

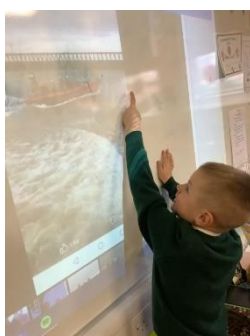
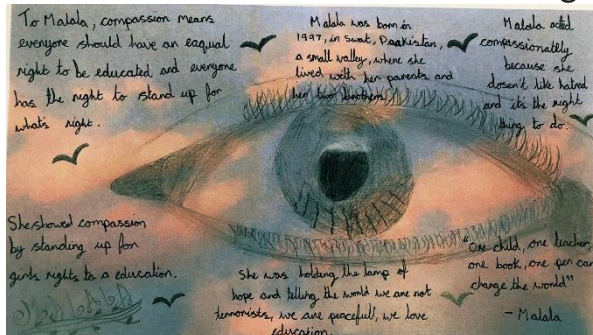


Mass times online on Facebook at St. Cuthbert's each Sunday at 11am. Fr. Chris Hughes can be contacted on 257 5801. We have enjoyed a fantastic Friendship Week at St. Cuthbert's and begun learning and sharing lots and lots of new playground games. Our children also asked if they could find out even more about Malala as they were so inspired by her story through Compassion Matters work. We will begin our preparations for the birth of Jesus this week as we begin the season of Advent and hold the first of our beautiful Advent services.

Congratulations to year 5 who achieved a perfect 100% attendance or the week! Lots of classes have got close to the perfect, full house score and year 5 have done it this week- champions! Our whole school attendance for the week is an excellent 96.1%- thank you everyone for getting us to our target 😊


Class	%
Reception	92.0
Year 1	94.0
Year 2	93.1
Year 3	98.3
Year 4	97.8
Year 5 🏆	100
Year 6	97.0
Whole school	96.1

Our Compassion Matters focus last week was on friendship, outdoor play and children in all classes requested more work finding out even more about Malala and her amazing life and influence. The work the children are doing through Compassion Matters can be seen in many other areas of our curriculum. It helps their deeper reading skills and helps them talk about and explain their opinions and ideas. The work is also helping the children make even more progress with their RE work as again, understanding different ideas and opinions and talking about them is a big part of RE. The way the children present their work is also fantastic and the different approaches to presentation of work means that more and more children can use whichever way they feel is best to share what they are thinking. Compassion Matters has been fantastic at helping children plan what they are learning, this week the extra work on Malala came from the children asking to know more and we have more work lined up based on their interests. It is always brilliant when learning goes home and is shared and it is even more brilliant when that leads to new learning at home which comes back into school again and influences us all!





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We celebrated and supported Children in Need on Friday and school was full of everyone wearing spots, stripes and odd socks for the day. The creativity of St. Cuthbert's children and families was once again on show as lots of children made their own Children in Need clothes and they were all spectacular! We also had a fantastic time learning sign language thanks to our three expert sign language teachers. Arlo, Jude and their mum taught every class how to sign the words to George Ezra's Shotgun and the whole school performed it together at the end of the day- it was an amazing performance! All donations that were sent to school will be passed on to Children In Need and will contribute to making a positive difference to the lives of children across the country- St. Cuthbert's children are changemakers!




Last week we welcomed three children's authors to school as they made virtual visits talking to the children all about how they became writers and how they create their characters. It is brilliant that our children get the opportunity to see and hear the authors who write the stories they love so much and shows them that they too can share their wonderful imaginations with the world through stories. Thank you to Kristina Stephenson- *The Museum of Marvelous Things*, Will Mabbitt- *I Can Only Draw Worms* and Cressida Cowell- *How To Train Your Dragon* for sharing their time with all our children.





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The playground has been buzzing all week as each class taught other classes lots of playground games- some old, some new. The outdoor play equipment shed has also been tidied up and the children have been great at keeping it organised, we'll change some of the things on it throughout the year. At the minute all children are playing on the hard surface part of the playground. The school field is regularly damp as all fields are at this time of year, which unfortunately means no football at playtime and lunchtime. Can you please make sure your child doesn't bring a football to school, we will provide them with penny floater footballs for the playground.



Our Mission this week is to recognise that we are all made in God's image- every single person. We are called to praise God and give thanks for what He has given us all and we can do this by being kind to each other, to say kind things to each other and to treat each other with dignity, respect, care, compassion and love. We are all St. Cuthbert's and we are all Fratelli Tutti.

OUR MISSION

We are preparing to begin the special season of Advent. We remember that we are all made in Jesus' image, we are all unique and we are all asked to treat each other with **dignity, kindness, compassion, care and love**- to show that we try our best to be examples of the Gospel values that Jesus has taught us. We are all St. Cuthbert's and we are all **Fratelli Tutti**.



Our faith in action



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Christ our King,
you made us in your image
help us to be living examples
of your Gospel message, to be like you,
to listen to your truth
and to keep you at the centre of
what we do. Guide us in making
our world a **compassionate** place,
open and welcoming to all-
our **Fratelli Tutti**.
Help us to do this by being
as **caring, loving and**
compassionate and tolerant as we
can be. We ask this through
Christ Jesus, your Son, Our Lord.
Amen.

