



# St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018


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Thank you to Fr. Chris and the parish for making year 3 so welcome at Mass on Friday morning. A different class from school joins 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 97.9% and two classes have won the trophy and a celebration banner each with a perfect 100%. Well done to year 1 and year 5 for a fantastic achievement, that's three different classes with 100% attendance in the past two weeks.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	97.4%
Year 1	100% 
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	100% 
Year 6	98.7%
Whole School	<b>97.9%</b>



Our year 6 children and families who missed the open evening on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at St Thomas More, when many of our year 6 children were at Hawkthirst, will have another opportunity to visit the school this **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. Mrs Dixon at St. Thomas More has very kindly arranged the second open evening which

will begin at 4pm. The evening will include a tour of the school and she will answer any questions you may have. If your child is in year 6 and you are unsure about which high schools to apply for it is well worth visiting St. Thomas More and finding out more about the school and the fantastic things the children will get to do there.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the year 3 & 4 Boggle Hole meeting after school this week. Kevin Foster from Explore4All gave an outline of what the children will do and what we provide for them on the trip, and everyone watched a video of last year's visit. Boggle Hole is a magical place and everyone has an truly amazing time there. We will be sending further information out through ParentMail next week, this will include final costs and information on ways to pay for the trip. If you have any questions at all about the Boggle Hole trip please speak to Mr Dillon or Mrs Cottiss. If you would like to watch the video again you can view it on the school website or at <https://animoto.com/play/2s5Krp7DJirLo4sLzaa0cQ>





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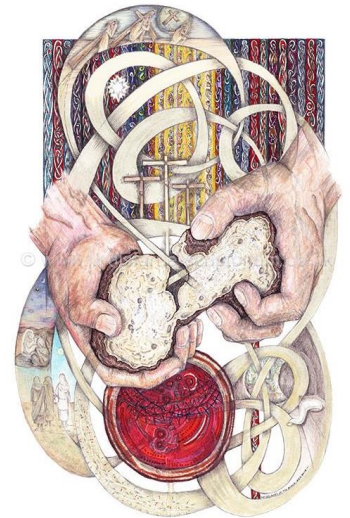
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We love receiving and retweeting all the messages we get sharing work, hobbies and amazing things our children do when away from school. Our policy at school is to make sure we don't name children in our Tweets if a photo or a video is included. We love to retweet your messages but we can't do that if your child's name is on the Tweet along with a photo or video; if you do send us a Tweet can you make sure there are no names included and we'll share it as soon as we can.



Our key stage 2 swimmers finished their four week block of lessons this week and the progress they have made is amazing! They had another great week with a pyjamas swimming sessions, play sessions and a very special day when families visited the pool to see how well they were all doing. Well done to every single swimmer, your hard work has paid off and it is fantastic to see every child confident in the water.

We will be beginning this year's preparation programme for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion over the next few weeks at school and in the parish. The full programme will begin with an Initial Expression of Interest meeting next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 6pm at St. Cuthbert's Church. We would like to invite any families with children in years 4, 5 or 6 who have not made their First Communion, to this meeting so you can find out about the sacramental programme at school, in St. Cuthbert & St. Joseph's Parish, and to ask any questions you might have. Thank you to everyone who has replied to the ParentMail message asking if you will be at the meeting, if you haven't replied yet please do so as soon as you can. At this meeting an overview of the programme will be given along with the expectation of commitment expected from families such as times and dates for future meetings for children and families. Following the meeting it is up to you as a family to decide if your child is ready to take part in the sacramental programme. From our experience in school year 4 children are more than ready to prepare for and receive this most special of sacraments. Your child must be baptised Catholic to celebrate both Reconciliation and Eucharist and we will need to see a copy of their baptismal certificate. Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are a very special and significant parts of Catholic life, and the brilliant partnership between the families, Church and school has helped prepare all our children for the sacraments so well each year. If you would like to join the meeting please let Mr Dillon or Fr. Chris know.





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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 are very clear on the information sheet. **If you child is currently in year 6 you need to apply for a high school place by Wednesday 31 October 2018 and if your child is at Nursery at St. Cuthbert's or anywhere else, you need to apply for a place in our Reception Class by Tuesday 15 January 2019.** 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 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 to 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!

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.northtyneside.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.northtyneside.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.



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The Cedarwood Trust have asked us to share their programme of workshops and events for the coming months. All sessions are free apart from morning sessions at St. Hilda's. If you would like to find out more about what is on at the Cedarwood Trust you can contact them on 0191 259 0245 or visit their website,

