



The Cuthbert Chronicle- Issue 9—July 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our last newsletter for this year and I can't believe how quickly the year has gone. Thank you again for your continued support; 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 will also be saying goodbye to Miss Ellison, who leaves us after eleven years at St Cuthbert's to move on to pastures new. We thank her for her hard work and commitment to the children in our school, and wish her all the best for the future.

Remember, where ever you go, you will always be part of the St Cuthbert's family.

Staff changes for 2022-23

We welcome Mrs Haughton to our teaching staff, who is joining us from St Alban's in Pelaw. She will be working across a number of classes throughout the year.

Please see below our staffing for the next academic year:

Class	Teacher/s	Support Staff
Reception Class	Mrs Walsh and Mrs Holliday	Mrs Walmsley
Year 1	Miss Davidson	Mrs Young
Year 2	Miss McGregor	Miss Cruickshank
Year 3	Miss Ellis	Mrs Nardini
Year 4	Mr McMaster	Mrs Giuliani
Year 5	Miss Gallagher	Mrs Skelly Mrs Murphy
Year 6	Miss Brown	Mrs Oakes

The children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher/s and support staff on Friday 15th July 2022.

Wednesday Word

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>

Standard Assessment Tests

Early Years, Phonic screening, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 results will be included in the end of year report pack for the appropriate years.

Summer Reading Challenge

Newcastle Libraries are running their Summer Reading Challenge again this year. Your child has been given a pack with instructions on how to take part. More information can be found at:

<http://tiny.cc/summerreadingchallenge>

Attendance 2021 -2022

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 local authorities' codes of conduct.

Please remember to contact school before 9:30 a.m. if your child will be absent from school.

Year	Attendance since 06/09/2021
Reception	91.1%
1	92.5%
2	95.3%
3	94.4%
4	92.2%
5	95.1%
6	91.9%
Whole school	93.2%

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

Congratulations to Year 2 who won the attendance trophy and treat for having the best attendance last week.

Uniform for 2022-23

The Local Governing Committee have agreed the new uniform policy and a copy of the uniform items required for 2022-23 has now been sent out. We have reduced the number of items that require a school logo. Please be advised that this is from September 2022. Uniforms can now be ordered online at <http://www.eliteembroidery.co.uk/>

Friends of St Cuthbert's

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Summer Fair, we raised £1596.70. A big thank you to the Friends of St Cuthbert's for providing the pizzas and chips for both Proms.

Please can you ensure that your child brings an additional bag to school next week to take home books and other items.

On behalf of the Local Governing Committee and Staff of St Cuthbert's we would like to wish you a happy summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on the 6th September 2022 at 8:40 a.m.



Diary dates

Date	Event	Time	Class
12.07.22	Reception Class Beach Trip	All day	Reception
12.07.22	Year 3 trip to Great North Museum	All day	Y3
13.07.22	Year 1 trip to Laing Art Gallery	All day	Y1
13.07.22	Y6 transition to High School (Sacred Heart, St Cuthbert's and St Mary's)	All day	Y6
13.07.22	Y6 Prom (Class of 2019-20) Cancelled due to Lockdown	5 p.m.to 7 p.m.	By invitation only
15.07.22	Transition day – whole school meeting their new class teacher. Y6 at High School (Sacred Heart, St Cuthbert's and St Mary's)	All day	All
19.07.22	Y2 trip to Laing Art Gallery	All day	Y2
20.07.22	Year 5 trip to the Discovery Museum	All day	Y5
21.07.22	Leavers Mass in the school hall (Y6 parents and parents of any child leaving at the end of this term)	9:30 a.m.	All
22.07.22	Year 6 leavers Assembly (Y6 parents and parents of any child leaving at the end of this term)	9:30 a.m.	Y6