



St. Cuthbert's School Newsletter

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We've enjoyed another busy and exciting week at St. Cuthbert's and we have more lined up next week including our MacMillan Monday Morning, parent meetings and Rockstar Maths Day.

Year 5 have won the attendance award this week with 98.7% attendance. Attendance across school is back on the increase as children get over the bugs and colds they have been picking up. All children are expected to have attendance of at least 96% and this level means the children will achieve better progress and be part of the fantastic wider curriculum we have at St. Cuthbert's.

Last week was National Recycling Week and we once again highlighted the work we do here at St. Cuthbert's through Laudato Si; Caring for Our Common Home. The week began last Saturday with Mrs Cottiss and I presenting the amazing work our children, staff and families do at the Hexham and Newcastle Laudato Si Conference in Consett. The week at school continued with children beginning composting, recycling old gardening equipment and resources, filling up the Community School Clothing Scheme collection box, and lots, lots more. We were also delighted to receive a visit from some very special guests from North Tyneside Council who talked to us all about recycling and looking after our environment. The work in our allotment area is almost complete and classes will be working to prepare their raised beds for planting vegetables and building a new compost heap- it looks like our children are definitely getting their hands dirty!



| Class | % |
|--------------|------|
| Nursery | 93.9 |
| Reception | 87.3 |
| Year 1 | 91.7 |
| Year 2 | 93.3 |
| Year 3 | 94.2 |
| Year 4 | 94.2 |
| Year 5 | 98.7 |
| Year 6 | 97 |
| Whole school | 93.9 |





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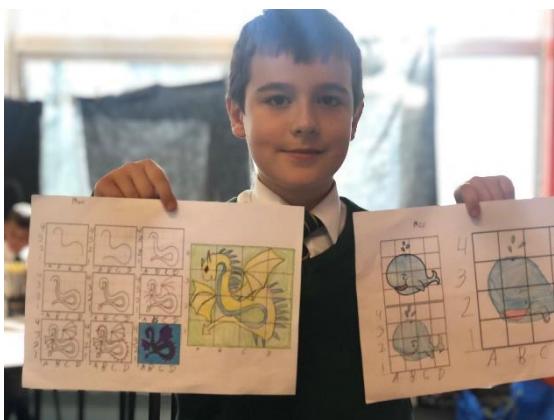
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Last week we also celebrated International Day of Peace and Well-being and once again it fits perfectly with what we do at St. Cuthbert's with our celebration of, and focus on, being Fratelli Tutti- sisters and brothers all. Classes got together to celebrate beautiful collective worships and explored how to be instruments of peace through our Compassion Matters work.



We had a fantastic time last Thursday and Friday as we welcomed the primary school teachers of the future as the students from the North Tyneside SCITT course joined us for the two days to see what fantastic and innovative work the children and staff do at St. Cuthbert's. The students got fully involved in all sorts of lessons with a focus on how we use our outdoor area. They joined every class at different points over the two days and saw how we all plan lessons using the outdoor areas we have as a central resource. There were many, many highlights including building and lighting fires, creating small and giant pieces of artwork using maths skills, taking part in a QR code treasure hunt, PE and dancing 😊



We love that all our children bring a water bottle to school with them every day and they all know how important staying hydrated is. Can we ask that children bring water in their bottles, there are a few children bringing juice with them and if the juice spills on their desk it can stain and ruin books.



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Tomorrow we are holding our big MacMillan Morning with all the children at school. Each class will take part in their own, children's version, of the MacMillan Coffee Morning throughout the day. Thank you for all the donations of cakes and biscuits, we will continue to accept donations tomorrow as well. We'll have collection buckets at the school gates before and after school and all your donations will go straight to MacMillan who do amazing work supporting families in their time of need.



Tomorrow is also our first parents' evening of the year for everyone from Reception Class to year 6- Nursery have already held their meetings. All meeting will take place on schoolcloud and information has been sent to every family through ParentMail. If you haven't received your ParentMail message can you please check your junk or spam inbox and if you still can't find it can you please contact the school office to make sure we have the correct email address for you.



Parents' evenings, simplified

We've had a busy and exciting start to the school year and the fun continues next week as we celebrate Rockstar Maths Day on Wednesday 29th September. Children can come to school dressed as a Rockstar for the day and we know that school will be rocking and full of colour, singing, dancing and times tables competitions and challenges.



We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Monday 4th October and we are accepting donations of tinned and packets of food from everyone. Your donations will be passed on to Nite Bite. Nite Bite provides a valuable service to vulnerable people in North Tyneside. They are offered a three-course hot meal and company when they visit the café in North Shields and they also leave with a bag of food. Children can bring their donations to school from tomorrow and we hope to be able to invite families to join us for an outdoor harvest celebration on the school playground on 4th October-weather permitting.





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Children in our current year 6 class are invited to visit St. Thomas More's open evening on Tuesday 5th October. Each school in our Catholic family of schools in North Tyneside has been allocated a specific time and St. Cuthbert's families are invited to arrive at St. Thomas More for a 6.40pm start. The staff at St. Thomas More have asked that families stick to the allocated time and that everyone keeps family group sizes as small as possible. The open evening will last about 1.5 hours and is a great chance to see around the school, meet staff and sample the catering in the school hall.



