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Dear Families and Carers,

Month of Remembrance

This November, we 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.

More than Dance

We are delighted to have the More than Dance Team join us on Monday 28 November working with KS2 pupils on Liturgical dance. Please ensure pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 wear their PE kits on the day.



UK Parliament Week 14-18 November

Throughout the week, we will be discussing British Values, and the importance of democracy. We are delighted to have our local Member for Parliament, Catherine McKinnell join us on the Friday 18 November.



Odd Socks Day/Anti- Bullying Week 14-18 November

Monday 14 of November kicks off with Odd Socks Day, all you need to do is wear odd socks! It is a great way to celebrate what makes us unique.

Anti-Bullying Week



Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out. During the week our pupils will be working on activities that are designed to encourage them to think about how we can reach out to others to address bullying both online and offline.



Children in Need 18 November

Yes, it that time again! On Friday 18 November we will be holding a non-uniform day to support this great cause. Pupils can come to school in something spotty, something yellow or in their own clothes. Donations to the charity can be made through [St Cuthbert's is fundraising for BBC Children in Need \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/charity/stcuthberts)

Friends of St Cuthbert's (PTA)

The Friends of St Cuthbert's will be meeting tonight (Monday 14 November) at 6 p.m. in the school hall to discuss the Christmas Fair. If you would like to support their work, please come along.

Poverty Proofing the school day

We are delighted to welcome back the Children North East Charity to our school week commencing 21 November. We look forward to working with Craig and through this work coming up with ways we can help our pupils and families.

Lyndsey Mallen, the Welfare Rights Officer from Newcastle City Council will be visiting our school on Monday 21 November from 2:30 p.m. if anyone wishes to asked for advice. This opportunity is part of the work school is involved with through the North Tyne Combined Authority.

Preloved Christmas Jumpers and School uniform sale

The Eco Council will be holding a preloved Christmas jumper and school uniform sale in the school hall on **Monday 21 November** between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you wish to donate Christmas jumpers or school uniform, please can you wash them and send to school by **Friday 18 November**.

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 9:30 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

Attendance 2022 -2023

During October **16.7%** of students met or exceeded the persistent absence threshold of 10% of sessions missed.

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 the code of conduct from the local authority.

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

Year	Attendance since 06/09/2022
Reception	94.5%
1	94%
2	95.1%
3	97.3%
4	97.7%
5	94.4%
6	96%
Whole school	95.6%

Parking and Travel Tracker

Parents are reminded that the turning circle is for a quick drop off only, children get out of the car and walk into school watched by their parent or carer before driving off. If you walk your child into school, you must park away from school. The Engine Public House are happy for parents to use their car park. If your child arrives at school after 8:55 a.m. you will need to bring them into school and record the reason for their lateness.

Dates for your diary

November 2022		
14-18.11.22	UK Parliament Week	All year groups
14.11.22	Odd Socks Day	All year groups
14-18.11.22	Anti-Bullying Week	
14.11.22	Friends of St Cuthbert's Meeting -school hall	6 p.m.
18.11.22	Non-uniform day for Children in Need	All year groups
18.11.22	Send in preloved donations of Christmas Jumpers and School Uniform	All year groups
21-25.11.22	Poverty Proofing Audit	All year groups, teachers and staff
21.11.22	Welfare Rights Officer visiting school 2:30 p.m. in the school hall	
21.11.22	Preloved Christmas Jumper and School Uniform sale 2:30 -3:00 p.m. in the school hall	Eco Councillors
22.11.22 3:15-4:15	First Holy Communion Session 2	Children making their First Holy Communion in June 2023.
24.11.22 4:30-5:30	Open evening for Children New to Reception 2023-24	New parents
27.11.22	More than Dance- children to come to school in their PE Kits	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
28 and 29.11.22	Y5 Bikeability L2 (letter with further information nearer the time)	Year 5
30.11.22	Y4 Bikeability (letter with further information nearer the time)	Year 4