

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families and Carers,

Catholic Life and Mission

I am delighted to announce some exciting news. Mr Bill Barnes, Foundation Governor of St Cuthbert's and former Chair of Governors has been awarded an MBE for his services to Education (St Cuthbert's) and the community. Bill has been a Governor at the school since 2001, and was the Chair of Governors from 2007- 2019.

On behalf of the school community we would like to congratulate and thank him for all his help, support, and years of service to St Cuthbert's. We look forward to celebrating his success.

Barking Dog Media will be visiting school today to take some photographs of Bill as he carries out his Governor duties.

First Holy Communion

Thank you to all our families for preparing their children to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Saturday 18th June, it was a very special day. A special thank you goes to Mrs Walsh who delivered the sessions and oversaw the programme ensuring that the children were ready for this special occasion. Thank you to Mrs Nardini for leading our singing, to our staff for helping on the day and to the children from the Choir who attended on the Saturday or the Sunday for the Going Forth Mass.

Finally, a big thank you to our Parish Family who prepared the Church, flowers, and purchased and served the Communion breakfast, we very much appreciate your generosity.

Family Mass July 2023

We look forward to welcoming our families to share in the Holy Mass on Sunday 16th July at 9:30 a.m. at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Throckley.

Muhoroni Project update – International Link

We were happy to welcome back, Father David Smith, who visited school earlier this month to give us an update on his work in Muhoroni, Kenya. The children listened patiently and had many questions about his work. The Mini Vinnies are keen to support in some way – so look out for further events to raise money to support our brothers and sisters in Kenya.

Quality of Education



School Sports Afternoon

Please note the School Sports afternoon will be held on Thursday 29th June from 1:30 p.m. Apologies for the short notice, we have been awaiting confirmation that the boys from St Cuthbert's High School will be able to join us to help support the event. For parents who are new to school this year, this is an annual event, where all classes take part in sports activities at the same time. Each child is representing their house and the scores from the day are collated, with the winning house receiving the School Sports Trophy. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE Kit (house colour T-Shirt must be worn). Parents are welcome to join us. The side gate will open at 1:15p.m. There is a designated area for parents to sit or stand. Please do not cross over in to the area where the children will be competing as this distracts them and slows down the races.

Please note, the event may be cancelled at short notice due to the weather.



St Cuthbert's Got Talent

Every year, we celebrate the many gifts and talents of our children through our talent show. For parents new to St Cuthbert's, each child can audition for a place in the final. Auditions take place in your child's class, with the children voting for four acts who will represent their class in the final. Children can perform as a solo act or with friends. Auditions will be held w/c 03.07.23 with the talent show taking place on the 10.07.23, hosted once again by Body Rock. If your child is a finalist, he/she can bring an outfit to wear during their performance.

Due to limited space, only the parents of the children who get through to the final can attend. Please look out for an additional letter with more details.

Community Links

Summer Fair

The Friends of St Cuthbert's will be holding the Summer Fair on Friday 14th July from 3:30-5:30 p.m. In order to support the collection of items for the stalls, we will be holding four non-uniform days prior to the event. Please see the letter from the Friends (sent earlier this week) and the information at the back of the newsletter.

Welfare Rights

If you would like to speak to the Welfare Rights Officer, Lyndsay Mallen, about any help you may need with regards to entitlement to benefits or advice, please contact her on 07867 538272.



Staying Safe in the Sun

Please ensure your child has a named bottle of sun cream and a hat in school during the warm weather.

Attendance is safeguarding

It is vital that children attend school and that we can account for their whereabouts. 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.



Attendance 2022 -2023

Each week the class with the highest attendance wins the attendance trophy and a special treat.

Having the best possible 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 **93%** you will receive a letter from school.

As you are aware, holidays during term time **cannot be authorised**. Please note, the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice to each parent of each child who is withdrawn from school during term time.

Dates for your diary

June 2023			
Date	Event	Time	Class
06.06.23 onwards	Clubs continue for the Summer (2) term		Y1-6
07.06.23 to 09.06.23	Y6 Residential to Emmaus Youth Village	Depart/return 2:30pm/1:45pm	Y6
12.06.23	Y5 visit to Tynemouth	9:30am- 12:00pm	Y5
13.06.23	Open Evening for new Reception parents	5.30pm	Reception 2023-24
17.06.23	First Holy Communion at St. Cuthbert's Church	8.30am	Y4/5 and Choir
18.06.23	Sending Forth Mass at St. Cuthbert's Church	9.30am	Y4/5 and Choir
23.06.23	Non-uniform day (Bottles for the Fair)	All day	All
27.06.23	Y6 Primary Festival Visit	8:40am-3:30pm	Y6
28.06.23	Y6 Leavers Mass for all Catholic Primaries (St Mary's Cathedral)	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Y6
30.06.23	Non-uniform day (Toiletries and Gifts)	All day	All
05.07.23	Reception Visit to Cullercoats	9:15am-2:00pm	Reception
07.07.23	Non-uniform day (Chocolate)	All day	All
10.07.23	St. Cuthbert's Got Talent	9:30am- 12:00pm	All
10.07.23	Y6 Prom	5:00pm-7:00pm	Y6
11.07.23	Y3 visit to Pizza Express, Metro Centre to make their own pizza (Science Link)	9:10am- 11:15am	Y3
12.07.23	Y4 visit to Laing Art Gallery Y6 Transition day to St Cuthbert's High School, Sacred Heart High School & Walbottle Academy	9:40am-2:15pm All day	Y4 Y6

14.07.23	Welcome Morning for new Reception parents 2023/2024	9:30am-11:30pm	
14.07.23	Non-uniform day (Cakes)	All day	All
14.07.23	Transition Day for whole school		All
14.07.23	Summer Fair	3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	
16.07.23	Family Mass at St Cuthbert’s Catholic Church, Throckley.	9:30 a.m.	
18.07.23	Y1 visit to Discovery Museum	9:30am-12:00pm	Y1
19.07.23	Provisional Y2 trip (awaiting information)		Y2
20.07.23	Y6 Leaver Mass in the School Hall	9:30 a.m.	All
21.07.23	Y6 Leavers Assembly (parents of children in Year 6 are welcome to attend)	9:30 a.m.	All Year groups
21.07.23	End of Summer Term School closes at 3.15pm	3:15 p.m.	All
Please be aware additional events may be added			
What’s coming up in the first week of Autumn term 2023			
04.09.23	School closed for Teacher Training Day		All
05.09.23	School re-opens for Autumn 1 term	8:35am	All