**LOVE &
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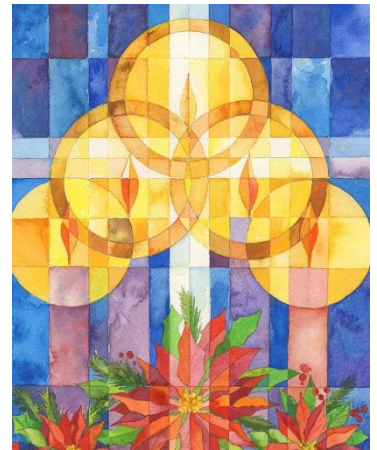
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At this time every year we tell families about our whole school policy of asking families to not give presents to school staff or other children in school at any time, particularly Christmas and the end of the school year. We have many reasons for the policy and we strongly believe that working with your children and you is the biggest reward anyone could have. In past years we have supported local charities during advent and this year we would love to do the same by having a reverse Advent calendar. A reverse Advent calendar is really simple- instead of opening a date on the calendar and getting a treat we open the date and give something. Usually it would be tins or packets of food which would be donated to Nite Bite or something else from the list which we'll send out next week. The reverse Advent calendar is a brilliant way for the children to continue our focus of caring for our common home and Fratelli Tutti, by following our mission and helping each other and anyone else in need. It is also another example of our Faith in Action and our whole school joining together once again to show that Compassion Matters and is something we work at all the time.



COMPASSION
MATTERS



St. Cuthbert's is now a full part of bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust and our Governing Body has become a Local Governing Committee. Following our first meeting of the school year last week we have agreed that we would like to add a parent governor to the committee and would like to have someone in place well in time for the next meeting in February 2022. If you are interested in the role and would like to find out more about it please let me know. You can do this by chatting on the playground, by phoning school during the school day or emailing keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk

We have a few different class trips coming up over the next few weeks and ParentMail messages have been sent out. Can you please make sure you return any requested information or permissions as children can't go on any planned trips unless any forms sent out are completed and returned on time. If you are unable to complete forms online please call in to the school office and we will help you get any requested forms completed.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the necessary data collections form, media consent form and any medical consent forms that have been sent out since the start of the new school year. All these forms are essential for us at school and all need to be kept as up to date as possible. If you have not so yet can you please complete and return any forms as soon as possible. You can do this through ParentMail or, if you prefer to complete a paper copy please ask for one from the school office.



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Last week we contacted families about attendance as part of our regular monitoring of all children's attendance at school. There are lots of reasons attendance may be lower than usual or expected at different times of the year and we always help families as much as possible to keep children's attendance as high as it can be.

There are lots of reasons that good attendance makes a massive positive difference to a child's well-being and education and we know that all children have much more opportunity to thrive by being in school as much as possible and by being in school on time. If a child regularly misses one day per week their attendance quickly falls to around 80% and this is significantly below our target of 96% for all children and means they will miss the equivalent of one full half term per year. If you have any questions about attendance or would like to have a chat about your own child's attendance please get in touch. We are here to support families and children and to help everyone get the best from being part of St. Cuthbert's.



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 kept us informed of any lateral flow or PCR testing that has been happening during half term- this is very important to us at St. Cuthbert's as we always want to know how everyone is doing and to help where we can. Test and trace are responsible for contacting anyone who they believe should isolate if they have been in contact with anyone testing positive for COVID. They haven't contacted us yet to suggest isolation for any children or staff and if they do we will contact anyone we need to immediately.

At St. Cuthbert's everyone has worked fantastically well together to keep everyone as safe as possible throughout the current, ongoing pandemic. We have taken, and continue to take, advice from Public Health, North Tyneside Council and Bishop Bewick Catholic



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Education Trust and the national government on what we need to do at school. We will keep everyone as up to date as possible with any changes to our school day and all communications will be through ParentMail to everyone concerned in the first instance.

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 you via **telephone** as soon as possible should your child need to go home. You must ensure all your contact numbers are up to date and that you answer your phone as soon as possible when we phone. Our school phone number is **0191 691 9876**, if you have missed a call from this number please phone us as soon as possible. If we do not have your up-to-date contact details, please contact the school office as soon as possible to notify us of any changes. **If a child has a runny nose or sore throat they can come to school if well enough.**

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 reasons



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They 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.

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>

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 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 with messages regarding work, arrangements for the school day for your child etc. All staff have access to Tapestry.
- Email keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk. You should email this address if you want to discuss or inform of us anything that is more confidential. Emails to this address are only read by Mrs Cottiss and Mr Dillon.
- Phone 0191 691 9876 and arrange an agreed time to chat to someone. Use the school phone number to advise us of absence from school, for questions about day to day things. Phoning school during the school day remains the best way to get in touch.

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 if you don't use it lots yourself.

Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising.



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We now have 88 supporters and are well past the £1000 mark, raising a fantastic £1193.79 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.

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