[www.cedarwoodtrust.co.uk/](http://www.cedarwoodtrust.co.uk/)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>10.00 – 11.00</b> <b>Exploration Station @ St Hilda's, Stanton Road</b></p> <p>Offers a range of sensory based activities for children 0 - 4 aimed to give your explorers the opportunity to engage in open ended play helping them to develop their physical, social, communication and creative skills</p> <p><b>12.30 - 2.30 Baby Yoga Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>Baby yoga offers many benefits for your child including flexibility and building strength in muscles, thus ensuring your infants confidence in themselves as they progress from sitting to crawling to walking.</p>	<p><b>9.30 – 11.00 Imagination Station @ St Peter's, Central Ave, Balkwell</b></p> <p>A stay and play group. A variety of imagination stations are set out to excite, entice and engage your young explorer.</p> <p><b>12.30 – 14.30 Coping with OCD and Anxieties Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>The course is designed to help you become more relaxed and confident in dealing with everyday life when suffering from anxiety or OCD. The course is 6 weeks , requires commitment to the full 6 weeks.</p>	<p><b>9.30 – 11.30 Sing &amp; Sign Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>Babies use all kinds of signs and gestures as a natural part of learning to talk and communicate. Sing and Sign is an open session which you can just pop along too. It's a fun way to learn 'Makaton' a language program that gives your child a helping hand to communicate.</p> <p><b>12.30 – 2.00 Creation Station @ Percy Main Cricket Club starts November.</b></p> <p>A stay and play group. A variety of creative activities are set out to meet the key stage development needs of your child.</p>	<p><b>9.30 – 12.00 Cooking on a budget Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>A 5 weeks course hosted by North Tyneside Health and Wellbeing to help build practical cookery skills to learn how to prepare nutritional food from scratch. Ingredients provided, places limited and commitment to the complete course required</p> <p><b>12.30 – 2.30 Breast Feeding Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>A mother to mother support group for pregnant women and new mums to help, encourage and promote better understanding of breast feeding as an important element in the healthy development of baby and mother</p> <p><b>01.00-2.30 Stay and Play @ St Aidans, Billymill Lane</b></p> <p>A stay and play group. A variety of imagination stations are set out to excite, entice and engage your young explorer.</p>	<p><b>9.30 – 11.30 Stay n Play – Motor Skills Cedarwood centre, Avon Avenue</b></p> <p>Is an open sessions which you can just pop along too where you and your child can socialise, make new friends, learn through having fun or take part in one of our Parenting Workshops which focus on the everyday issues of bringing up children such as; Temper tantrums, The Terrible Two's, Biting, Allergies &amp; Intolerances</p>



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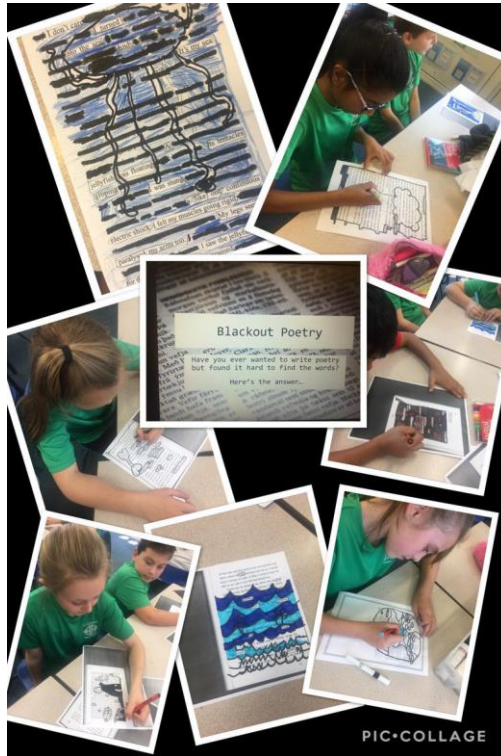

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We celebrated National Poetry Day this week and children in every class celebrated poetry in lots of different ways. Children rapped, sang, danced and wrote their own poems on the playground throughout the week and it was brilliant to hear so many of our children use different forms of poetry to paint beautiful images and share ideas. Lots of visitors to school have been taking photos of the poem in our refurbished school entrance. The poem is People Need People by Benjamin Zephaniah and the message of the poem is a beautiful one which we believe captures the heart of St. Cuthbert's with a really simple sounding but very deep and important message, People Need People, in everything we do.

People Need People

People need people.  
To walk to  
To talk to  
To cry and rely on.  
People will always need people.  
To love and to miss  
To hug and to kiss.  
It's useful to have  
other people.  
To whom to moan  
If you're all alone.  
It's so hard to share  
When no one is there.  
There's not much to do  
When there's no one but you.  
People will always need people.

Benjamin Zephaniah

We are very excited about an event which St. Cuthbert's will be taking over in a few weeks' time. We will be asking for as many children, families and friends as possible to take part, and to help as volunteers on the morning, (it'll be a Saturday). Everyone can take part in the event and there will be refreshments available at the end. Keep an eye on Twitter, ParentMail and next week's newsletter for more information.





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Years 5 and 6 had a journey back in time to World War II at Beamish this week. The children took part in workshops bringing their topic work to life, and they made the popular visit to the sweet shop! Thank you to our amazing PTFA for helping fund the trip and for supporting all our classes throughout the year. We will be sending information home very soon about our next PTFA meetings and dates of events and activities leading up to Christmas. You are all invited to be part of our PTFA and offer whatever help and support you can.



Children and adults have been Thriving across St. Cuthbert's again this week. All our children have been exploring lots of different ways to listen to and regulate their own breathing and finding new ways to spend time listening to each other. We were delighted to hear about children taking their Thrive activities home and sharing them with their families this week and sharing them with us on Twitter as well.

Mrs Hughes, Miss Donaldson and children from year 5 took part in the North Tyneside Young Leaders programme at the Langdale Centre this week. The children will be working with other children throughout school to find out what activities they enjoy doing, what activities they would like to do and when they want to do them.





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We have almost finalised the major dates for the next half term and we will include them in next week's newsletter and update our website calendar. Make sure you keep an eye on ParentMail to find out about individual class or club events and activities.

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October		Year 5 Mission to Mars at the Hancock Museum	Hancock Museum
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October		Year 4 at Centre For Life Electricity workshop	Centre for Life
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	<i>Show Racism The Red Card</i> day. Everyone to wear red to school.	School
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	St. Cuthbert's whole school reading festival, including book swaps. More information to be sent home.	School
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	All week	Diversity Week	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Afternoon	Flu immunisations for reception- year 5 children.	School
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Break for half term.	

Thank you for your continued support,  
Shaun Dillon