



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 11th May 2018

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Thank you to Fr. Chris and the parish for making our year 4 children so welcome at Mass this morning. Thank you once again to everyone for making our May Procession so special last Friday afternoon. We had a fantastic turn out for our Mass and we have received many lovely comments from local residents and people who were shopping in North Shields and saw our children and procession on the day. Our classes will continue to join the parish each Friday Mass is on at St. Cuthbert's Church. If you would like to join the children at any time please let a class teacher know the evening before if you can, or join us on the morning. We always leave school around 9.15am.



Our whole school attendance for the week is a fantastic 97.6% and year 5 are this week's attendance champions with a perfect 100%! Can I please remind all families that it is important to phone school and let us know if your child will be off on any day. This avoids us recording your child's attendance as unauthorised.

Weekly Attendance	
Reception	94.4%
Year 1	99.2%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	100% 
Year 6	96.6%
Whole School	97.6%

We hope everyone loved your children's photos; I think the photographer managed to catch them all before they went outside and got their hair messed up and uniform dirty! Could you please return any photo orders you have to school by Monday 14th May, or ensure you have ordered online. We will send all photos home with children as soon as we receive them.

Next Friday 18th May, Year 3 will be visiting the Hancock Museum as part of their Egyptian topic. The children will leave school around 9.15am and will be back by 3.30pm. They will need a packed lunch as they will be out over lunchtime; you can order a packed lunch from school through ParentMail or your child can bring their own lunch. The children will be travelling by metro so please ensure your they have appropriate clothes and shoes for all possible weather conditions.





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Year 1 had a fantastic trip out to the Hancock Museum to take part in an Animal from other Continents workshop. The children had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed all the activities they took part in and exploring the museum. The quality of animal themed homework in year 1 is outstanding once again and it has been a real education hearing the children talk about everything they have researched and made at home with family. Cruz is proving to be a real encyclopaedia of knowledge, we knew he loved animals but, like all his classmates, he has been finding out about their habitats, diets, how endangered they are and fascinating facts!



All our classes have been enjoying learning outdoors as they always do, no matter what the weather. It can be tricky making sure they have everything they need at this time of year as the sun can be splitting the stones one day and it can be raining the next. Can you please make sure your child has sun cream on the hot days and they have a rain coat and appropriate shoes on the more overcast days. As you know, we will have the children outside in all weather and we do everything we can to make sure they can make the most of the school day and fantastic learning opportunities they get at St. Cuthbert's.



Our Sports Week committee have met to put the final details to their plans which will be shared with everyone next week. The children will enjoy a week full of activities, sports, visits and excitement with all the usual St. Cuthbert's surprises in the mix for good measure!



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Congratulations to Holly and Brooke's who won our lottery last week. Thank you to everyone who has signed up, you have raised over £1,300 per year for St. Cuthbert's and we will use this money to fund the children's trips and activities in school. The more tickets we sell the higher the weekly prize will be. Tell your friends and family, it's easy to sign up and only £1 per week for a number. Our weekly prize currently stands at £20, you will also be entered into a national school lottery for £25,000 draw each week. You can sign up at

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

Our total is rising! Easyfundraising has a really easy to use app that you can download to your Android or Apple phone. If you are buying anything on the internet we would be really grateful if you could do it through Easyfundraising as they make donations to school at no cost at all to you. Large items, like holidays can raise up to £40 for school at no extra cost to yourself. You can help school by signing up and making any online purchases through the free service. If you are booking a holiday, buying any insurance, changing internet suppliers, mobiler 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!

Our next family bike ride will be on Saturday 19th May and we've had a great number of families sign up already. This family cycle will be a brilliant way to kick off our whole school sports week which starts on Monday 21st May. We will be setting off from school at 10am and we will let you know the route next week but it will be one that is manageable by everyone and has the opportunity for a nice stop along the way. We have also planned a second family bike ride on Father's Day, Sunday 17th June, again leaving school at 10am. It would be brilliant to have a great turnout for both cycles and as always we can loan adult bikes, children's bikes and helmets free of charge.



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We would love you and your family to join our school team at the 36th Children's Cancer Run held at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park. The Children's Cancer Run is a family fun run with one, three and five mile courses. The event is supported by Greggs and raises funds for the North of England Children's Cancer Research fund. We are very excited to be supporting this event and would like to invite you to join us for what promises to be a fun filled family day out. All participants receive a 36th Anniversary medal and Gregg's picnic on the day, and all children receive a limited edition t-shirt. Metro Radio will also be there to entertain everyone with music and competitions.

