

# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families and Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many of you attending our parent evening sessions this week. Thank you for completing our Religious Education (RE) surveys. We will be collating the information and will update you on our finds. We look forward to reading your comments on what you think we are doing well and how we can improve.

### **Exciting News**

I am delighted to share with you, the news that Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust (BBCET) has allocated a substantial amount of money to build a new kitchen onto the school hall and move the offices to the entrance of the school. As a school, we are delighted that this work will start at some point during this academic year. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

### **Catholic Life and Mission**

Thank you to Fr Paul for celebrating our Welcome Mass earlier this month and thank you to the children and families who attended the Family Mass at St Cuthbert's Church last weekend.

Thank you to the children and staff of Year 6 for their very prayerful class liturgy which took place this week. It was lovely to share this special celebration of the word with our Year 6 parents.

Our next Mass in school will be our Harvest Mass which will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30 a.m. in the school hall. Please can we have donations of tinned food, pasta, cereals etc (no perishable items please), to be given to the Sisters from the 'Missionaries of Charity' who work with those who are homeless and in need in Newcastle. If you would like to donate please can we have your donation by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### **Month of Remembrance**

This November, we will have a book of remembrance open in school where children and parents can add the names of their loved ones they wish to remember at this time. The book is located in the school entrance and you are welcome to come in and leave your messages in the book, alternatively, you may wish to email the names of those that you would like to be included and a member of staff will take care of this for you.

## Quality of Education

As part of our Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education (PSHE) curriculum, we are delighted to announce that every child in school will take part in **basic first aid** training on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

Please see the breakdown of the days below.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6.

**We ask that you send your child into school in their PE kits on their day.**

## Attendance

**Attendance is safeguarding** – it is vital that children attend school and that we know where they are. If your child is too unwell to attend school, please ensure that you contact the school office before **9:15 a.m.** on the first day, giving details of their illness.

Our family support worker/ attendance officer Jan Gurkin visits school every Thursday afternoon if you need to discuss any concerns.



Jan Gurkin

## School opening/closing times

School will operate a soft opening with doors opening at **8:35 a.m.** to allow children to enter school ready for the **official start time of 8:45 a.m.** when registration will be taken and lessons begin.

**School will end at 3:15 p.m.**

## Parking

I was informed by a parent of a notice in The Engine Public House Carpark regarding having to use their facilities to park. I have spoken to the owner today, who is happy for our parents to park at drop off and at pick up times. However, he does ask that we do not block deliveries to the pub and that now and again we support this local business by using their facilities.

## Other news

**It is half-term next week and school is closed to all pupils. School will reopen on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 8:35 a.m.**

**Please see the next page for key dates**

## Key dates so far

October 2023		
w/c 23.10.23	Half term break	
30-31.10.23	First Aid training for children	All year groups
31.10.23	First Holy Communion Session 2	Children in Y4 who are taking part in programme.
November 2023		
01.11.23	All Saints' Day	
02.11.23	All Souls' Day	
02.11.23	Visit to the Church to support learning of Baptism (baptising our school doll)	Year 1
05.11.23	St Cuthbert's Church Family Mass- First Communion children to attend. All families are welcome.	Sunday 9:30 at St Cuthbert's Church in Throckley
06-10.11.23	UK Parliament Week	
06.11.23	Y5 class trip St Mary's Lighthouse (please see separate letter sent by class teacher)	All day
07.11.23	Y3 Class trip to Seven Stories (letter sent out)	All day
07.11.23	Vision screening (letter sent out)	Reception Class
09.11.23	Muddy Monsters session on forest school	Year 1 all day
10.11.23	Catherine McKinnell our local MP will be visiting school.	
16.11.23	Harvest Mass in school	9:30 a.m.
22.11.23	Fire Safety Talk - in school	Year 4
23.11.23	Laing Art Gallery- provisional trip. Details to be finalised after half-term.	Year 2
23.11.23	Muddy Monsters session on forest school	Years 5 and 6
24.11.23	Great North Museum – Greek Topic. Details to be finalised after half-term.	Year 4
30.11.23	Visits to St Cuthbert's Catholic Church for Holy Mass	Years 5 and 6
30.11.23	Muddy Monsters session on forest school	Years 3 and 4