



# St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

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Thank you to Fr. Chris and the parish for making year 2 so welcome at Mass on Friday and our whole school on Wednesday to celebrate St. Cuthbert's Day. We will be joining our friends from Christ Church and St. Joseph's to perform our Easter Passion at Northumberland Square on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We will end this term with our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Easter play in school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April when the children will retell the story of Jesus' sacrifice for us all. Details for each event will be sent out next week. We will continue to hold opportunities for families to join us in prayer and reflection throughout Lent, we'll post details on Twitter through the week.

Our whole school attendance is 96% for the week and year 6 have won the trophy with a near perfect 99.4%; well done year 6 😊

Children across school have begun making their own Easter Gardens which we will display for everyone to see in school and share on Twitter as well. The Easter Gardens that St. Cuthbert's children make are very special and they help us all recognise and understand the true meaning of Easter. Children can bring their Easter Gardens to school at any time over the next two weeks and they can be as creative as they want to be when they make them.



Weekly Attendance	
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	94.0%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	94.1%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	99.4%
Whole School	96%

Our 40 Bags in 40 Days for the Community School Clothing Scheme has been an enormous success and we will be taking clothes to their Cobalt headquarters on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. If you can help get some of the massive number of bags we have to the Cobalt we will be leaving school around 9.20am, the more cars we have with space for bags of clothes and toys the better! We are still accepting donations and we will do right up until the last day of term but we do need to make some space in school by passing on the very generous donations already sent to school. If you can help in the morning please let Mrs Cottiss or myself know in the morning.





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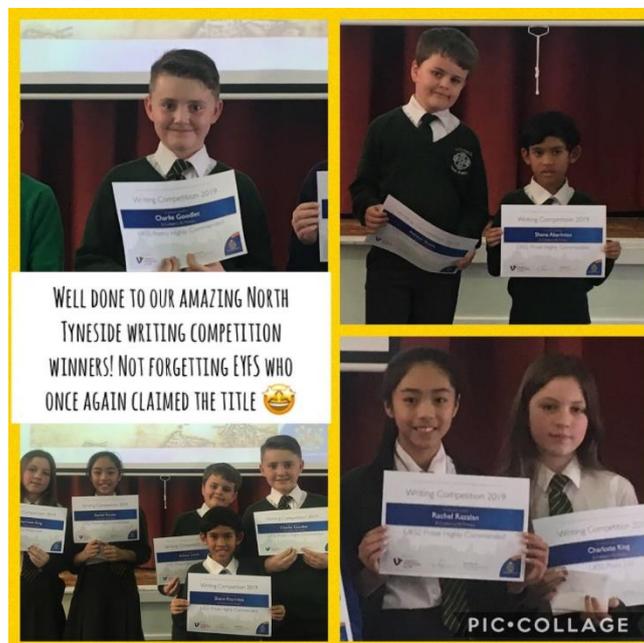
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Well done to all our Junior Parkrunners who turned up at Whitley Bay this bright spring morning. It is fantastic to see so many of our children and families taking part in this 2km run which is free for everyone to join and enjoy. Details about the Whitley Bay Junior Parkrun can be found at <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/whitleybay-juniors/>. We will definitely plan another run after the Easter holidays.



Congratulations also to our magnificent writers who were rewarded for their brilliant efforts this week at the North Tyneside Writing Competition Prize giving event. Children from across school picked up prizes, and our Early Years children again won first prize for their brilliant story telling! Well done everyone and thank you to all the families who supported the children at the event.





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We were delighted to receive over 150 tree and hedge saplings from The Woodlands Trust recently and we will be inviting all St. Cuthbert's families to plant one each, and help nurture and grow everything planted. We have been talking to the children a lot recently about respecting and caring for our school environment and how we all work together to care for our school, indoors and outside. Respecting our school environment includes looking after the things we have and making sure we don't deliberately damage anything at school. It means not climbing on fences or containers, picking up litter, and parking bikes and scooters before the school day. Our children and school community do a magnificent amount of work to help children all around the world and it is important that they also realise they are helping each other when they take pride in, and care for their own environment and surroundings. Children in every class at St. Cuthbert's have been exploring and talking about what they need to thrive at school through Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs over the past few weeks. Working together to look after each other, our belongings and everything we share is central to helping our whole school community thrive and grow like the seeds and trees we plant. As St. Cuthbert's we give all our children the opportunity to play a part in a special community, to have a sense of belonging and to feel safe at school. As the adults in our school community it is important that we all work together and give the children the same, consistent message: this is your school, take care of it, be proud of it, look after everything in it and each other.



Our year 5 were in spectacular skipping action this week at St. Thomas More. The children have been working on their routines for some time and they even managed to get a scooter and some other daring stunts into their performance!



The North Tyneside Music Education Hub run lots of music events in our local area which children can take part in, free of charge. Their website, <http://www.ntmeh.org.uk/>, lists everything, with details, under the learning opportunities section. The North Tyneside Children's Choir meet and sing at Queen Alexandra College and you can sign up for a free place at <http://www.ntmeh.org.uk/learning-opportunities/nt-childrens-choir-coast-27th-mar>.



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Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising. **We now have 74 supporters and have raised £467.78 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



## 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

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>

*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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## 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 rest of this school term. This list will grow 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
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Mother Language Day @ St. Cuthbert's	School
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March		Mother's Day Assembly	School
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Afternoon	Easter Passion at Northumberland Square	Northumberland Square
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am	Whole school Mass at St. Cuthbert's Church	St. Cuthbert's Church
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning	Girls Football team at Northumbria University	Northumbria University
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	afternoon	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Easter Play	School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	Staff training day with North Tyneside Catholic Schools	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Afternoon	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	School

Thank you for your continued support,

Shaun Dillon



HE IS ON HIS WAY...