Please complete an on-line entry form to join our team:

1. Log on to www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk
2. Select 'Enter now' and you will be asked to log in or sign up to Everyday Hero – this is an essential part of the registration system and only takes 2 minutes to sign up
3. Complete your entry form, selecting our school name from the drop down list
4. Click proceed to payment to complete the registration for you and your family
5. If you would prefer to enter by paper please call into the school office for a form.

You will receive your 'On the Day guide', run numbers and start time through the post and your children's t-shirts will be sent home with your child the week before the run. If you have any questions in the meantime please get in touch with Mrs Massie or ask at the school office.

Our Super16 Coast to Coast cyclists have enjoyed a very eventful week as they get closer to their big challenge. The week began with an inspiring letter from Newcastle United manager, Rafa Benitez and ended with photographs from Newcastle United star players holding two footballs signed by the team that have been donated to our Super16 team! We will be holding a raffle with the signed footballs as prizes, details will be sent home before we set off on the cycle. The Super16 will meet next week to plan how to organise the raffle and when to hold it, this week they set up a new Twitter account, Just Giving page and designed a banner for both; they're not only great cyclists and team members but future business entrepreneurs in the making 😊 There was a lot of excitement during our whole school assembly this afternoon when Señor Benitez's letter was read by all the children and lots of cheering when the photos of the star players were revealed! This group of children are doing something unique and amazing and they are the first ever school group of 10 and 11





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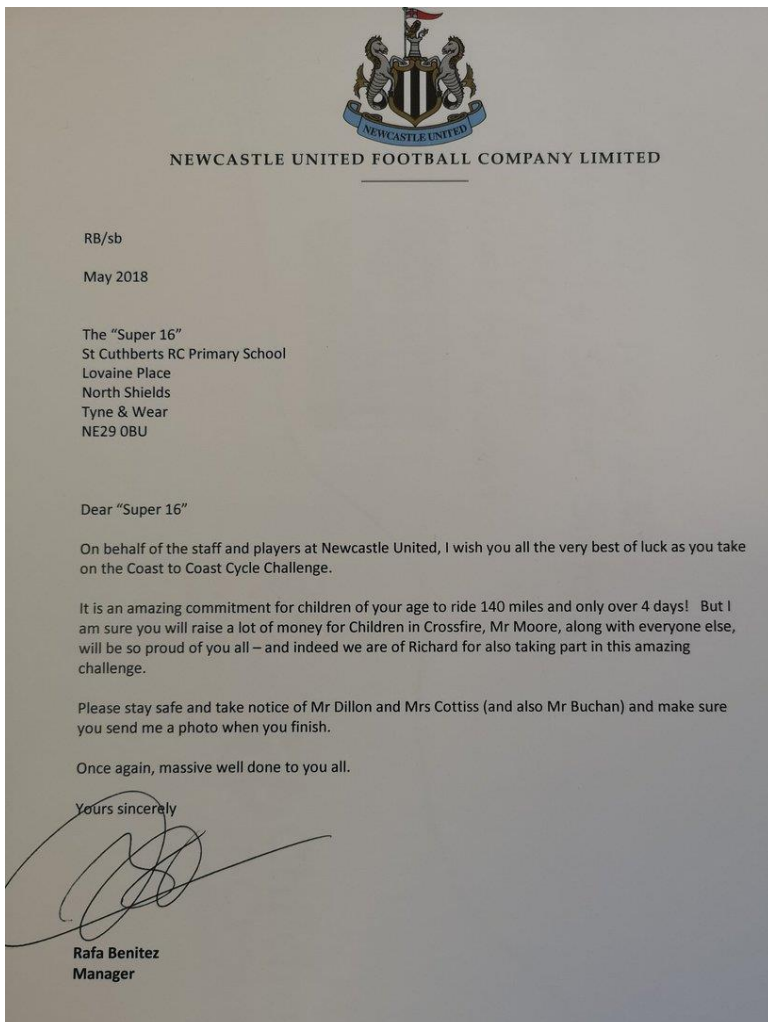
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year olds to cycle across the whole width of England with a North Tyneside primary school. They have been receiving lots and lots of praise on their training cycles and they have a growing army of fans in school and further afield. They have also been raising a fantastic amount of sponsor money with some incredible individual efforts. You can donate to our St. Cuthbert's Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-cuthbert-s-rc-primary-school> and follow the groups progress on our school Twitter account @stcuthbertsns or on their own dedicated account, @stcuthsuper16. Our Super16 would really appreciate it if you could share the link to their Just Giving account to help them raise as much as they possible can, they have set a target of £350.



Yes, the players are holding footballs they have signed for our Super16!!



