



# St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

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Thank you to Fr. Chris and the parish for making our year 5 children so welcome at Mass this week. We will celebrate our next whole school Mass at St. Cuthbert's Church on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9,30am and everyone is invited to join us. We will also begin our weekly Advent services at school next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm, again, everyone is invited to join us.



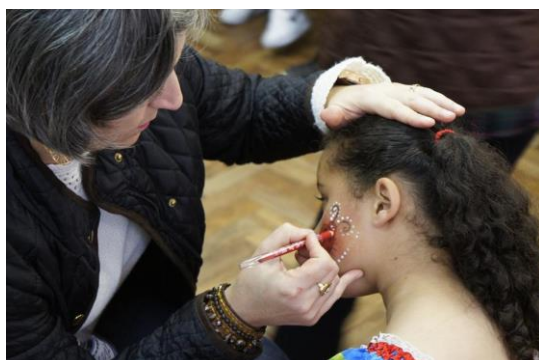
Our whole school attendance is 94.4% for the week and year 1 have won the trophy this week 97.8%. Thank you to everyone who has contacted school during the week to let us know that your child has been unwell. Thank you also for allowing your child to recover from their illness and for following our 48 hours guidelines if they have suffered from sickness or diarrhoea. We always ask that they don't return to school until 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This gives your child time to recover, makes sure the bug has left them, and helps stop it spreading through school.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	92.2%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	92.3%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	97.4%
Whole School	<b>94.4%</b>



We celebrated UNICEF's World Children's Day with children around the world last Tuesday, including our friends at Romario Martins in Curitiba. Children at both schools took part in lots of fun, exciting activities and the discussions they were having when deciding which activities to be part of were brilliant.

ARTICLE 29: Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect their parents, and their own and other cultures and the environment.





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Foundation Stage and years 5 & 6 met famous children's authors this week. Adam Bushnell, author of *Donkey's Wings* and *Worm Stings* and *The Secrets of St. Cuthbert's* visited our year 5 and 6 children in school. Nursery and Reception Class had an equally brilliant time meeting Helen Stephens, author of *How To Hide A Lion and Bell and Sebastian* at North Shields library. Our children love meeting and talking to famous authors and it is another example to them that they can be whatever they want to be when they meet the people who write the books they love.



You can access hundreds of eBooks and audiobooks completely free of charge through North Tyneside Libraries eBooks service, BorrowBox. The BorrowBox app makes it easy to browse, borrow and read eBooks anywhere, everywhere. To get started with the BorrowBox app:

- For Apple devices, find the BorrowBox app in the App Store
- For Android devices, find the BorrowBox app in the Google Play Store
- In the app, find your library service -- North Tyneside Libraries
- Sign In with your library ticket (28012 number) and the last four digits of your ticket number as your PIN

We will be holding a Christmas Crafts day for all our children on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and one of the activities will be children decorating and filling jam jars with sweets for the Christmas Fayre. We would love donations of empty and washed jam jars for the children to use and we will need one per child. You can send your child's jam jar to school throughout next week, if you are struggling to get a jam jar a lot of families have bought jars of cheap supermarket jam or marmalade in the past, emptied them out, washed them and sent them to school. We will provide the sweets for the children to fill the jars with.







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We will be holding our Christmas Fayre at school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm. **We will holding our next non uniform day next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November and we would love the children to bring a bottle of something for the bottle stall again.** We have a number of stalls already confirmed for the fayre and we will let you know a full list of who will be with us as soon as everyone is confirmed. All our children will also be taking part in a Christmas Crafts day at school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we will send you more information about it closer to the date.



If you haven't joined our school lottery yet it is really easy and gives you a chance of winning our school jackpot each week and gives you an entry to a much bigger weekly jackpot. All profits from the lottery go towards helping us make sure our children continue to have the fantastic opportunities they get every week at St. Cuthbert's. Our weekly prize currently stands at £19.80, you will also be entered into a national school lottery for £25,000 draw each week. You can sign up at

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-cuthberts-rc-primary-school/supporter>.



## St Cuthbert's R.C. Primary School

North Shields, Tyne and Wear

🕒 Next draw will take place on Sat 24 November 2018

🕒 Next draw in 0 day 6 hours 14 minutes

One of our year 1 girls is missing her pink micro scooter which she left in the school playground, along with all the other scooters and bikes, before half term. When she was going home her scooter wasn't there and I have no doubt that it has been taken in a case of mistaken identity. It is really easy to take the wrong one as many look so alike and I am sure that it will be sitting in someone's garage, hallway, garden or even car boot as the weather has got worse and less children are bringing scooters and bikes to school at the minute. If your child has a pink scooter can you check that they have the correct one or that they haven't got two by mistake, the missing scooter might even be at a friend or relatives house if they were picked up from school by someone else. We are always delighted to see children coming to school by scooter or bike and only one scooter has gone missing in the last seven years and it turned up a few weeks later.



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If you haven't already done it now would be the perfect time to sign up to our Easyfundraising page as you get ready for Christmas! **We now have 68 supporters and have raised £387.50 so far.** 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, 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!

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.

