

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families and Carers,

Catholic Life of the school

Father Martin will be celebrating our Harvest Mass on Friday 4th November at 9:15 a.m. in the school hall. Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us. Please note the date and time has changed from our previous newsletter.

Harvest Donations

Pupils are invited to send a donation of tinned food, pasta, cereals etc (no perishable items please), to be given to the Sisters from the 'Missionaries of Charity' who work with those who are homeless and in need in Newcastle. If you would like to donate please can we have your donation by Wednesday 1st November 2022.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported us by attending the coffee morning, buying or donating cakes or making donations. You helped us to raise £249 for Macmillan.

Goodbye and good luck




After over six years of working at St Cuthbert's (in various roles) Mrs Neal will be leaving us on Friday 4th November 2022 to take up the role of 'Pastoral Support Worker' in a High School closer to home. On behalf of everyone in our school family, I would like to thank Mrs Neal for her work and commitment to our community and for being a fantastic role model in living out our school values. I would like to wish her the very best in her new position and I am sure she will be a great asset to her new school. I think we all agree that she will be a big miss.

Vision Screening -Reception Class

Please only return the form if you are opting out of the vision screening for your child.

Safeguarding

The designated persons for safeguarding and child protection in school are:

		
Mrs Barrett – Headteacher	Mrs Walsh – Deputy Headteacher	Miss Brown – Year 6 Teacher

Please contact the school office if you need to discuss any concerns.

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 new attendance policy will shortly be agreed by our Local Governing Committee and then posted on the school website.

Our family support worker/ attendance officer Jan Gurkin visits school every Thursday afternoon if you need to discuss any concerns.



Jan Gurkin

Thank you to parents who have returned the most up to date contact details, this is vital in case of an emergency at school. We still have some outstanding contact forms, please can you arrange to have them sent into school on the Monday after half term.

House Day

On Monday 31st October, I have asked the children to come to school in their PE kits with their coloured t-shirts on as we will be working in our house groups for part of the day. During this time, your child will learn about their house saint and the qualities he/she had.

Our Reception children will stay in their own class and hear about all our Saints.

Cauliflower Cards

You should have received your child's artwork. If you wish to purchase the Christmas cards, please ensure all artwork is returned by 1st November.

Health and Safety

A reminder that children should not use the outdoor equipment before or after school. Thank you for your cooperation in advance with this.

Attendance 2022 -2023

During September **17.8%** 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	94.6%
1	93.9%
2	95.7%
3	97.6%
4	97.6%
5	95%
6	96.1%
Whole school	95.8%

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

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

October 2022		
21.10.22 3:10 p.m.	School closes for half term	All year groups
w/c 24.10.22	Half term break	
31.10.22	School re-opens for Autumn term 2 and House Day (school PE kit to be worn)	All year groups
November 2022		
01.11.22 3:15-4:15	First Holy Communion Session 1	Children making their First Holy Communion in June 2022.
01.11.22	Final day for Harvest donations	All year groups
01.11.22	Cauliflower cards to be returned	All year groups
04.11.22	Harvest Mass in school hall	All year groups
08.11.22	Vision Screening	Reception Class
14-18.11.22	UK Parliament Week	All year groups
22.11.22 3:15-4:15	First Holy Communion Session 2	Children making their First Holy Communion in June 2022.
24.11.22 4:30-5:30	Open evening for Children New to Reception 2023-24	New parents
28 and 29.11.22	Y5 Bikeability (letter with further information nearer the time)	Year 5
30.11.22	Y4 Bikeability (letter with further information nearer the time)	Year 4

Have a happy and safe half term break.

Best wishes
Mrs. Barrett