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Next week our year 6 children will sit down and complete their end of Key Stage 2 tests, otherwise known as year 6 SATs. These tests are used by different organisations and officials to measure how well our school performs academically and are used to compare St. Cuthbert's against other schools locally and nationally.

We don't compare our children, every one of them is individual, unique and special. Each year brings a totally different set of results as we have totally different sets of children taking the test. Each year we do all we can to help the children prepare in a relaxed way and we do everything we can to help them do the best that they can do. We do this in every class from Nursery to year 6, every year and, we do this in everything that happens at St. Cuthbert's. We do this when putting together a school menu which is totally different to the menu on offer at every other school in North Tyneside as we want it to be the best for our children. We do it when we plan events for sports week making sure every child has the opportunity to shine and enjoy being a star. We do this for every collective worship, be it a whole school May Procession through the streets of North Shields or a small group meditating in their roundhouse. We do it when we plan exciting and unique residential trips for our children with a big zip wires, pirate coves, fire lighting and midnight walks. We do it when we choose books for them to read or when we make sure our staff are trained to help and support them to thrive when they feel at their most vulnerable.

St. Cuthbert's isn't defined by test results and our children are most definitely not defined by them. Every one of our children will do their very best because they always do, whatever they are doing. They are encouraged and supported to try what they think they can achieve and to tackle head on what they think they can't. With your support we teach them to fall down and get back up, to get it wrong and, work out how to improve and to celebrate not only their successes but the successes of everyone around them.

Each year our staff, children and families are faced with different challenges from life in general and from an ever changing curriculum and results driven culture. Preparing our children to deal with life in general is what matters most to us. The experiences and skills that make our children warm, caring, community centred and aware, determined and aspirational young people are what matter most to us. All your children are amazing and every single one of them is known and loved at St. Cuthbert's.

This weekend the best studying our year 6 children can do is to study the lovely weather outside, enjoy the fun of being with their friends and to relax. The hard work has been done over the last seven years or more and they are more than ready to shine like the superstars they all are. I know you will all join us in wishing our children all the best next week and you will all keep them in our prayers and, I know everyone will celebrate whatever they achieve as they will have done their very best.



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FREE BIKES FOR KIDS!

30th May 10-5pm, Recyke y'bike, Byker

- 🚲 One bike per child
- 🚲 Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- 🚲 All bikes have been professionally safety checked, and are safe to ride but 'as seen' and without warranty
- 🚲 First come, first served
- 🚲 Shop will be closed for servicing

Recyke y'bike, Unit 2, Hannington Street, Byker. NE6 1JT
Registered Charity, No. 1124639



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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 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. The date for our summer fayre is under consideration and we will update it if changed as soon as possible.

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Monday 14th- Friday 18th May	Key Stage 2 SATs		All week
Saturday 19th May	Family Bike Ride	10am- 2pm	Meet at school
Sunday 20th May	Children's Cancer Run		Newcastle Racecourse
Monday 21st- Saturday 26th May	St. Cuthbert's Sports Week	All week	School and across the country!
Monday 21st May	Nursery and Reception Class Sports Day	Morning	School
Tuesday 22nd May	Key Stage 1 & 2 Sports Day	Afternoon	School
Wednesday 23rd May	Coast to Coast cycle begins	23rd- 26th May	Whitehaven to North Tyneside
Monday 28th May- Friday 1st June	Half Term		All week
Monday 28th May	Dance rehearsals for Northern Stage show	All day	In school

Monday 4th June	Staff training day	All day	In school
Tuesday 5th June	Children return to school	All day	School
Wednesday 6th June	Whole school trip	All day	Details to be sent home later this half term.
Saturday 9th June	First Holy Communion Mass at St. Cuthbert's Church	Morning	St. Cuthbert's Church
Monday 11th- Friday 15th June	Outdoor Week	All week	School
Wednesday 13th June	Key Stage 2 Activity Morning	All morning	School
Saturday 17th Jun	Father's Day family cycle	10am- 2pm	Meet at school
Friday 22nd June	Year 6 at YMT Primary Festival	All day	YMT Village, Consett
Saturday 23rd June	Summer Fayre	11am- 2pm	School



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Tuesday 26th June	Key Stage 2 Singing extravaganza!	Evening (details to be sent home)	Saville Exchange
Tuesday 10th July	Year 6 North Tyneside leavers' Mass	Afternoon	St. Mary's Cathedral
Wednesday 18th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly	Afternoon	School
Thursday 19th July	EFYS & KS1 Picnic	Morning	School
Thursday 19th July	End of year Mass	1.30pm	School

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely bank holiday weekend,
Shaun Dillon