



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2017

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We would love you to join us for our first Advent service of 2017 on Friday 1st December at 2.30pm in the school hall. Our Advent services are a beautiful way to stop, clear your mind and have space to think about this most important season when we await the birth of Jesus. We are beginning preparations for the Advent season and we will be sending our travelling cribs home with children from Friday 1st December.

Our whole school attendance of 95% this week. Year 4 have won the trophy with an excellent 98.1%. Since the new Government regulations were brought in September 2013 head teachers can no longer authorise holiday requests during term time unless there are "exceptional circumstances" involved. If you want to take your child out of school in term time for a holiday you will need to complete a holiday form, and you will receive a letter from us to say if the holiday is authorised or unauthorised.

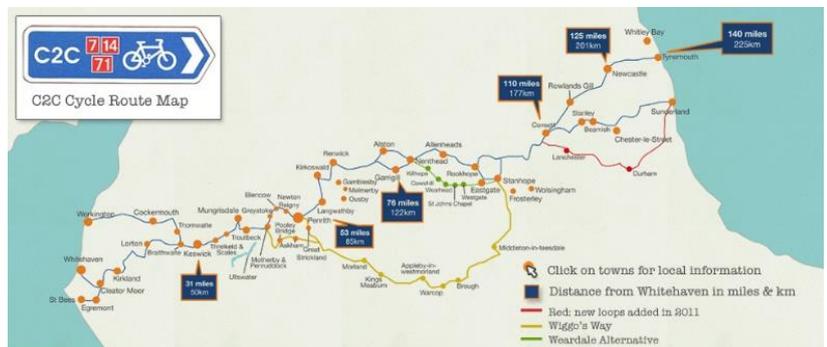
Weekly Attendance	
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	89.3%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	97.9%
Whole School	95%



We will be holding a meeting next Tuesday 28th November at 6pm in school with Dave from Bike4Health to launch plans for our year 5 & 6 Coast to Coast cycle in May 2018. This will be an amazing opportunity for a group of children from years 5 & 6 to cycle the whole way across England and a lot of families have already said they will be at the meeting. If you would like to come along and find out more about the adventure we'd love to see you. We will send information home with children later next week if you can't make it. Places for the challenge will be limited- we'll give you all the details on Tuesday evening.



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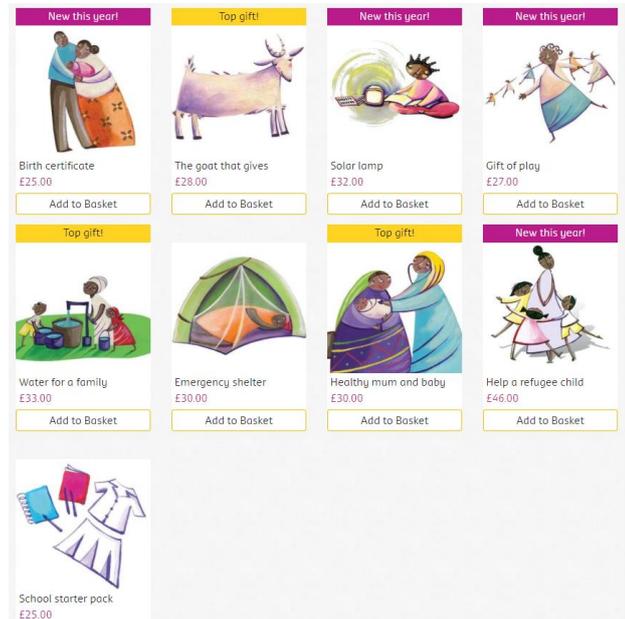
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Our student council are putting the finishing touches to their planned CAFOD fundraising and collection boxes will be in all classrooms, the school office and staffroom from the end of next week. The children have asked that instead of buying gifts for staff and buddies that the money you would have spent is donated to class fundraising. The children will then share the donations between classes and purchase World Gifts from CAFOD for families across the world. You and your children have always been amazing when we have supported World Gifts and the children would love to do this again. Each class will have a World Gifts box and all donations can be made anonymously. The children will be able to choose the gifts they want to buy for other children from around the world before we break up for the Christmas holidays. If we aim for classes raising around £30 each you can see some of the wonderful gifts they can purchase.



Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our next family bike ride on Saturday 2nd December. We'd love everyone to join us dressed up in a Christmas theme and/ or with decorated bikes. We will be leaving school at 10am and cycling to the Cycle Hub and back. This will be our last family cycle of 2017 and we will begin planning cycles for 2018 very soon. You still have time to let us know if you will be joining us and please let us know if you need to borrow a bike or helmet or both.



Our team of script writers, set designers, musical directors and most importantly, our actors and choirs, have begun preparations for our big Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativity performance at the Saville Exchange on Friday 15th December. Tickets for the extravaganza will go on sale from Monday 4th December and will cost £3 each. We'll send more details about ticket allocations and how you can buy them next week.



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We're up to 52 supporters on our Easyfundraising group this week! You can help school by signing up and making any online purchases through the free service. 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, mobiler 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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Our choir will be performing live from The Sage Gateshead next week as part of the Angels of The North Concert next Monday 27th November. The show begins at 6.30pm and we have five individual solo singers from St. Cuthbert's performing and our choir have also been asked to perform on their own on the stage in front of the audience of 1, 700 people! This will be a spectacular night and will mean that our school choir, led so brilliantly by Mr Corbishley, will have sung for 2, 900 people at two separate events this November. This is an amazing achievement and only happens due to the dedication and determination of Mr Corbishley and the children and the support from our families. If you would like a ticket for the show there is a limited number available on the Sage website for £12 each (<http://www.sagegateshead.com/event/angels-of-the-north-201746545/>).





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We have been talking to families of children of all ages at school about children staying safe online and adults being aware of what children might be watching and reading online. Children are online in many ways now, and they can have access to an enormous amount of information, games, videos, music and social media all through computers, tablets, mobile phones, games consoles and TVs. Many children are watching popular vloggers, particularly on YouTube and most vloggers talk about games, movies, music etc. and parents are in control of the content children are accessing. There are some vloggers who are less appropriate and their language and content aren't always suitable for primary school children who can go on to repeat what they have heard without understanding meaning. This applies to websites and online gaming also and it is incredibly important that children only have games which are suitable for their age. Games have clear age ratings and these ratings will give you an idea of what age most online players are and an idea of the type of content games will have. It can be difficult keeping up with all the online celebrities our children are following or online games they are playing; you can find some fantastic information and tips on helping your children on the Internet Matters website, <https://www.internetmatters.org/> We work on online safety in school throughout the year and we are more than happy to support you if you have any questions about online safety for your children at home.



Thank you for your continued support,
Shaun Dillon