



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 28th September 2018

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Thank you to Fr. Chris and the parish for making year 4 so welcome at Mass on Friday morning. A different class from school joins the parish for Mass each Friday morning, if you can help walking the children to and from church please let their class teacher know.

Our whole school attendance for the week is an excellent 98.1% and year 6 have won the trophy and celebration banner with a perfect 100%. Well done to everyone for helping us work hard to make sure attendance remains so high at St. Cuthbert's and making sure our children make the most of everything that happens at school.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	99.1%
Year 1	92.6%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	99.4%
Year 5	99.4%
Year 6	100%
Whole School	98.1%

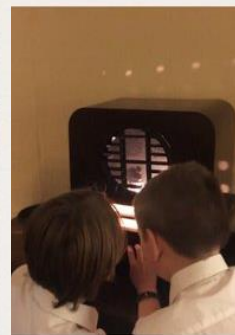


Thank you to our wonderful Mini Vinnies for organising and running our MacMillan Coffee Morning last Monday. The children did a magnificent job of setting up the hall and making sure everyone had plenty of tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits and lots of entertainment from all the classes. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of treats which the children sold raising over £220 for such a great cause.



Our year 6 children and families who missed the St. Thomas More open evening last Tuesday 25th September at St Thomas More, when many of our year 6 children were at Hawkhirst, will have another opportunity to visit the school on Monday 8th October. Mrs Dixon at St. Thomas More has very kindly arranged the second open evening which will begin at 4pm. The evening will include a tour and she will answer any questions you may have.

Year 4 and children from years 5 & 6 had a brilliant trip to the Discovery Museum last week. They got to explore all the exhibitions and carried out lots of research for their class topic work. There is a brilliant range of free places to visit and things to do in the North East and you can keep an eye on what is happening at Tyne & Wear Museums venues by visiting their website, <https://twmuseums.org.uk/> .





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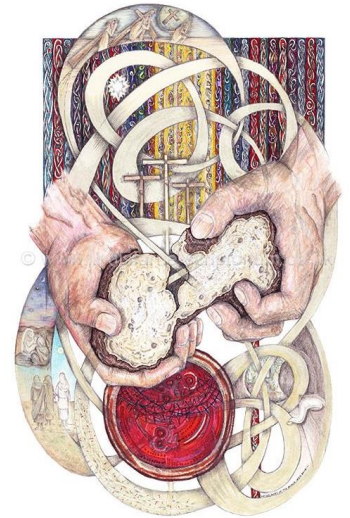
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All our swimmers need to bring their pyjamas, or T-shirts & shorts, as well as their swimming costumes this **Tuesday 2nd October** (no onesies or fleecy pjs), they will be swimming in them. If you would like to see the fantastic progress your child has made, you are invited to join us at Hadrian Leisure Pool in Wallsend on **Thursday 27th October** between 1.15-2.15 pm.



We will be beginning this year's preparation programme for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion over the next few weeks at school and in the parish. The full programme will begin with an Initial Expression of Interest meeting on Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 6pm at St. Cuthbert's Church. We would like to invite any families with children in years 4, 5 or 6 who have not made their First Communion to this meeting so you can find out about the sacramental programme at school, in St. Cuthbert & St. Joseph's Parish and to ask any questions you might have. Thank you to everyone who has replied to the ParentMail message asking if you will be at the meeting, if you haven't replied yet please do so as soon as you can. At this meeting an overview of the programme will be given along with the expectation with regard to commitment expected from families such as times and dates for future meetings for children and families. Following the meeting it is up to you as a family to decide if your child is ready to take part in the sacramental programme. From our experience in school year 4 children are more than ready to prepare for and receive this most special of sacraments. Your child must be baptised Catholic to celebrate both Reconciliation and Eucharist and we will need to see a copy of their baptismal certificate. Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are a very special and significant parts of Catholic life, and the brilliant partnership between the families, Church and school has helped prepare all our children for the sacraments so well each year. If you would like to join the meeting please let Mr Dillon or Fr. Chris know.





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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. **If you child is currently in year 6 you need to apply for a high school place by Wednesday 31 October 2018 and if your child is at Nursery, St. Cuthbert's or any other, 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>

We are delighted to be working with Emma Walton this year and she will be in school for an hour every Tuesday morning to speak to anyone who would like any support to ask questions about a whole range to things. Emma can help anyone with confidential one to one support, advice and guidance on;

- Access to training opportunities
- Jobsearch support
- Benefit advice
- Guidance writing a CV
- Completing job applications
- Interview preparation
- Access to work experience & volunteering
- Better Off In Work Calculations
- Referrals to Debt Services

If you would like to come along you don't need an appointment and there will be plenty of tea, coffee and toast available!

We will be holding a meeting after school on Thursday 4th October for all families of children in years 3 and 4 to tell you all about our next residential trip to Boggle Hole. The meeting is an opportunity for you to find out what the trip is all about, what the children will get from it and to meet Kevin Foster from Explore4All who we work very closely with. The trip has been very, very popular over the past few years, the children love the magic of Boggle Hole and Robin Hood Bay.





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North Tyneside Catering Services are holding their next themed lunch day next Thursday 4th October. Children will be able to choose from a menu of tasty pizzas, lovely ice cream and a healthy salad.

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.

School Pizzeria Italia
THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER

PIZZA
Choose from
Margherita
Pepperoni
Tuna & sweetcorn
Served with fries

Help yourself
to Italian style salads

ICE CREAM
Ice Cream Sundae
with raspberry sauce

Juice drink

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
my.northtyneside.gov.uk/italianfunday

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Our year 5 and 6 children had a magical time in the beautiful woods, and on Kielder Lake at the Hawkfirst camp this week. The children were amazing as always and they demonstrated determination, courage, fantastic team spirit and a wonderful care and support of each other. We are always very proud to take children from St. Cuthbert's anywhere and all the staff at Hawkfirst said they love doing the activities with St. Cuthbert's as the children give everything a go and are brilliant at encouraging each other and celebrating everything that they do. We have posted a short video on our Twitter page with a few highlights of the trip and there is a longer one on our school website showing the children climbing, rowing, throwing tomahawks, building dens, celebrating birthdays!





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We have another busy term lined up at St. Cuthbert's and some of the main dates are listed below. Dates are also added to the calendar on our school website,

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Date	Time	Event	Venue
Tuesday 2 nd October	All day	Year 5 and 6 Beamish trip	Beamish Museum
Thursday 4 th October	Afternoon	Woodlands Trust assembly	School
Thursday 4 th October	3.30pm	Year 3 & 4 Boggle Hole meeting for families	School
Monday 15 th October		Year 5 Mission to Mars at the Hancock Museum	Hancock Museum
Wednesday 17 th October		Year 4 at Centre For Life Electricity workshop	Centre for Life
Thursday 18 th October	All day	Show Racism The Red Card day	School
Friday 19 th October	All day	St. Cuthbert's whole school reading festival, including book swaps.	School
Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th October	All week	Diversity Week	
Monday 22 nd October	Afternoon	Flu immunisations for reception- year 5 children.	School
Friday 26 th October	3.30pm	Break for half term.	

Thank you for your continued support,
Shaun Dillon