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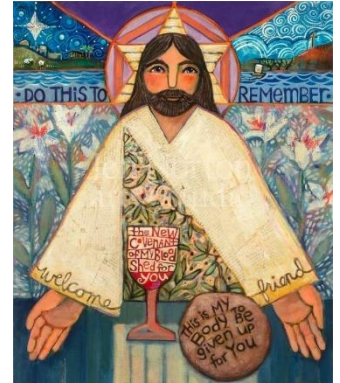
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Thank you to Fr. Chris and the parish for making our year 1 children so welcome at Mass this morning. We began our new half term with our first Lenten assembly of the season on Monday morning and classes will be leading whole school Lenten collective worships until we break up for Easter. Plans for our Easter Passion with St. Joseph's and Christ Church. The Passion will take place on Wednesday 28th March and we will once again gather together in Northumberland Square and make our way back to school to finish. Our next whole school Mass will be at 1.30pm on Thursday 29th March and we would love everyone to join before we break up for Easter.



Our whole school attendance for the week is back to the levels we are used to at St. Cuthbert's at 97.1%. Congratulations to Reception Class who have achieved a perfect 100% for the week!

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	100% 
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	95%
Whole School	97.1%

Thank you to everyone who came along to our parent's evenings this week. If you were unable to make it this week please have a chat with your child's class teacher to arrange a time which is suitable for you both to meet. Teachers have been phoning families to arrange times but you can also phone school and a time that is convenient for yourself.

Well done to all our swimmers from year 4 and 5 who completed their four week block this week. The children have made amazing progress and it was fantastic to see so many proud families at the pool yesterday to see how well the children have done. We love to involve families in everything we do so we were delighted when the staff at the pool asked us if our parents would like to watch a lesson at the pool. The swimming instructors are incredibly impressed with how well the children have progressed and said that they have never had so many families come to watch their children swim.

Children from years 5 and 6 will be representing St. Cuthbert's at the North Shields Dance festival next Monday night and we have three children from years 5 and 6 dancing as part of a special gifted group on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night. The children have been working really hard with Miss Donaldson and we can't wait to see them take their Gadgies onto the stage!





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St. Cuthbert's Great Big Book Week 2018

Next week, each class will be visiting North Shields Library, where they will be celebrating 'World Book Day' which takes place on Thursday 1st March. We are all very excited to be supporting our local library again and we are looking forward to having lots of fun celebrating this special event. Please see below for the day and time your child's class will be visiting the library. If you are able to join us in helping the children walk to and from the library, please let the class teacher know. As always, we are always extremely grateful for any help you can offer.

Monday 26th February:

Year 3 - 9:30am

Year 4 – 1:30pm

Tuesday 27th February:

Nursery – 9:30am

Nursery – 1:30pm

Wednesday 28th February:

Year 6 – 9:30am

Year 2 – 1:30pm

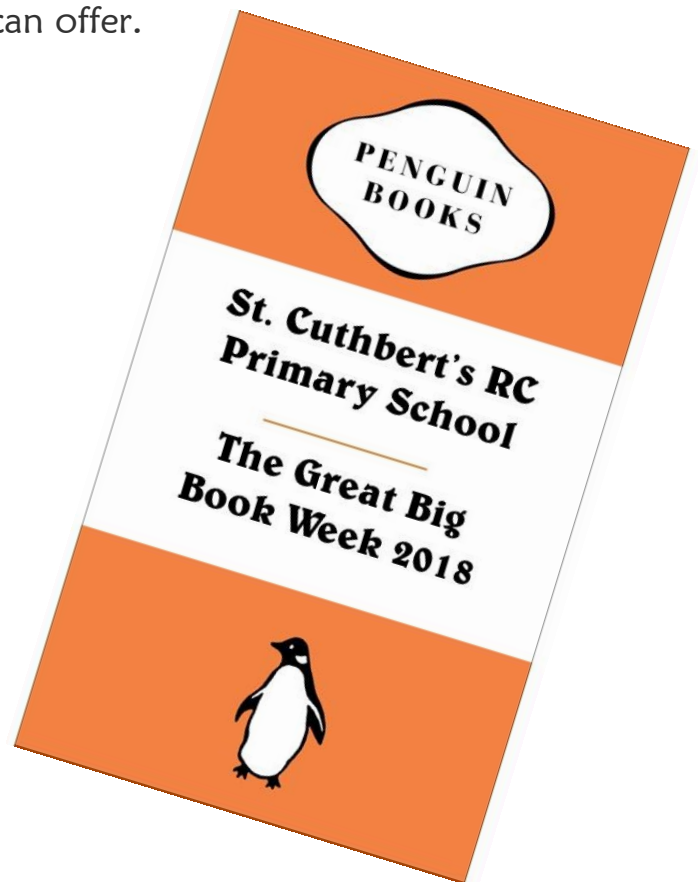
Thursday 1st March:

