



Love to learn, learn to love

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another half term. The time has flown by and school life is slowly returning to normal. The children and staff have worked extremely hard this term and I am very proud of everything they have achieved. Thank you for the support you have given to us over this time.

'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>

Celebrating St Cuthbert's Day

As part of our celebrations for St Cuthbert's Day, Father Martin will celebrate Mass in school on Friday 18th March. Children will learn about the life of St Cuthbert and complete fun activities on the day. Children are invited to come into school in their own clothes.

Learn to read, read to learn

World Book Day

This year is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day. On Thursday 3rd March, to celebrate the love of reading, we invite children and staff (if they wish) to come into school dressed as a character from their favourite book or wear their own clothes. Our book for the day is 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. We have chosen this book as it is also World Wildlife Day and we are focussing on looking after our planet. During the day, the

children will have the opportunity to listen to the story and take part in reading activities linked to the book.

Reading café and workshop for Reception parents

On Friday 1st April at 2 p.m., we would like to invite our Reception Class parents/carers to join us for a reading workshop where we will talk about how you can support your child with reading and then have your child join you for some fun reading activities.

Keeping children safe on line

We would like to invite our parents/carers to join us for an information session on how to keep your child safe on line on Friday 4th March at 2:30 p.m. in the school hall.

Year 6 SATs and Residential meeting

We would like to invite our Year 6 parents/carers to join us for an information session about the Y6 SATs and the residential trip on Wednesday 2nd March at 5:30 p.m. Please contact the school office if you are unable to make the meeting.

Attendance 2021 -2022

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

As you are aware, holidays during term time **cannot be authorised**. Children who have an attendance of 90% or below are classed as persistent absentees. Our attendance target is 97% or above.

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

Year	Attendance since 7/9/2021
Reception	91.1%
1	92.2%
2	95.1%
3	93.6%
4	91.6%
5	95.4%

6	91.9%
Whole school	92.9%

Congratulations to Year 2 for achieving the highest attendance last week (95.8%). Each week the class with the highest attendance gets 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.

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 Friends of St Cuthbert's

Parent, Teacher and Friend Associations are an important part of school life for schools across the country. Many thousands of parents' volunteer to join in with activities at their child's school, giving their time and energy to fundraising and working in partnership with

the school. If you would like to be a part of the Friends of St Cuthbert's, the first meeting for this year will taking place on Thursday 10th March 2.30-3.00 p.m. in the school hall. Please let the school office know if you are interested in attending. If you are unable to attend this meeting but are interested in supporting the school, please give your name to the office and we will inform you of the date of the next meeting.

Thank you for your continued support, we wish you all a happy, safe and restful half term break.

Diary dates

Date	Event	Time	Class
18.02.22	School closes for half term	3:10 p.m.	All
21.02.22- 25.02.22	Half term Holiday		All
28.02.22	School re-opens to pupils	8:40 a.m.	All
01.03.22	National offer day and Shrove Tuesday	All day	
02.03.22	Ash Wednesday – Beginning of the liturgical season of Lent	All day	
02.03.22	Year 6 Parents information session for SATs and residential	5:30 p.m.	Parents/carers
03.03.22	World Book Day	All day	All
04.03.22	Keeping your child safe online session by GEM Education	2:30	Parents/carers
10.03.22	Friends of St Cuthbert's meeting	2:30- 3:00	Parents/carers
18.03.22	Celebrating our school Patron Saint - St Cuthbert's Feast Day (20 th March)	All day	All
21.03.22 until 24.03.22	Provisional booking – Book Fair	After school	All

23.03.22	Tempest Photography- Individual and group photographs (more information nearer the date).	a.m.	All
24.03.22	TIMMs study	All day	Year 5
28.03.22	Provisional booking - Mother's Day coffee/tea and reading session	2:40 p.m.	All
29.03.22	Y4 Bikeability	All day	Year 4
01.04.22	Reading café and workshop	2 p.m.	Reception Class
08.04.22	School closes for the Easter Holidays	3:10 p.m.	All
25.04.22	Teacher Training Day	All day	All
26.04.22	School re-opens to pupils for the summer term	8:40 a.m.	All