

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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Catholic Life of the School

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>

The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World).

Lenten Charity

Thank you to everyone who helped to raise money during Lent for 'CAFOD Walk for Water'. CAFOD support people living in poverty to live a full and dignified life.

Reception Collection

After the half term holiday, Reception class children can be dropped off and collected at the same time as their older siblings. All other class times remain the same.

Planning Permission

Nearly five years ago we applied for planning permission to have the demountable classrooms added to the site; this was to help us move classes to single form entry in Key Stage 2. We were granted temporary permission with a restriction on the numbers allowed in the school due to congestion on the roads outside. Two years ago, we went through the process of reapplying to have the temporary permission made permanent. This was granted but the restriction of only having 193 children in school remained in place. We have now been granted permission to increase the number of children in school to 210. We are delighted that the restriction has been lifted but the work does not end there, we still need to make every effort to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school where possible and continue to use the Engine car park rather than residential streets for parking at school pick up and drop off times.

Parking

We have had several complaints from members of the public regarding parking around school at the start and end of the day. We understand that it can be busy but please park considerately around school taking the opportunity to walk or “park and stride” wherever possible. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines or outside the entrance to the school car park.

Free School Meals

You can apply for Free School Meals by following the link below and filling out a short form online.

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals>

Please complete the form if you think you may be eligible even if your child is currently receiving a universal free school meal in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. You will need to make a separate application for each child in your household.

Attendance 2020 -2021

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 regularly
- 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.

Year	Attendance since 8/9/2020
Reception	95.5%
1	98.1%
2	97.6%
3	95.6%
4	96.6%
5	95.7%
6	95.5%
Whole school	96.4%

Our family support/attendance worker continues to monitor pupil attendance and contact families to discuss concerns.

COVID -19 Positive Tests

If your child receives a positive test during the half-term holiday, please inform the school by email and use the subject "COVID-19" to ensure that the email can be clearly identified.

EU citizens living in Newcastle

Have you applied to the EU Settlement Scheme for your family?

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen living in the UK everyone in your family, including children, needs to apply before 30 June 2021



If you need help to apply visit newcastle.gov.uk/services/citizenship/eu-settlement-scheme

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time	Class
27.05.21	School closes at the end of the day for Half Term.		All
28.05.21	School closed for Teacher Training Day.		All
07.06.21	School re-opens for second half of Summer Term		All
10.06.21	Height and weight checks for Reception and Year 6	1pm -3pm	R & 6
11.06.21	Tempest Photography in school – Individuals and sibling groups	8.30 am – 12.30 pm	All
26.06.21	First Holy Communion Day	All day	Y4 (6 children)
08.07.21	Year 6 Prom	5 pm – 7 pm	Y6
13.07.21	Parents Evening (to be confirmed)	4 pm – 6 pm	All
14.07.21			
16.07.21	Sports Day	1.15 pm – 3.15 pm	All
23.07.21	School closes for Summer	All day	