Year 1 - 9:30am

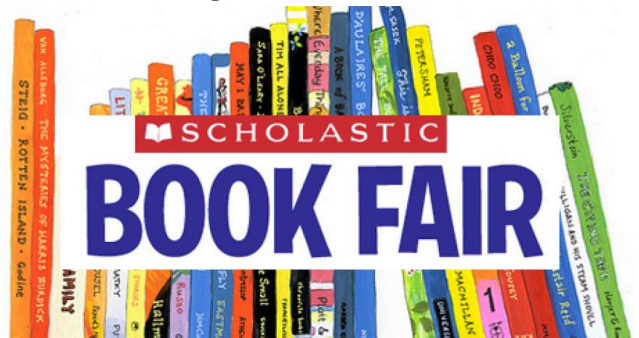
Reception – 1:30pm

Friday 2nd March:

Year 5 - 9:30am



The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school the week beginning 5th March and we really hope you'll be able to find some time to come along and join us. It is such a good opportunity to find books that will encourage your child to read for pleasure. A home filled book is one of the best ways to support your child's growing ability to read, and to succeed at school. The Scholastic Book Fair brings together the newest and best children's books and with over 200 titles it is suitable for all children and abilities.



The Book Fair also offers an easy way to make a contribution to your child's school. For every two books sold, we will receive one free book directly back into our school



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library. Over the course of the week, we will be organising times during the school day for children to browse as a class, so that they have time to see the wide range of books available to buy.

The Book Fair hours will be **8:30 – 8:50am** every morning and from **3:30 – 4:00pm** every afternoon from Monday 5th March to Thursday 8th March. Our Book Fair accepts cheque or cash. And don't forget, your child can even use their World Book Day token! (tokens will be given to the children to take home on Thursday 1st March).

In addition to all the exciting things happening during St. Cuthbert's Big Book Week we will be having a Breakfast With a Book; *Tea, Toast and Togetherness*, every morning next week from 8.15am – 8.45am; families are invited to come on any morning which suits. Thank you to everyone who has booked a morning through ParentMail, if would like to join us There will also be a 'Bookswap' in the Roundhouse all week, before, during and after school where children will be able to bring a book and swap it. These books don't have to be new but do need to be in good condition.

We were happy to receive a letter from Nick Gibb MP congratulating St. Cuthbert's on the fantastic SATs results achieved by our year 6 children last year. In the letter he thanks the children and staff for their hard work in achieving such great results and making fantastic progress which puts us in the top 2% of schools nationally for progress. Mr Gibbs letter is very well deserved praise and his congratulations is very well received by us all. What his letter doesn't mention is the amazing progress all our children make in every class at St. Cuthbert's in all areas of the curriculum and school life. This week we were delighted to sit with year 4 and 5 parents at Hadrian Pool as their children demonstrated how much progress they have made in swimming, many swimming over 100m and well beyond, and many swimming their first length of the pool having overcome nerves about getting in the water four weeks ago. We recognise the magical progress we see across school every single day, including new children settling into our nursery each term and sitting with over 200 other children in assemblies and collective worship in their first weeks. We love watching as our reception class children manage and behave so brilliantly around school and throughout lunchtimes, and the amount of progress they make learning how to be friends and how to express their feelings and ideas. We are always amazed by our year 1 and 2 children as





