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Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies, this newsletter is a long one, this is so we can give you advanced notice of dates in the diary for July. Please be advised that additional items may be added.

Important Notice -Change to school email address

From Monday 13th June 2022, the school email address has changed to:

office@stcuthbertsw.co.uk

First Holy Communion

A number 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. We look forward to sharing in this special day.

'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>

Statutory Assessment Tests

Well done to Year 2 and Year 6 for completing their Statutory Assessment Tests and Year 1 for completing the Phonic Screener Check. The children all gave their best efforts and we looked forward to receiving their results (Y6).

Year 4 will be completing the multiplication check w/c 13th June 2022.

Year 6 Residential Meeting

The final meeting for parents of Year 6 children attending the residential will take place on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting for Parents joining Reception Class in September 2022

We are holding a welcome meeting for parents whose children are joining our Reception Class in September 2022. This meeting will be held in the School Hall on Tuesday 21st June at 6 p.m.

Achievement Sessions

We are extremely proud of our children and all that they have achieved this year and we would like to invite you to share in their success by attending the achievement session for their class which, will be held over the next few weeks. This is an opportunity for you to visit school and spend some time with your child looking at the work they have completed over the year. We will then ask you to complete a very short form stating two things your child has done that makes you proud and one wish you have for your child for the next academic year. Please see the diary page at the back of the newsletter for your child's class date and time.

Help with our Garden

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help in our small school garden. We would help to arrange a DBS check for anyone who is interested.

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). 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	90.9%
1	92.2%
2	95.1%
3	94.4%
4	92.2%
5	95.1%
6	92.1%
Whole school	93.1%

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

Congratulations to Year 5 who won the attendance trophy and treat for having the best

attendance last week.

Uniform for 2022-23

The Local Governing Committee have agreed the new uniform policy and a copy of the uniform items required for 2022-23 will be issued shortly. We have reduced the number of items that require a school logo. Please be advised that this is from September 2022.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

If you have school uniform that your child has grown out of and is still in good condition, we asked that you donate it to school for our pre-loved sale. Please wash it and send into school by Monday 27th June. We will be holding a sale of these items on that afternoon from 2:45 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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.

Every day as part of the travel tracker, 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.

Friends of St Cuthbert's

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came to our first meeting last month. Preparations are well under way for the St Cuthbert's Summer Fair. A poster for the event will be sent out with this newsletter. If you were unable to attend and would still like to help out on the day, the next meeting will take place on Thursday 16th June at 6 p.m. in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you for all your donations so far.

Summer Charity Event

Please see below some information from one of our parents regarding a Summer Charity Event you may wish to support.

'My name is Laura Driver and I am a parent of a student here in the school. I am running in the Great North Run for the charity - Breast Cancer Now! This is the 3rd year I will have done this. As it's the end of the school year/beginning of the summer holidays, I wanted something the whole family could come to.

The Charity event itself has a Children's disco, games, crafts and a specific tombola for children. There is a fancy-dress competition too. We also have goody bags for children as well as adults. There will also be: cakes, pies, quiches, sweet selections as well as a bar and a hot beverage van.

We will also have stalls from various small businesses and a couple spaces for a few more if anyone may be interested.

It's on the 31st July, 4-8pm. Free entry to all.

At the Union Jack Social Club in the main hall.

If you need any more information, I'm happy to provide it.'

Diary dates

Date	Event	Time	Class
14.06.22	Y6 Residential meeting for parents	3.30 p.m.	Y6
16.06.22	Children due to make their First Holy Communion visit St. Cuthbert's Church for Mass	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Y4
16.06.22	Road Safety	1:10 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Y3
16.06.22	Friends of St Cuthbert's Meeting	6 p.m.	Parent volunteers
17.06.22	Non-uniform, donations of toys welcome for the Toy Stall		All
17.06.22	Cyber smile –stop cyber bullying day	All day	All
18.06.22 Saturday	First Holy Communion Day – St Cuthbert's Church Children enrolled in the First Holy Communion Programme.	From 8:30 to 11:30	
20.06.22	Year 6 Achievement Session Reception Class Achievement Session	2:40 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.	Y6 Reception
21.06.22	Year 3 Achievement Session	2:40 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.	Y3
21.06.22	Meeting for parents of nursery children joining Reception class in September	6 p.m.	
22.06.22 – 24.06.22	Y6 Residential	All day	Y6
22.06.22	Y2 Achievement Session	2:40 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.	Y2
24.06.22	Non-uniform, donations of chocolates/ sweets welcome for the Sweets Stall		All
25.06.22	Summer Fair	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	All + families
27.06.22	Pre-loved Uniform Sale (School Hall)	2:45 p.m. -3:30 p.m.	
28.06.22	Y1 Achievement Session	2:40 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.	Y1

29.06.22	Y6 at YMT Festival	8.30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Y6
30.06.22	Y4 Achievement Session	2:40 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.	Y4
01.07.22	Y5 Achievement Session	2:40 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.	Y5
04.07.22	Whole School Sports Afternoon (depending on weather)	1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	All
05.07.22	Y4 visit to Segedunum	9.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Y4
06.07.22	Y6 trip to Holy Island	All day	Y6
08.07.22	St Cuthbert's Got Talent	9:30-12:00	All
11.07.22	Y6 Prom (current Y6)	5 p.m.to 7 p.m.	Y6
12.07.22	Reception Class Beach Trip	All day	Reception
13.07.22	Y6 transition to High School (Sacred Heart, St Cuthbert's and St Mary's)	All day	Y6
13.07.22	Y6 Prom (Class of 2019-20) Cancelled due to Lockdown	5 p.m.to 7 p.m.	By invitation only
15.07.22	Transition day – whole school meeting their new class teacher. Y6 at High School (Sacred Heart, St Cuthbert's and St Mary's)	All day	All
20.07.22	Year 5 trip to the Discovery Museum	All day	Y5
21.07.22	Leavers Mass (provisional)	a.m.	All
22.07.22	Year 6 leavers Assembly	a.m.	Y6