Join Shop Raise

Collect  
**FREE**  
funds  
for us

any time  
you shop  
with

easyfundraising  
feel good shopping

Sign up  
now

Each year all staff at school are overwhelmed by how generous families are when giving Christmas gifts to staff, and between year 6 and Reception Class to buddies. Our student council have once again 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 work with our student council to decide how to use the funds raised. We are setting each class the target of raising £30 each; we have chosen this amount as this was our target last year and every class reached it.

Our amazing choir will be in action once again at The Sage, Gateshead, as part of the Angels of The North Concert. Information about t-shirts, arrangements for the day, tickets and times for the day has all been sent home through ParentMail. If you are able to help get the children to The Sage by Metro on Monday morning please let us know at school. If you need any information at all please call into the school office or speak to Mr Corbishley. Tickets can be bought The Sage website,



<https://tickets.sagegateshead.com/booking/production/syos/50995> or by phoning the box office on 0191 443 4661 and they cost £12 each.



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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 Aidan's, 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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## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) drop-in sessions at St Cuthbert's.

Miss Shepherd, our SEND coordinator would like to invite parents and carers to drop in sessions on the morning of the first Wednesday of every month should you have any concerns or questions to answer about any issue relating to SEND.

### Partnership with parents

As stated in our SEND policy:

“Partnership plays a key role in enabling children and young people with SEND to achieve their potential. Parents hold key information and have knowledge and experience to contribute to the shared view of a child's needs. All parents/carers of children with special educational needs will be treated as partners and be given support to play an active and valued role in their child's education.

Children and young people with special educational needs often have a unique knowledge of their own needs and their views about what sort of help they would like. They will be encouraged to contribute to the assessment of their needs, the review and transition process.

The school website contains details of our policy for special educational needs and the local offer that includes the provision made for children with SEND. At all stages of the special needs process, the school keeps parents fully informed and involved. We take account of the wishes, feelings and knowledge of parents at all stages”.

Our next drop-in will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 9am-12pm.

For further information and other support services for children with SEND: \* North Tyneside Local Offer - This details all support services available in North Tyneside \* [SENDIASS@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:SENDIASS@northtyneside.gov.uk) -The Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) provide advice and information to young people, and parents whose children have Special Educational Needs.





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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. **The deadline for applications for high school places has now passed. 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> .

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.

We are very, very busy over the next few weeks as we approach Advent and Christmas. We will be holding our weekly Advent services every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm in the school hall and we would love as many families and friends to join us as possible. The services are reflective, peaceful and a wonderful opportunity to stop and be still during the season of advent as we await the birth of Jesus.



The list of dates for upcoming events has been updated and we will let you know of any changes as soon as we possible can. For children's parties this year we would like each child to bring a wrapped paper plate with their own party food. This means that children will have exactly what they want for the party and it will cut down on any food waste. Can you please make sure that your child's plate is clearly labelled with their name to avoid any mix ups.



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Date	Time	Event	Venue
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	All day and evening	School choir singing at The Sage Gateshead	The Sage Gateshead
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	EYFS North Shields Library visit	North Shields library
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	1pm	Key Stage 1 & afternoon Nursery Library visit	North Shields library
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	11am	Year 5 library visit	North Shields library
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	1.30pm	Year 6 library visit	North Shields library
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	11am	Year 3 library visit	North Shields library
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	1.30pm	Year 4 library visit	North Shields library
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Non uniform day, children to donate a bottle for Christmas Fayre	School
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	11am	Year 1 library visit	North Shields library
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	1.30pm	Year 2 library visit	North Shields library
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	2.30pm	First Advent collective worship, further collective worships will be held each Friday up to the end of term. Everyone is welcome to join us.	School hall
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	All day	Christmas Crafts Day for children	School
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Year 6 at North Shields library, local history work	North Shields library
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	11-12	Choir singing at Beacon Centre	Beacon Centre
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	12-1.30pm	Choir singing at St. Andrew's in Newcastle	Newcastle
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	EYFS & Key Stage 1 singing at Northumberland Park	Northumberland Park band stand
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30-5pm	Christmas Fayre	School Hall
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December		Choir at Victorian Market, North Shields	Northumberland Square
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December		Key Stage 2 Christingle at Beacon Centre	North Shields
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Through the day	EYFS and Key Stage 1 rehearsals at Saville Exchange. Parent support to walk there and back very welcome	Saville Exchange
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Save The Children Christmas jumper day at school.	school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Evening	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance at the Saville Exchange. Further details will be sent home closer to the date.	Saville Exchange
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9-10am	St. Cuthbert's Christmas Park Run at Whitley Bay	Whitley Bay Links
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		Years 3 & 4 Christmas party	school
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning	Whole school trip. Parent support getting children to town and back is very welcome.	Newcastle
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning	Nursery visit to Fenwick's window. Parent support very welcome	Newcastle
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Years 5 & 6 Christmas party	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Whole school Christmas Lunch	school
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	Year 1 & 2 Christmas party	school
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	After school	Christingle service. Further details will be sent home closer to the date.	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Morning	Whole school end of term Mass.	St. Cuthbert's Church.

Thank you for your continued support, Shaun Dillon