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they grow confident enough to stand on a stage, in front of audiences of 100s of people, to sing and dance. Our year 3 children making their first trip away from home is always very special and our year 4 residential trip veterans take great pride in supporting them and helping them when they are away. We are always delighted as year 5 children love to help our new nursery starters and how grown up they are when working with them. We are proud of how our year 6 children approach and tackle their SATs tests and how they represent St. Cuthbert's so magnificently at every opportunity. More importantly, the progress they have made in every single class they have been in shines through as they act as amazing role models for every single person at St. Cuthbert's. What the letter also doesn't mention is the fantastic support we receive from all the families at St. Cuthbert's. Without your support and without your understanding our children wouldn't have the curriculum they have. You allow us to take them away on trips, put them on stage, send them on 150 mile bike rides, work with other schools, swim for four weeks at a time, climb trees, light campfires, get their uniforms mucky, take them all to the cinema and the beach, and much, much more. You support us in everything we do, you turn out in massive numbers so we stop the traffic on Albion Road, pack out the Saville Exchange, take over Northumberland Park, cook lovely meals with recipe bags and you help take the children on the many trips they go on. The support you give your children with their learning and homework is amazing, and every visitor to our school is blown away by the standard of our children's work- they love the imagination and creativity on display in every class, and how well mannered, generous and caring they are. Our results year 6 results were fantastic last year. They are fantastic every year because every single member of staff and child works as hard as they can, whilst enjoying everything else happening at school. Thank you all for your support at all times throughout the year and thank you for allowing us to teach your children, they are all amazing. Mr Gibb's letter is on the following page.





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Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

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5 February 2018

Dear Mr Dillon,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school have made in their reading, writing and mathematics.

Your school's key stage 2 results, as published on 14 December, show progress scores of 7.4, 3 and 3.5 in English reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that your school is amongst the top 2% of schools in England in terms of the progress your pupils make between key stage 1 and the end of key stage 2.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading, writing and mathematics to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP



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Below are a number of diary dates for you and we know we will be adding many more as the term progresses. We will be adding the dates for whole school Mass, our Easter Passion and a few other events when we have them confirmed. 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 26 th February	Dance Festival (years 5 & 6)	6pm	The Parks Leisure Centre
Monday 26 th - Friday 2 nd March	St. Cuthbert's Great Big Book Week	All week	School, North Shields Library
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day (Fancy dress - book characters)	All day	School
Saturday 3 rd March	Family Bike Ride	10am- 2pm	Meet at school
Monday 5 th March	Years 5 & 6 at Centre for Life	Throughout the day	Centre For Life
Tuesday 6 th March	Key Stage 2 activity morning	All morning	School
Tuesday 6 th March	EYFS morning out	All morning	Hancock museum
Friday 9 th March	Mother's Day assembly Reception Class families	Morning	School
Friday 9 th March	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Activity Morning	Morning	School
Wednesday 21 st March	Year 5 @ Skipping Festival	Morning	
Thursday 22 nd March	Year 1 @ Stephenson Railway Museum	9.30am- 2pm	Stephenson Railway Museum
Wednesday 28 th March	Easter Passion	1.30pm	School and Northumberland Square
Thursday 29 th March	Whole school Mass	1.30pm	St. Cuthbert's Church
Sunday 25 th March	Whole school outdoor activity morning	10am- 1pm	School
Friday 30 th March	Good Friday		
Monday 16 th April	Staff training day	All day	School
Tuesday 17 th April	Children return to school		

Thank you for your continued support,
Shaun Dillon