



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 6th July 2018

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We have quite a few end of year celebrations and events coming up and these include two end of year Masses, both at St. Cuthbert's and both outside if the weather is kind to us. Year 6 will be joining our friends from all the North Tyneside Catholic school on Tuesday 10th July at St. Mary's Cathedral to celebrate their time at primary school. The Mass is for children only as once they are all in the Cathedral there is no space left. Our friends from St. Joseph's will be joining us for Mass at 10:30am on Thursday 12th July and we will be celebrating Mass as a whole school and parish on Thursday 19th July at 1:30pm at school. If there are any changes to arrangements due to weather we will let you know as soon as we can through ParentMail.

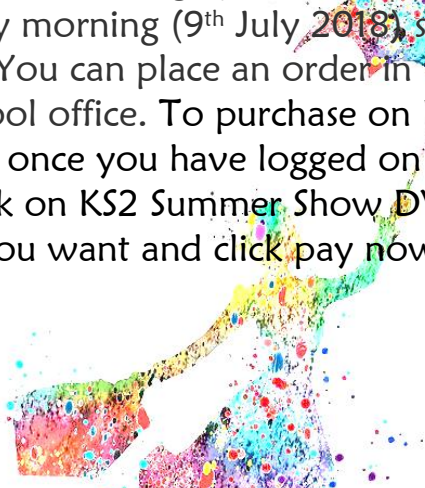
Our whole school attendance for this week is 92.5% with year 4 taking the trophy with 99.4%. Term time holidays have had a significant impact on our attendance again this week, and on our annual whole school attendance. Every family will receive their children's end of year attendance figure with end of year pupil reports to be sent out on Monday 16th July.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	92.1%
Year 1	88.3%
Year 2	89%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	99.4%
Year 5	90.3%
Year 6	94.3%
Whole School	92.5%



If you would like a DVD of our Key Stage 2 Musical Extravaganza at The Saville Exchange please make sure you have your order in by Monday morning (9th July 2018) so that Julian can print enough copies. You can place an order in the shop area of ParentMail, or at the school office. To purchase on ParentMail go to the Payments sections once you have logged on and then go to 'Upcoming Items' and click on KS2 Summer Show DVDs, DVDs you want and click pay now, your with us.

choose how many order will then be



We were delighted to welcome a number of past pupils and their friends from St. Thomas More back to St. Cuthbert's this week as part of their work experience. The girls all worked in classes across the whole school and got involved in everything that was happening at school. The links we have with St. Thomas More are strong and keep growing and it is always brilliant to support young people as they decide what career path they would like to follow.





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Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us for our Summer Fayre last Sunday. The weather was spectacular and everyone enjoyed a super relaxed Summer Fayre full of food, drinks, a very popular bottle stall and bouncy castles, football, archery and lots more. Thank you to all our families and children and staff for your fantastic help organising the day and manning the stalls, face painting, being the bouncers on the bouncy castle and selling delicious food all day; many a Sunday lunch was put on hold because of the amazing Filipino food!

We had a great turnout for the Mouth of The Tyne festival parade yesterday in wonderful sunshine. Our *Big Mouth* troop were brilliant as they paraded their way through Tynemouth following the beat of the drummers and trumpets. Children and families had a fantastic time, and the colour and noise on display was wonderful. This is the first year in quite a while that St. Cuthbert's have been involved in the parade and we would like to become mainstays for years to come. As a school on the banks on the River Tyne, and a school who love getting out and about and having fun, we think we will bring lots to the event every year. Thank you to everyone who came along, it didn't take very long for families to get totally involved and join the children on the way around 😊



It was another busy and amazing week at St. Cuthbert's and one of our annual highlights was seven children from year 6 making the trip to Wimbledon as a reward for having the best attendance in the class for this school year. We do a lot to encourage great attendance and we have been very successful over the past few years. When we get the opportunity to reward brilliant attendance with big surprises we will always make the most of them. Tickets for Wimbledon are incredibly difficult to get a hold of, and it is five years since we were successful in getting them which makes trips like this even more special. The children and staff had a very long and amazing day and even got to watch Novo Djokovic win his match on Court 2. Thank you to our families for allowing your children to make such a big journey and for helping them achieve the fantastic levels of attendance consistently each year.





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We will be sending our end of year pupil reports home on Monday 16th July and they will contain your child's report, class highlights of the year and information about their class for September 2018. Teachers will be available on Tuesday 17th July after school to discuss anything you would like to chat over in relation to your child's report.

Congratulations to Kian and Sonny's family who have won our school lottery this week. 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 make sure our children continue to have the fantastic opportunities they get every week at St.

Cuthbert's. Our weekly prize currently stands at £20, 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>.



It is that time of year when families book last minute holidays and trips away during the six weeks off. If you are not already doing so you can really, really help school out by going through Easyfundraising before you make your final holiday booking or when you are changing mobile phone provider, gas or electric companies, TV etc. Holiday companies make very generous donations to schools if you follow this path and there is no cost at all to you. Easyfundraising has a really easy to use app that you can download to your Android or Apple phone. If you are buying anything on the internet we would be really grateful if you could do it through Easyfundraising as they make donations to school at no cost at all to you. Large items, like holidays can raise up to £40 for school at no extra cost to yourself. We have 61 supporters at the minute and have no doubt that this could rise very quickly if everyone signs up and spreads the word. You can help school by signing up and making any online purchases through the free service. 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.



