

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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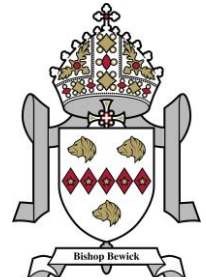
Love to learn, learn to love

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Dear Families,

The last newsletter for this year and I can't believe how quickly the year has gone. What a year it has been for us all! Thank you again for your continued support this year; it is very much appreciated.

We wish our Year 6 children well as they start the next phase of their education and we hope they continue to let their light shine. We also wish Miss Kerr, Miss Cooper and Miss Rutherford our best wishes as they take up their new roles. Remember, where every you go, you will always be part of the St Cuthbert's family.

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>

Y6 Liturgy

The Y6 liturgy took place on Monday 19th July at 1:30 p.m. This was filmed and will be shared with our Y6 parents. Thank you for such a reflective, calm and quiet prayer time.

Swimming

Following the closure of West Denton pool, Mr McMaster has secured swimming slots at Northumbria University pool for Years 5 and 6. Swimming sessions will start on Thursday 9th September 2021 at 10 a.m. for Year 6 and 11:00 a.m. for Year 5. The children will be transferred by coach to and from the pool and will be accompanied by school staff. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and this is one of the PE lessons for the year groups(for this year). Your child will need to bring with them on the day a bag containing:

A towel

A swimsuit for girls (one piece only) or close fitting swim shorts for boys

A swimming cap(for boys and girls and long hair to be tied back)

Goggles (optional)

For safety reasons the wearing of jewellery is not permitted.

Sports Day

Year 2 are hoping to hold their sports day on Thursday 22nd July and Reception class on Friday 23rd July. Due to restrictions in place these events are only for the children. Pictures of the events will be posted on the school website.

Exercise books

We will be sending home your child's exercise books from this year. Please send in a carrier bag with their name on tomorrow or Thursday so they can transport them home. Every year we keep a number of completed exercise books from each year group in order to show progress in learning across the year. The books are then given back to the children at the end of the following year.

Poverty Proofing the School Day

As a school we are taking steps to poverty proof the school day, to ensure that no child is disadvantaged in anyway due to their families' financial situation. We know at this time of year our families like to send gifts to thank us for the work we do but as a staff, we feel privileged to work with your children and your kind words are more than enough thanks. Therefore, we are discouraging the giving of gifts to the staff. A simple letter or card is more than enough. More information on poverty proofing is available via the link below.

<https://children-ne.org.uk/how-we-can-help/poverty-proofing/>

Parking

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 in the turning circle, on the zig-zag lines or outside the entrance to the school car park.

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
- 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	95.7%
1	98.2%
2	97%
3	95.2%

4	96.5%
5	95.2%
6	95.6%
Whole school	96.2%

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

Uniform for 2021-22

Winter Mid-grey (not black) skirt/pinafore or trousers (in the interests of safety, boys and girls should wear school regulation material trousers only – no joggers or leggings).

White polo shirt.

Navy Blue school sweatshirt or cardigan.

Black, navy, grey or white socks or tights.

Sensible black shoes – **no trainers**. Black boots will be allowed in winter but children must change into shoes once inside school.

P.E. kit (Y1-6 to come to school in P.E. kit on P.E. days)

Jogging pants and school sweatshirts can be worn in cold weather for outdoor activities.

House coloured t-shirt.

Black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms.

White socks.

Black or white sand shoes or lightweight trainers.

Jewellery

For safety reasons children are **not** permitted to wear earrings in school, especially for P.E. lessons. Some of the children may have their ears pierced over the summer holiday period, but these must be removed for returning to 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.

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.

Ordering a school lunch

From the autumn term we will be using a new way to pay for school lunches. We are in the process of completion and sign off of the documentation and will be able to provide more information at the beginning of term. This new system will give you the opportunity to pay online. As of September, we will no longer be accepting cheques but will still accept cash until the system is fully operational.

Suspected cases of COVID -19

If you, your child, or anyone in your household are displaying symptoms of COVID, **do not send your child to school**. Keep them at home and book a PCR test for everyone, including your child. The household then needs to isolate until negative PCR results come back. Lateral flow tests are not to be used on primary school children. Home learning will be provided. Please ensure you inform school of test results in advance of your child returning. We cannot have children in school until a negative COVID-19 PCR test has been confirmed.

Entry and Exit procedures

The plan is to return to our normal opening and closing times in September. This would mean that the door opens for the beginning of the school day at 8:40 a.m, registers will close at 8:55 a.m. with lessons starting at 9:00 a.m. Children arriving after 8:55 a.m. will be classed as late and parents will have to sign the late register. School ends at 3:10 p.m (picking up from the school yard for Years 1-6). Children will go back to normal break and lunch times and will no longer be in bubbles.

Please be advised that this may change due to the pandemic.

Diary dates

Date	Event	Time	Class
19.07.21	Y6 Liturgy (class bubble only)	p.m.	Y6 only
21.07.21	Teachers meeting their new class(in person or by video link)	p.m.	All
22.07.21	Teddy Bear picnic – new to Reception for 2021 (9 parents and children at a time)	a.m.	
22.07.21	Y2 sports day session (KS1 yard)	a.m.	Y2
23.07.21	YR sports day session	a.m.	YR
23.07.21	Leavers assembly (in classes) children and staff only	p.m.	All
23.07.21	School closes for Summer	By 3:20 p.m.	
07.09.21	School re-opens to pupils	8:40 a.m.	Year1-6

On behalf of our Governors and staff I would -like to wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday.

