



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

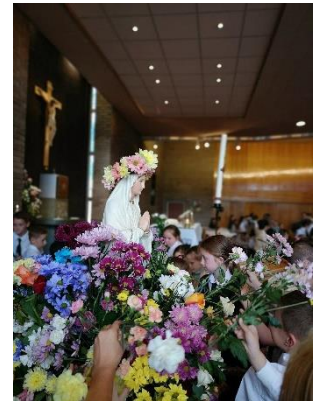
Friday 10th May 2019

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Our next whole school Mass will be next Friday 24th May at 9.30am at St. Cuthbert's Church, and it will be part of our annual May Procession. As part of our May Procession we invite families and friends to join us at school and to bring flowers to decorate our statue of Mary, and the prayer shelter on the school field. We will walk to church together as a whole school and we plan to walk back to school by taking a route through North Shields, Northumberland Square and the Beacon Centre; finishing on the school field. We would love to see as many people as possible join us for this very special celebration.



Our whole school attendance is a fantastic 98.1% for the week and year 6 have won the trophy with a perfect 100% 🏆 Well done everyone on another week of brilliant attendance.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	99%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	98.4%
Year 4	98.4%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6 🏆	100%
Whole School	98.1%

Thank you to everyone at St. Cuthbert's for supporting our year 6 children during their SATs last week. Our usual daily timetables and schedules were changed as we made sure the children had the best conditions to do their tests. Thank you also to the teachers for putting on breakfast each morning and to Mrs Brown for a lovely cooked breakfast on Thursday morning. The children worked hard and did their very best all week, we are all very proud of them, everyone of them is a superstar 😊

Thank you to Miss Shepherd for the beautiful, homemade cupcakes in St. Cuthbert's colours and for taking the class swimming on Friday; that's what school is really about!





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Work began on our Elmer this week as AJ's mam and dad came in to school and gave Elmer a Celtic tattoo which will form part of the final design. There won't be many Elmers getting tattoos and there won't be many tattooists who get to tattoo an elephant! Thank you to Aj's mam and dad- you've got our decorations off to a brilliant start 😊



Thank you to everyone who has planted their tree and a very big thank you to all the children as they are caring for the trees brilliantly. Every morning, after school and during playtimes the children are watering their trees, making sure they are standing up straight and helping look after their friends trees. Can I please ask all families to make sure little children don't pull the support sticks from the trees and that they also help look after them. If you haven't planted a tree yet there is still time. We are waiting for another delivery of saplings and we'll let you know when they are ready to be planted, it will most likely be after half term.



Children from years 5 and 6 began work with Kristin this week preparing for their big dance show at Northern Stage on Tuesday night. The children will be part of the show, *Deeds Not Words* which tells the story of the suffragette movement and the fight for women to be given equal rights to men in the early 1900s. The show is a sell-out and there is no doubt that St. Cuthbert's dancers will be stars on the night, just like they were as The Gadgies last year.



We have enjoyed some lovely weather through the week and hopefully we'll see even more sunshine during the rest of the school year. We take our learning outdoors in all weather and we always ask that the children are prepared for all weather. Some children have been bringing suncream to school and they have been very sensible when applying it. Staff at school don't apply suncream for children, if your child has some can you please make sure they know how to use it. Most children have been using long lasting suncream which they put on before coming to school and it lasts all day.



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We retweeted a message from Children in Crossfire this week which said they would be responding to a reflection from the Dalai Lama about what we see reported on the news every day. Children in Crossfire are starting a new feature, *STAR-Sharing The Alternative Reality* and we are going to do the same at St. Cuthbert's. Keep an eye on Twitter for our good news reports through the week, we have lots of them at St. Cuthbert's!



Well done to all our runners who took part in the Children's Cancer Run this morning at Newcastle Racecourse. We had runners in the Mini Mile, the three mile run and the big 5 mile run and every single one of them completed their course and crossed the finish line smiling! Thank you to all our families for supporting the event and running around the courses with the children, without your support they wouldn't be able to take part in events like this.





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Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising. **We now have 75 supporters and have raised £517.39 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.

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



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

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

We strive to keep families and our wider St. Cuthbert's community as up to date as possible about what is happening at school each week. We are delighted to be a very busy school and we take every opportunity we can to make sure our children have fantastic experiences. Sometimes this means we take up last minute invitations to events and, as a school community, you are always very supportive of what we do. We use ParentMail as our main way to communicate with everyone and 98% of families are signed up to the free service. Newsletters are also published on our website and we use Twitter and text messages to let everyone know what is happening as well. If anyone needs to contact school someone is always available on the playground in the morning and after school, or you can phone the school office. **We do ask that families don't use the school email as a means of communication as we cannot guarantee that messages will be read or dealt with on time as we have a very, very large number of school business emails to get through every day.** If you need to contact school please speak to a member of staff on the playground, phone the office or send a note to school.



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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.

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”.

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 -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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Below are the main dates for the summer term. We will be adding many more dates over the next week or two as we confirm arrangements for Masses, trips, celebrations with other schools and many other events we get involved with over the coming months. As always, we will keep the list as up to date as we can and let you know of any changes as soon as possible.

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Friday 24th May	9.30am	May Procession & whole school Mass	School and Church
Friday 24 th May	3.30pm	School breaks up for half term	
Monday 27 th - 31 st May	All week	Half term	
Monday 3 rd June	All day	Staff training Day	School
Tue 4th- Friday 7th June	All week	Sports Week	School
Tuesday 4 th June	8:55am	Children return to school	School
Wednesday 5th June	Morning	Nursery and Reception Class sports day	School
Wednesday 5th June	1.30pm	Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 sports day	school
Saturday 10th June	10am	First Holy Communion Mass	St. Joseph's Church
Tuesday 18 th June	All day	Year 6 at Diocesan Primary Festival	Youth Village
Thursday 20th June	Evening	St. Cuthbert's Singing Extravaganza	Saville Exchange
Wednesday 10th July	All day	Whole school beach trip day	To be confirmed
Tuesday 16 th July	Afternoon	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	School
Thursday 18 th July	1.30pm	Whole school end of year Mass	School
Friday 19 th July	All day	Staff training day	school

Thank you for your continued support,
Shaun Dillon