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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break. This is our busiest term as the statutory assessments will begin for Years 2 and 6. We ask that you keep all of our children who are taking part in in your prayers.

Catholic Life of the school

Thank you for attending the Easter Liturgies at the end of the spring term, it was lovely to have parents/ grandparents back in school to join us in worship.

All classes and members of our school community continue to attend a weekly liturgy based on the Gospel story from the previous Sunday.

First Holy Communion

Some of our children in Year 4 will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Saturday 18th June 2022, we ask you to keep them in your prayers as they come to the end of the programme. Additional information about preparations for First Holy Communion Day will be sent out shortly.

'Love Your Neighbour - Canny Friday'

We continue to run our project to support those in need of food. If you are able, please send, a tinned item of food, pasta or cereal into school on any Friday, and we will make sure it is delivered to the Sisters to continue their great work.

Wednesday Word

The link to the Wednesday Word can be found in the home learning section of the school website and you can also use the link below to access the materials:
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=4.4>

Year 2 and Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests

During the month of May, Year 2 will be taking part in the Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) these include completing two reading papers, a grammar and spelling paper and two mathematical papers (known as quizzes to the children). Miss Davidson and Miss Cruickshank have been busy preparing them for these tests. Results, should be available to parents before the end of the academic year.

Year 6 will be completing the SATs w/c 9th May 2022. Again, Miss Brown and Mrs Oakes have been busy preparing them for the tests. The tests take place on the following days:

Monday 9 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1: questions• Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 10 May	English	Reading
Wednesday 11 May	Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1: arithmetic• Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 12 May	Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 3: reasoning

A letter explaining the arrangements for earlier attendance for the week has already been sent out to the parents of Year 6.

Help with our Garden

We are looking for a volunteer to help in our small school garden. We would help to arrange a DBS check for anyone who is interested in spending some time on this.

Welcome to our New Staff

On behalf of our school community, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Shaw who joins us as PA to the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Murphy who joins us as a Support Assistant and Mrs Skelly who joins us as a Support Assistant until the end of the academic year. We hope they will settle into their new roles and enjoy being part of our school community.

Attendance 2021 -2022

Having the best attendance at school is vitally important, as this leads to improved learning for your child (knowing more, remembering more and doing more). Our attendance/family support worker Jan, has produced a 'Good Attendance Guide' which you will receive with this newsletter. Please take the time to read through it.

If your child's attendance has dropped below 90% you will shortly be receiving a letter from school.

As you are aware, holidays during term time **cannot be authorised**. The table below shows the impact that time out has on learning. Please note, the Local Authority may issue a Penalty notice to each parent of each child who is withdrawn from school during term time.

100% Attendance	0 weeks of missed learning	Best chance of success. Fantastic!
95% Attendance	1 week, 4 days of missed learning	Chance of success. Well Done!
90% Attendance	3 weeks, 4 days of missed learning	Persistent Absentee. Worrying- At risk of legal action from the Local Authority.
85% Attendance	5 weeks, 3 days of missed learning	Poor Attendance. Very worrying.
80% Attendance	7 weeks, 3 days of missed learning	Very Poor Attendance Very concerning.

If you feel there is an exceptional circumstance where your child needs to have a leave of absence from school, then please complete the 'Exceptional Circumstances form' and return to school at least 14 days in advance of any request for absence. The form can be obtained from the school office and from the school website under parent information— attendance/absence. An appointment with a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be arranged to discuss your request.

Please see below details of attendance recorded in school from the start of the autumn term. Pupil attendance at school has been mandatory since September and the usual rules on attendance apply, including:

- Parents' duty to ensure that all children attend at all times
- Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

Please remember to contact school before 9:30 a.m. if your child will be absent from school.

Year	Attendance since 06/09/2021
Reception	90.1%

1	91.9%
2	95.2%
3	93.8%
4	91.4%
5	94.7%
6	91.6%
Whole school	92.6%

Each week the class with the highest attendance receives a treat of their choice as well as the attendance trophy.

Jan Gurkin, our family support/attendance worker continues to monitor pupil attendance and will contact families to discuss any concerns.

Uniform for 2021-22

At St Cuthbert's, we aim for high standards in all aspects of school life, which includes uniform. Our uniform is smart and hardwearing. It also gives a sense of belonging to our school family and promotes a sense of pride in our school. I ask that all parents support our commitment to excellence and inclusion by making sure your child wears the correct school uniform, including black school shoes. We ask children to wear their polo t-shirt tucked into their skirts or trousers and to take a pride in their personal appearance. Thank you for taking part in the consultation on school uniform, all information is being collated and will be presented to our Local Governing Committee at our next meeting.

Safety and school policy reminders

For safety reasons children are **not** permitted to wear earrings in school. All earrings must be removed prior to coming into school.

Extreme hairstyles, dyed hair, hair gel, holiday braids etc. are not permitted. Long hair must be tied back for safety and hygiene reasons.

Every child needs to bring their school book bag containing their reading book to school each day. Back packs are not permitted.

Parking

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have helped us to keep the traffic moving safely in the morning, by parking away from school or using the quick drop off in the turning circle.

As part of the travel tracker, every day children record how they have travelled to school and will receive a badge at the end of the month for having at least three active trips per week.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

On Thursday 26th May we will be having a day of celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, children are invited to come into school in their own clothes. Our new Cook, is busy preparing the menu for the day which will be a packed lunch. If your child does not usually receive a school meal, they are invited for that day to enjoy the special menu. We are hoping for good weather on the day so we can all have lunch outside. A letter regarding the lunch will be sent out next week.

Diary dates

Date	Event	Time	Class
05.05.2022	Class photographs	a.m.	All
05.05.2022	Bikeability	All day	Year 5
05.05.2022	Swimming lessons	a.m.	Year 4
06.05.2022	Bikeability	All day	Year 5
09.05.2022 to 13.05.2022	SATs Week for Y6		Year 6
01.05.2022 to 26.05.2022	SATs Month for Y2		Year 2
26.05.2022	Jubilee Day Last day of half term	All day	All
27.05.2022	School closed for additional bank holiday		All
30.05.2022	School closed for Half Term		All
06.06.2022	School re-opens for second half of summer term		All