



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2018

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Thank you to Fr. Chris and the parish for making our children so welcome at Mass this morning. Congratulations to all our children who celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday evening at St. Joseph's Church. This is a very special year for our children as they continue their preparation for their First Holy Communion later on this year. Thank you to all our families, parish and staff for the support you give our children on their journey.



Next week will mark one year since the sudden and sad loss of our friend and colleague Mr Barry Jennings. Mr Jennings and his family have been in our hearts, in our prayers and in our thoughts throughout this time. For many of us at school, and I am sure most of our families, it is hard to believe it is one year since we lost Barry. We will mark this anniversary by completing our tree mural that we began during Diversity Week. We will have paints ready for anyone who would like to add their handprint to the mural; all our children have already done theirs. We will also have a special book in school where we will keep any words or drawings children or families would like to share in memory of Mr Jennings. The book will be A4 in size so we need anything you would like us to add to be A4 or smaller. The support you gave your children and staff at school last year was truly inspiring, and I know that together we will mark this anniversary in a way that our children understand and in a way that celebrates life.

Our whole school attendance for the week is 93.6% and year 5 have won the trophy with 98.3%. Thank you to everyone for following school policy and procedures and having your GP check your child for suspected Slapped Cheek and chickenpox over the last two weeks. We have had a number of confirmed cases of Slapped Cheek within school over the last couple of weeks. We have spoken to our School Nurse with regards to symptoms to look out for and recommended period of time to be absent from school.

1. The condition is infectious for 3-5 days with signs of: sore throat, headache, runny nose or temperature over 38 degrees before the rash appears on the skin.
2. Once the rash is visible the child is no longer required to be absent from school (UNLESS THE CHILD IS STILL UNWELL IN THEMSELVES)

If you have any concerns please contact your local GP, or alternatively for full information please use the link; <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	92.3%
Year 3	86%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	90%
Whole School	93.6%





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Our EYFS & Key Stage 1 children and families enjoyed a fantastic pirate and transport themed activity morning this week. Children came to school dressed as all sorts of pirates, astronauts, train drivers explorers and other exciting things. So did a lot of adults! They all took part in brilliant activities and workshops and the number of parents and grandparents who came along and joined in was fantastic. Thank you all for your brilliant support and for taking such a full and active part in your children's learning- we can't wait for our next activity morning!



Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our family bike ride tomorrow morning. We will leave school at 10.30am and the school gates will be open from 10am. If you have requested a bike and helmet they will be there when you arrive, if you would like to join us but haven't signed up you are more than welcome to come along. We will cycle to the Cycle Hub in Newcastle and return along the same route. It is a relaxed and enjoyable cycle and it has been fantastic to see so many of our children and families complete it comfortably and with much enjoyment.

Our first round of Recipe Bags have been sent home for our 2018 project! We can't wait to see the wonderful delights cooked up by our children and families and we'll be keeping an excited watch on Twitter to see what you post. Our Nursery children got our project off to a flying start with their friends at Rudyerd Court- you can watch a video of them preparing vegetables for their wonderful soup together on our Twitter page.



Our next Parent's Evenings will be held on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th February- straight after half term. We have set up a booking system on ParentMail and we hope that families find it a useful way to book appointments to see class teachers over the two evenings. This will be the first time we have used the ParentMail booking system and we are sure it will be as user friendly and straight forward as the other ParentMail applications.



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If your child is going to Boggle Hole this month please remember we are holding a quick meeting next **Wednesday 31st January at 3.00pm** in school to gather together all paperwork, medication (**please check all prescribed medicines are in date**) and to answer any last minute questions you might have before we set off on Monday 5th February. This should be a very short meeting and very straight forward. Lots of families have found ParentMail really useful when making payments for trips and it is handy to see how much has been paid and what amount is outstanding. If you have any outstanding payments to make for Boggle Hole can you please do so by the end of January. If you have any questions at all please have a chat with Mr Dillon or Mrs Cottiss.



Children from years 4, 5 and 6 worked with dancer Kristin Kelly Abbott on Monday to plan and learn a routine for the upcoming North Shields Dance Festival. The children looked at art work by local artist Alexander Millar and their dance is based upon the characters and situations he paints. The main characters are The Gadgies who are shipyard workers, and there was great excitement throughout school as we could all hear the stomping and drumming of the dance. Miss Donaldson worked alongside Kristin and she will do some more work with the dancers over the next few weeks. You can watch a clip of the dance on our Twitter feed. You can also watch Kristin's choreography which has inspired our dance at

<https://vimeo.com/134818590>



This year's dance festival entry will be inspired by the "Working Man"

Thank you for your continued support,
Shaun Dillon