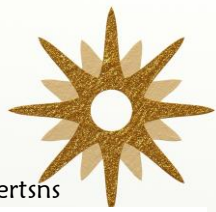




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Thank you to everyone who joined us and the parish for our final whole school Mass of 2017 this morning. Thank you also to everyone who joined us for our final Advent Service of this season and 2017.

We lit the candle of love today and children from year 3 and year 2 shared the gift of love with families in the playground during the week.

Christmas Mass will be celebrated at St. Cuthbert's Church at 8pm on Sunday 24th December and at 11am on Monday 25th December. It will also be celebrated on Monday 25th December at 9.30am at St. Joseph's Church.



Our whole school attendance is 93.3% this week and year 3 have won the trophy with 96.7%. We sent quite a lot of children and a few staff home this week due to the sickness bug that has hit most schools. Thank you to everyone who followed our 48 hour policy to help reduce the spread of the bug throughout the rest of school. I have no doubt that everyone will be back at school in January fit and well and our attendance will increase to the high levels we expect and achieve at St. Cuthbert's 😊

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	93.3%
Year 1	90.7%
Year 2	90.7%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	90.7%
Year 6	95%
Whole School	93.3%



We said goodbye but not farewell to Mrs Ann de Bruin today as she begins the next chapter in her life in retirement. Ann has worked at St. Cuthbert's for almost twenty years and she has been an enormous part of the lives of all our children and staff. Ann and her family enjoyed a very low key assembly yesterday afternoon when each class performed a farewell song or poem for her, the staff in school even got together to sing a version of Let It Snow (Let Ann Go!) which was written by Mrs Cottiss! We wish Ann all the best for the future and we know we will see her lots as a guest at all our events and special celebrations. Mrs de Buin and Mr de Bruin left the assembly in style with a little help from a mini yellow Mini car and two Harley Davidson bikes! Thank you to our very special transport and thank you for all the sweets.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Carol Service on Thursday evening. You have very talented children and everyone who works at St. Cuthbert's is privileged to work with you and them. They told the Christmas story through dance, prayer and song and every single child took a full part and was proud to be part of the service. Thank you to all our staff for their hard work



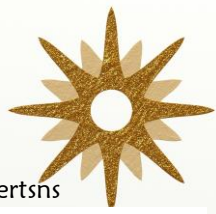
The KS2 Carol Service dress rehearsal is well underway...

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and planning in bringing the service together and for helping the children shine as brightly as they do.

If you ordered a copy of the EYFS & Key Stage 1 Lights, Camel, Action extravaganza you should have it by now. Thank you to everyone who used ParentMail to place an order as this allowed us to make sure we had the correct number of copies made so everyone could get one.



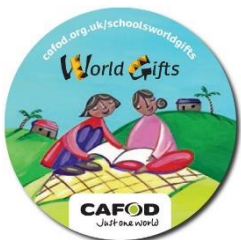
It was the turn of EYFS, year 1 and year 2 to have their Christmas parties this week. The children had a fantastic time dancing and playing party games and they were very, very excited when a special guest made an appearance, gave them gifts and told them how he travels around the world in one night!



Years 1 and 2 visited the residents at The Orchard this week and sang lots of Christmas carols and a few of their own favourite songs. Thank you to everyone who helped walk the children to and from The Orchard.



You helped us raise over £500 this Christmas as



families and staff donated money to help local causes and to buy CAFOD World Gifts. This is an amazing gesture from everyone and once again demonstrates what caring and compassionate children we have for suggesting the idea and what generous and compassionate families and staff we have for donating so much. The children will all work together

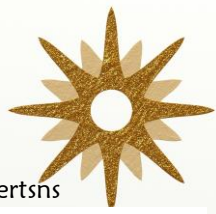


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when we return to school in January to choose which World Gifts to buy based on the impact they will have for other children around the world.

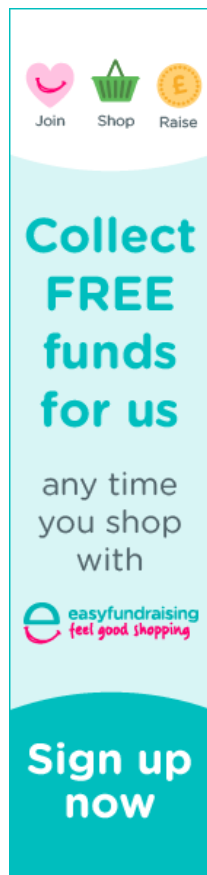
Information about our spring term clubs has all been sent home via ParentMail and children should now know which clubs they are on. ParentMail is proving a great way to allow families the opportunity to book clubs when places become available and stops the chance of letters getting lost in bags! Almost every club we have at St. Cuthbert's is organised and run by staff from school. We don't charge anything for clubs unless it is absolutely necessary and we are always delighted to give children a very wide range to choose from. Children don't always get their first choice of club and we do our very best to make sure they get one we think they will enjoy. There aren't many schools with invention clubs, campfire club, mindful colouring, cooking and Spanish, and everything else on offer!

We're up to 57 supporters on our Easyfundraising group this week- keep telling everyone you know to sign up! If you're doing any last minute shopping or buying vouchers on Amazon you can help school by signing up to and using Easyfundraising. 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.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to St. Cuthbert's at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

Thank you for your continued support, have a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year!

Shaun Dillon



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