

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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Love to learn, learn to love

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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>

Lent

This Sunday, we enter the third week of Lent. The Gospel reading is from John's Gospel. It tells us how people had lost sight of God. Lent is a time for us to renew our relationship with God.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle have short daily reflections for each week of Lent on their website: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/>

Lenten Charity

We recently asked you to take part in a survey to choose the Charity we would support during the season of Lent. I am pleased to announce that we will be fundraising for 'CAFOD walk for water'. CAFOD support people living in poverty to live a full and dignified life.

We will be raising money by walking/running laps of the running track each day when in school. A sponsorship form will be emailed out. Please discouraged children from asking people they don't know to sponsor them. You will be able to send the money direct to CAFOD and just let us know how much you have raised (at the end of Lent). On Monday, we will give the children more information on what we want them to do.

First Holy Communion Programme 2020-21

After consultation with Father Martin, a letter was sent to parents of Year 4 to inform them we will shortly begin the programme for this year. If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament, please return the slip to school with your child's Baptismal Certificate prior to the Teams meeting on Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 3:30 p.m. Invitations to attend will be send to parents who have returned the slips. If your child has not been baptised and you wish to discuss your child's journey in faith, please can you contact Father Martin on 0191 267 6063.

Learn to read, read to learn

You should have received a password for your child to access the online library at Oxford Reading elibrary ; your child's teacher will give advice on the books to read for next week and from then on at weekends.

Please return any school reading books you have at home from w/c 8th March so that we can quarantine them for use by another child. Reading books for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be issued on a Monday and collected back in on a Friday. An Oxford Reading Tree eLibrary book will be recommended for the weekend. Children in Years 3-6 will be encouraged to read the online books next week and will be issued with a reading book from w/c 15th March. As their books take longer to read they will not always need to be changed on a Monday. The children will also be recommended an online book to read.

Sumdog

You should have received an email with your child's login details to take part in the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust competition. Please contact school if you have not received it. We will also be taking part in the Newcastle City Schools competition today, the World Maths competition on 12th March and the BBCET competition on the 19th March. Certificates are issued by Sumdog to the overall winning classes. Thank you to Miss Davidson our Maths Lead who has arranged our participation and the times tables battles that took place this week.

World Maths Day

To mark World Maths Day on 3rd March we held times tables battles: Year 6 verses Year 5; Year 4 verses Year 3 and Year 2 was split into teams. I am pleased to announced that Y6, Year 4 and the Y2 boys were the winners of the battles. Certificates have been issued.

Science Week

Science week in St Cuthbert's will begin on Monday 8th March. The title for the Week is 'Innovating for the future'. Each class will come up with solutions/ideas to solve scientific problems. As we won't be able to invite you in to look at their work, pictures will be posted on the school website. School is currently working towards the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) bronze award. A big thank you to all staff for the work they have done so far and in particular to Miss McGregor who is our Science Lead.

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.

Code of Conduct for Remote learning

Please remember to return the Code of Conduct for your child in order that they are given access to remote learning.

Fair Trade Fortnight

Fair Trade Fortnight runs from the 22nd February to the 7th March 2021. The children will take part in lessons next week.

World Book Day

“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” Garrison Keillor

Thank you to all the children for completing the World Book day activities and for the pictures you have sent to school. A special than you to Miss Kerr our English Lead for organising the activities.

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus.

Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

School re-opening

You will already have received the letter, detailing the re-opening of school on Monday 8th March, please follow the information provided on pick up and drop off times. We are very much looking

forward to welcoming them all back. Remember, attendance at school is compulsory.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at St Cuthbert's, thank you for the work you have completed in supporting your child's home learning. We know that this has not always been easy for you. Have a great weekend, relax and we will take it from here.

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 |
|-------------------|--|----------|-------|
| 22.02.21-07.03.21 | Fair Trade Fortnight | | |
| 03.03.21 | World Maths Day | All day | All |
| 04.03.21 | World Book Day | All day | All |
| 08.03.21 | School re-opens to all pupils (see letter sent on Monday 1st March 2021) | | |
| 08.03.21-14.03.21 | British Science Week- Innovating for the future | All week | All |
| 08.03.21 | CAFOD- Walk for Water fundraising begins | | All |
| 12.03.21 | Sumdog-World Maths Challenge | All day | |
| 14.03.21 | Mother's Day | All day | All |
| 19.03.21 | Red Nose Day | All day | All |
| 19.03.21 | Sumdog-BBCET Challenge | All day | |
| 20.03.21 | St Cuthbert's Day (Our Saint Day) | All day | All |
| 21.03.21 | World Poetry Day | All day | All |
| 22.03.21 | World Water Day | All day | All |
| 28.03.21 | Palm Sunday and beginning of Holy Week. Each class will prepare a Liturgy | All week | All |
| 01.04.21 | Maundy Thursday – school closes at the end of the day for the Easter break | | All |
| 19.04.21 | School re-opens for the summer term | | All |