St. Cuthbert's as we went in search of God's treasure together and found it in each other and in ourselves. Our children and families had a fantastic time exploring the island, making it onto St. Cuthbert's Island and meeting lots of other pilgrims around the island. Whole school events like this help St. Cuthbert's thrive as a family, not just a school. They help us all get to know each other and to enjoy and cherish time in each other's company. Our opening liturgy was all about God's treasure and it was our children who recognised that God's true treasure and precious gift to each other is, each other. The day flew by as it always does when you are enjoying such a wonderful time, and we have a photo slideshow of some of the highlights





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on our Twitter page. Thank you to all our helpers and thank you to everyone for being so patient waiting for our return. We left the island on time but the traffic closer to North Shields isn't easy to navigate with so many road works and diversions!



Last half term was very, very busy with dancing and sport and our sports week really only finished after our Gadgie Dancers performed to a jam packed Northern Stage on Tuesday 29th May. They were performing in the role of The Gadgies, inspired by the fantastic artwork of internationally renowned artist Alexander Millar. Mr Millar was at the show in person and sat with St. Cuthbert's having met our children before the show when he said he was blown away by their energy, excitement and stories about completing the Coast to Coast! He tweeted a message saying how much he loved meeting our wee Gadgies and he was genuinely excited by how they brought his paintings to life on the stage. Thank you to all the families who came along on the night to support the children, it was brilliant hearing the cheers and support for our children and I know you being there makes them feel even more amazing!



We have had to change the date of our summer fayre due to a lot of different factors, including clashing with St. Cuthbert's parish summer fayre. **Our fayre will now take place on Sunday 1st July from 1- 4pm.** We will have all the usual exciting things happening with a few mystery surprises added for good measure! We will be sending more details about stalls and attractions closer to the time but it will be a fantastic afternoon out for the whole family.



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They've only gone and done it! This group of amazing children, our Super16, cycled the whole way across England, from Whitehaven to Tynemouth; over 150 miles! It seems like ages ago when they arrived at Tynemouth to an amazing, and very emotional reception from friends and family on the beach. Thank you to all the families who gave their children the opportunity to be part of this historic and special event and thank you to every single person who made it so special. It was a massive challenge and the children faced up to it and overcame every obstacle in their way. We had a last minute huddle style team talk before the children, in their bright yellow t-shirts, made their way past Collinwood's monument, up the steep bank and onto the haven. That steep bank felt like a downhill cycle to everyone as your cheers, shouts of support, beaming smiles and encouragement pulled everyone up and over it. We have amazing photos from the whole trip and some great video footage as well. Thank you to everyone for sharing your memories, photos and video clips, if you have any more please get them to us at school this week as we are finalising our video to share with everyone and give to the children and families. There was a drone flying around as the children arrived, if that footage is available we would love to see it as it could add another magical angle to the welcome home. Our fundraising for Children in Crossfire continues, and we will be sending details home about a few very exciting prizes that will become available before the end of the school year! At the moment our Super 16 have raised over £4000, I have no doubt this will rise quite a bit before we break for the summer holidays, if you would like to donate to our Just Giving page you can do so at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-cuthbert-s-rc-primary-school>

Outdoor learning is an enormous part of school life at St. Cuthbert's and we have regular visitors from schools across the region who come to see how much our children learn by working outdoors. Next week we are focusing our whole curriculum on learning outdoors and children will be taking part in all their usual lessons plus some extra in Northumberland Park. All children should come to school all week wearing the clothes they usually wear for their weekly outdoor sessions, they will be getting dirty and they we don't want them ruining any good clothes.





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Our next and final family bike ride of the school year will be on Sunday 17th June. It would be brilliant to have a great turnout for a chilled out Father's Day cycle together, and as always we can loan adult bikes, children's bikes and helmets free of charge. We will send out a ParentMail message which you can reply to with any requests for equipment.

Our Key Stage 2 children are rehearsing like professionals to get ready for their big musical extravaganza on June 26th at the Saville Exchange. One of the highlights of the night will be a song performed by children, families and staff and it will be a really special moment. If you would like to be involved please let Mrs Stephens or Mr Corbishley know as soon as you can as we need to plan some time working through it together. Don't worry if you aren't the next Aretha Frankland, Ed Sheeran or Dave Grohl, all singing abilities are welcome; it is your enjoyment of being part of something so special that is much more valuable.

We will be holding a quick meeting at 3.30pm next Tuesday 12th June in school to share information about our year 5 & 6 residential trip to Hawkhurst in September 2018. We will give you information about Hawkhurst, the fantastic activities your children will take part in, costs, accommodation etc. at the meeting. The trip will take place from Tuesday 25th September to Friday 28th September. If your child will be in year 5 or 6 in September and they will be able to go on the trip, our children had a fantastic time last year.



Congratulations to Charlotte's mum who won our lottery last week. Thank you to everyone who has signed up, so far you have raised over £1,300 per year for school, we will use this money to fund the children's trips and activities in school. It's not too late to sign up, simply click here to join <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-cuthberts-rc-primary-school>. The more tickets we sell the higher the weekly prize will be. Tell your friends and family, it's easy to sign up and only £1 per week for a number. Our weekly prize currently stands at £20, you will also be entered into a national school lottery for £25,000 draw each week.

The School Crossing Patrol team have informed us that there will be no lollipop person on the Albion Road School Crossing from Monday until further notice.



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Below are a number of diary dates for you and we know we will be adding many more as the term progresses. We always give you as much notice as we possibly can about what we are doing at school, and about trips or visitors. Keep an eye on our school website calendar and your ParentMail to find out about what is happening at St. Cuthbert's. We will be adding a date for our shared Mass with our friends at St. Joseph's during the week beginning Monday 9th July; the Mass will be held at St. Cuthbert's this year and we'll confirm the exact time and date as soon as possible.

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Monday 11th- Friday 15th June	Outdoor Week	All week	School
Wednesday 13th June	Key Stage 2 Activity Morning	All morning	School
Saturday 17th June	Father's Day family cycle	10am- 2pm	Meet at school
Friday 22nd June	Year 6 at YMT Primary Festival	All day	YMT Village, Consett
Tuesday 26th June	Key Stage 2 Singing extravaganza!	Evening (details to be sent home)	Saville Exchange
Sunday 1 st July	School Summer Fayre	1- 4pm	School
Tuesday 10th July	Year 6 North Tyneside leavers' Mass	Afternoon	St. Mary's Cathedral
Wednesday 18th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly	Afternoon	School
Thursday 19th July	EFYS & KS1 Picnic	Morning	School
Thursday 19th July	End of year Mass	1.30pm	School

Thank you for your continued support,
Shaun Dillon