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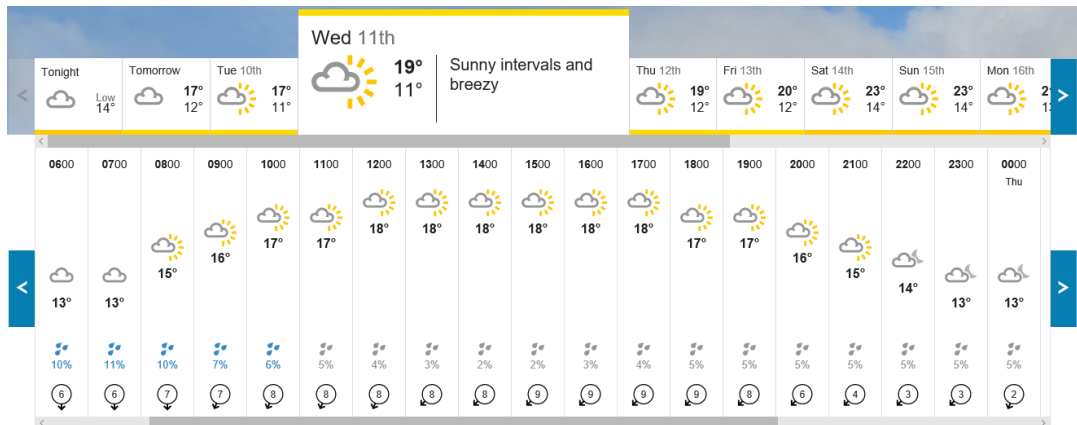
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3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to St. Cuthbert's at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

The weather forecast for next week looks almost as good as the weather we have enjoyed this week. Our children will be outside lots during the week with our beach trip, joint Mass with St. Joseph's, activity morning, etc., so it is very important they are prepared for the hot weather and sunshine. Thank you everyone for making sure the children are well prepared for the sunshine and heat by providing them with sun cream, hats and water bottles.



Thank you everyone replied to

to who has the

ParentMail message requesting lunch orders for our whole school beach trip on Wednesday 11th July. Everyone had a fantastic time last year and it was brilliant to see our whole school play together on the beach all day. The support we had from families last year fantastic and it is only with your support that we can have such trips. We are incredibly fortunate to have such beautiful beaches so near to school and being able to take the Metro there makes whole school beach trips so manageable and means we can do it with no cost to our families. If you are able to help on the day please let us know as soon as you can, our Early Years in particular need lots of support with the trip.



North Tyneside Council have recently introduced changes to the telephone system that most schools in the Local Authority use, including St. Cuthbert's. This means that when we phone anyone from school the recipient will see the number **0191 643 2655** rather than 'no caller ID' or 'unknown caller' as has been the case in the past. If you see this number come up when your phone rings it is most likely St. Cuthbert's phoning you, or possibly another school in the Local Authority. **If you want to contact us at St. Cuthbert's our number is still 0191 2005620.**



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We ended our last school year by collecting donations of shoes from children and families as part of our commitment as a Rights Respecting School. It was part of UNICEF's first ever ShoeShare scheme and raised over £155, 000 which was spent on education programmes around the world. We would love to make another great contribution from St. Cuthbert's again this year and we will be delighted to receive your shoes at the end of our last school day of the year, Thursday 19th July. Leaving our shoes in the playground and walking away in bare feet during the last minutes of the school year was a very powerful gesture which left a visible image of how much our children and families care.



In keeping with our philosophy of helping others across the world and at home we'd like to ask families not to buy gifts for staff at the end of the school year, but to make donations to our chosen charities instead. Rather than bring a member of staff a gift, a tin or packet of food donated to Nite Bite or money placed in the class collection tin would be fantastic. We support Nite Bite during our Harvest Festival but they do need donations all year around, and this can be our way of helping them through the summer months. If every family donated one tin each we would be making a fantastic contribution to help Nite Bite feed people in North Shields who are in need during the summer months. Any cash raised will go towards buying World Gifts through CAFOD who we support every year. Donations of food or money can be left in each class from Tuesday 10th July.

Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes will be hosting their last activity morning of the year next Friday 13th July in school. The theme is *People Who Help Us* and we have lots of brilliant activities lined up for families and children throughout the morning. Activity mornings at St. Cuthbert's are always a fantastic success and we have been asked by North Tyneside Local Authority to share what we do with other schools in the region and to talk about how outdoor learning impacts on our children's learning at a regional conference next week.

Years 5 & 6 took part in online safety workshops this week and the children discussed how important it is to remain safe online and how important it is to be very aware of our online presence. They looked at the importance of keeping profiles secure and how many of the apps we use are designed to gather and use our personal information without us noticing. They also revisited the message we constantly give them about postings and messages online being permanent even when we think we've deleted things. We constantly talk to our children about staying safe online and how to check privacy on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc. but as adults we must always be aware that many games and apps have got privacy settings that we need to know about



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before allowing our children use them. You can find lots of very useful information at <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

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.

Below are a number of diary dates for you and we know we will be adding many more as the term progresses, please note that Friday 20th July is a staff training day and children will not be in school. 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.

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Monday 9 th July	Girls Active activity day	All day	St. Cuthbert's
Tuesday 10 th July	Year 6 North Tyneside leavers' Mass	Afternoon	St. Mary's Cathedral
Wednesday 11 th July	Whole school beach trip	All day	Tynemouth
Thursday 12 th July	Joint Mass with St. Joseph's RC Primary School	10:30am	St. Cuthbert's
Monday 16 th July	Pupil reports sent home		
Tuesday 17 th July	Family drop in afternoon	3.40pm- 5.30pm	School
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly	Afternoon	School
Thursday 19 th July	EFYS & KS1 Picnic	Morning	School
Thursday 19 th July	End of year Mass	1.30pm	School
Friday 20 th July	Staff training day, school closed for children.	All day	School

Thank you for your continued support,
Shaun Dillon