



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 14th September 2018

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Thank you to Fr. Chris and the parish for making our whole school so welcome at Mass on Friday morning. Thank you also to all the families who helped walk the children to and from Mass and joined in our celebration of the new school year. All our classes will join 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 98.2% and year 4 have won the trophy and celebration banner with 99.7% 😊 North Tyneside Local Authority have been in touch with all schools in North Tyneside to share information about attendance, the poster and information they have sent is available at the end of the newsletter and it is very clear how much good attendance has a positive benefit on children's emotional well-being and education.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	97.3%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	99.7%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	99.4%
Whole School	98.2%



Congratulations to Mrs Leane and her family as they welcomed baby Erin to the world on Friday. Mum and baby are doing well and we can't wait to see them both at school.

All clubs for the new school year are now up and running and as popular as ever. Children are taking part in a very wide range of activities, from Thrive Alive, Judo, Couch to 5K and singing everyone is enjoying a great time. Most of our clubs will be using the school grounds and this means we have to close all our gates quickly after school. We would love to welcome more adults to our Couch to 5K club, the children are loving it and they would love you to join them!





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All our children are now well settled at St. Cuthbert's, especially our new nursery and reception class children. We are always really proud of how they take a full part in school life, and we are always really proud of how well everyone in school looks after them. Our year 5 Nursery Nurturers and Year 6 Reception Class buddies have been absolutely amazing this year already! This week they have enjoyed sharing time together and have been reading stories, playing games and helping with art work.



Congratulations to all our runners who took part in the Great North Run last weekend. We managed to get everyone together for a St. Cuthbert's Great North Running Champions photo this week! It is fantastic to see so many children from different classes taking part, we are planning a few more runs this year and we'd love everyone to join us.



We will be holding our new school year meetings for all families tomorrow, Monday 17th September at 3.30pm, 4pm and 4.30pm. The meetings are an opportunity for you to find out what your child will be doing at school this year and to hear about the exciting things lined up for them. It is also a chance for you to ask any general questions you might have. The meeting will last about fifteen minutes and you only need to come to one.



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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.norhtyneside.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.norhtyneside.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.

Our Nursery and Reception Class children got their inter generational work off to a flying start this week as Nursery visited their new friends at The Orchard and Reception Class caught up with their friends at Rudyerd Court. The work our Early Years staff and children are doing in partnership with both The Orchard and Rudyerd Court is magical and quite a few other schools are following what we do with great interest. What makes this work even more amazing is that the children are only in their second week back at school and for many of them this is the first time they have taken part in the visits!



Our new EYFS outdoor area is causing great excitement across the whole school, and it's not just the children who can't wait to get on it to play! We have a few more bits to do before the work is complete and all classes will get some time to climb the hill once it is open! Quite a few people have commented that it looks like the landscape from a very famous children's TV programme and the children have begun calling it Tellytubby Land 😊



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Thank you to everyone who has returned their paperwork for the year 5 and 6 Hawkhirst trip later this month. Children can only go on the trip if forms are completed and returned to us on time so if you haven't done yours yet please make sure we have it by next Tuesday 18th September, this helps us massively as we get everything together and make the trip as brilliant as we can for all the children. To complete the form electronically you need to make sure you click the **enable editing** button at the top of the page and save the completed form on your computer before sending it to us. If you would like a paper copy of the forms please call into the school office and collect them. If your child needs to take any medication on the trip can you please make sure you call into school at **9am or 3pm tomorrow, Monday 17th September** and bring any medication needed so that we can make sure it is in date, is prescribed with your child's name on it and we are following your medication instructions properly. If you have any questions at all about the trip please have a chat with Mr Dillon or Mrs Cottiss.

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 will all be very clear on the information sheet. 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 hosting a North Tyneside SCITT good practice day focusing on outdoor learning on Friday. All students on the SCITT course are training to be teachers and we have been asked to talk to them about how learning outdoors makes a massive difference to children's enjoyment of school and ultimately, their achievements. The 36 student teachers will spend their day with staff, visiting The Orchard and Rudyerd Court, working in our roundhouse and watching lessons throughout the school grounds. The biggest part of their day will undoubtedly be working the amazing children of St. Cuthbert's! They will be amazed at how well they work together, how brilliantly they look after each other and how clever and imaginative they all are.





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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 school phoning you, but if you want to contact us our number is still 0191 2005620.

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 of 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!

Our Mini Vinnies will be hosting our MacMillan Coffee Morning on Monday 24th September, at 9am in the school hall and everyone is invited. We're holding ours a few days early as so many of our Mini Vinnies will be climbing trees, flying through the air on a zip wire and sailing rafts they have built themselves during the rest of that week. We will be sending a ParentMail home next week asking for donations of cakes, biscuits and other treats to sell.





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Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember
Education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?
A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is **94.7%**

190 School days in each academic year 0 days absence	184 Days of education 7 days absence	171 Days of education 19 days absence	161 Days of education 29 days absence	152 Days of education 38 days absence	142 Days of education 48 days absence
100% attendance	97% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance	75% attendance
WELL DONE		I'M CONCERNED		SERIOUSLY WORRIED	
A good attendance gives you the best chance for success		A poor attendance gives you less chance of success		Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances	

Did you know?
When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

There are **365 DAYS** in a calendar year

175 DAYS are NOT spent at school

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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
Monday 17 th September	3.30pm, 4pm & 4.30pm	Families welcome to your new class meetings.	Classes
Tuesday 18 th September	9-10am	Tea and toast with Emma Walton, Emma will be available every Tuesday morning.	School hall
Friday 21 st September	All day	North Tyneside SCITT students outdoor learning day	Throughout school, The Orchard & Rudyard Court
Monday 24 th September	9am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	School hall
Tuesday 25 th - Friday 28 th September		Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Hawkthirst	Hawkthirst Scout camp, Kielder
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