Our Mission this week is to care for our common home, the world we share and which God has created for us all. To make each other feel special by treating each other with care, compassion, kindness, dignity and love.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to care for our common home, to help make the world we all share the best place it can be. We treat each other, and ourselves with dignity, kindness, compassion, care and love. We are all **St. Cuthbert's** we are all **Fratelli Tutti** and we are all made in God's image

Generous God, we thank you for creating such a beautiful world. May we do all that we can to care for **our common home**, for all people, our **Fratelli Tutti**. May we be caring, loving and compassionate people who give sanctuary to everyone in need. We ask this through Christ Jesus, your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

LOVE & COMPASSION ARE NECESSITIES

St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Fr. Chris continues to celebrate mass each weekend, firstly on a Saturday afternoon at 5.30pm at St. Joseph's Church and then on a Sunday morning at 11am at St. Cuthbert's Church. You can join the parish for either mass in person, at church, or you can join online on the parish Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/The-Parish-of-Saint-Cuthbert-and-Saint-Joseph-North-Shields-798826703506481>. We post a link to the Sunday morning mass each week on our weekly mission which you can find on our Twitter account.



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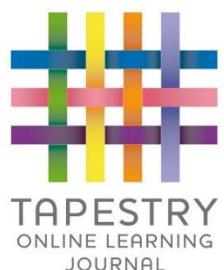
As we are all back together and classes are mixing on the playground again can we please remind families to make sure you have your child's name clearly written on their jumpers, cardigans, ties, coats, water bottles, book bags and anything else they are likely to misplace through the day. It is incredibly helpful if everyone can do this as it stops children getting upset if they have lost something and it helps us get things to their owners quickly if they are clearly labelled.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support as we work together to keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible. It is very important that all contact details are kept up to date as we sometimes have to contact families to collect children at short notice. Everyone has been brilliant at keeping us up to date with any COVID testing that is going on at home and letting us know how everyone is getting on. If you have changed your contact details during the summer holidays can you please let us know as soon as you can by emailing us at office@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk so we can update our ParentMail contacts.

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-primaryschool/supporter>

If you have any concerns about your child's, or another child's safety, including their online safety, or questions about behaviour we always ask that you speak to us at school. It is important that we are part of discussions that may be happening around children's behaviour and welfare. We record incidents and concerns electronically on our CPOMS system and we work very closely with Clennell Education Solutions to make sure all our staff are up to date with the best safeguarding training available and to provide leading professional advice when requested. This means that we have a broad picture of anything that is happening at school and, with your help, we can make sure any concerns are addressed quickly and do not escalate or lead to children or families falling out.



Thank you to everyone who has been using Tapestry, our keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk email and school phone to keep in touch with school staff. It is very important that lines of communication are kept as open and honest as possible between school and home as we work hard to keep our open-door policy and approach going by making so many ways to keep in touch available. **As highlighted in the**



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past we don't use Facebook or WhatsApp or any other social media apart from Twitter (which we don't use to answer questions), and we won't be setting up accounts on either medium. If you have any questions, concerns, or need to chat to a member of staff at school please make sure you use one of three methods we have put in place:

- Message a member of staff on Tapestry.
- Email keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk
- Phone 0191 691 9876 and arrange an agreed time to chat to someone.

If you have not yet activated your Tapestry account or if you are having trouble accessing it please let us know as soon as possible. Tapestry is one of the main ways we keep in touch with families and it is important that you can receive messages and posts from it even of you don't use it lots yourself.

Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising.

We now have 88 supporters and are well past the £1000 mark, raising a fantastic £1113.12 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 your child is at school, becomes unwell and shows symptoms of Coronavirus

If your child becomes unwell at school and develops one of the three main symptoms of Coronavirus;

- a high temperature,
- a new, continuous cough,
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste,

they will be sent home immediately. They will be isolated within school and supervised, as necessary, until they can be collected. Any member of staff supervising a child will be wearing appropriate PPE, including a visor, disposable apron and disposable gloves. Windows in the room will be open and the door will be closed, the door has a clear pane of glass allowing other members of staff to check both the child and member of staff are OK. Once your child has been collected the room will be deep cleaned. We will contact



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The advice below has been given to us by Public Health England and reflects the change in approach to isolation due to positive cases of COVID. A full class no longer has to isolate due to a child or member of staff testing positive for COVID and school are no longer responsible for any track and tracing. If any child or member of staff does test positive we will still follow all guidance given to us by Public Health England and we will let you know if we need to act as soon as possible.

Who needs to isolate?

1. Anyone with COVID-19 **symptoms** or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
2. Identified close contacts including household contacts are not required to self-isolate if any of the following apply:
 - they are fully vaccinated
 - they are below the age of 18 years 6 months
 - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasonsThey should be encouraged to seek a PCR test **but they DO NOT need to isolate while the await the test or the result.**
3. Close contacts who do not meet the above criteria must self isolate for 10 days even if their PCR test is negative.

Individuals should not arrange to have a PCR test if they have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19.

We follow Public Health England's advice and will inform families of any actions that may need to be taken if any member of staff or child tests positive for COVID-19. So far this term no child or member of staff who would be in contact with a child has tested positive and we had no contact advising us to take any action from Public Health England or any other authority. If you have any questions at all about what to do please keep your child off school and get in touch with us and we will help you as much as we can.

Thank you for your amazing continued support, stay safe and God bless,
Shaun Dillon