

## The Cuthbert Chronicle– Issue 1— September 2024



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Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for the start of another exciting and busy year at St Cuthbert's. It has been a pleasure to see how the children, as always, have settled quickly back into school life. We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children and their families from Monday.

### **Staffing**

We welcome Miss Tate, Year 4 Class Teacher and Miss Masterman, the Wraparound Care Leader to our team. We are very lucky to have them.

### **Quality of Education**

We will be holding our annual PE Assessment day, today Friday 06.09.24 and you should have already received a text message if we have your most recent contact details.

Parents of our current Y3 class are invited to view their child's Y2 SATs Papers on Tuesday 10.09.24 at 15:20 p.m. in the Y2 classroom.

We would like to invite you to meet your child's new class teacher, view their classroom and find out about what they will be doing over this term. Please see below the dates for your child's year group meeting:

12.09.24 15:20 p.m.to 15:35 p.m. Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 (this will be longer)

13.09.24 15:20 p.m.to 15:35 p.m. Year 1 and Year 2

**The sessions will take place in your child's class.**

### **PE Days**

**Children will have PE on the following days and need to come to school dressed in their PE Kit:**

**Year Reception:** Wednesday (Miss Davidson will inform you of the start date)

**Year 1:** Monday and Friday

**Year 2:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Year 3:** Tuesday and Thursday

**Year 4:** Monday and Wednesday

**Year 5:** Monday and Thursday

**Year 6:** Wednesday and Friday

**Year 4 will attend swimming lessons on a Monday for the whole year. All children are required to take part as swim is part of the PE National Curriculum. A separate letter will be sent out detailing what your child will need and a hard copy will be given to your child.**

### British Values – Democracy

We will begin elections next week for our new Head Boy and Head Girl, our School Councillors , Eco Councillors and House Captains. We will be looking for volunteers to be library monitors and science ambassadors. Results will be announced in school on Friday 13.09.24.

### Catholic Life and Mission

#### MacMillan Coffee Morning




As part of our ongoing charity work we are hoping to host our annual Coffee morning for parents and grandparents on behalf of MacMillan, on Friday 27.09.24 at 9:30a.m. in the school hall. This will be dependent on the building works, if we cannot host it in school, we will look for an alternative location. Please could you send donations of cakes into school on Wednesday 25.09.24. We also ask that children bring a donation to purchase a cake. **As we are a nut free school, please do not send any cakes that contain nuts.**

### Celebration of the Word

Each of our year groups would like to invite you to join them for their class Celebration of the Word. Please see the key dates at the end of the newsletter for dates and times.

### 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.

### Opening and closing times

School opens at **8:35 a.m.** to allow children to enter school ready for the **official start time of 8:45 a.m.** when registration will be taken. If your child is not in the class for this time they will be marked late. If you arrive with your child at 8:45 a.m. or later you are required to bring them into the school building and sign the late book. Lessons begin at 8:50 a.m. **The School day ends at 3:15 p.m.** **Children not collected on time will be brought back into school, placed in the after school club and you will incur a charge.** Lunchtime for pupils from Year 1 to 6 is 12 noon to 1 p.m.

### Contact information and agreements

You will shortly be receiving our annual paperwork to complete with all contact details and key information about your child. It is vital that we hold the most up to date information in case of an emergency.

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



Jan Gurkin

### **Parking**

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.

### **Other news**

#### **Flu Immunisation**

The NHS Immunisations team will be in school on Thursday 10.10.24 to deliver the immunisations across all year groups. All parents who would like their child to receive this must complete the online consent form that has been sent home via email on the 17.07.24 (including the new Reception Class) and a hard copy of the letter was also sent home. School cannot deal with your consent, all information and contacts you need are provided in the email and the letter.

#### **Height and Weight Check for Reception and Year 6**

As part of the National Child Measurement Programme our Reception and Year 6 children will take part in the check on Monday 30.09.24 in school delivered by the school nursing team. An additional letter with information will be sent via email.

#### **School places for 2025-26**

##### **Applications for High schools 2025-26**

Applications are now open, the closing date to apply online at Newcastle City Council is 31.10.24 and national offer day is 03.03.25.

##### **Application for Reception Class 2025-26**

Applications are now open, the closing date to apply online at Newcastle City Council is 15.01.25 and national offer day is 16.04.25.

### **Building Works**

Building work is running behind schedule, the expected end date for the school kitchen is October half-term. I will keep you updated.

## Key dates so far

September 2024		
06.09.24	PE Assessments	Years 1 to 6
w/c 09.09.24	Reception children join our school family	
w/c 09.09.24	School elections take place	
10.09.24	Current Y3 parents to view Y2 SATs papers in the Y2 class.	Year 3 3:20 p.m.
12.09.24	Welcome meetings in classrooms. Y6 will include further information on the residential.	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
13.09.24	Welcome meetings in classrooms	Years 1 and 2
18.09.24	Y2 Celebration of the Word in the hall	Year 2 9:15 a.m.
25.09.24	Donations of cakes to school	
25.09.24	Year 1 Celebration of the Word in the hall	Year 1 3 p.m.
27.09.24	MacMillan Coffee Morning in school hall (provisional location)	All parents/grandparents are welcome
30.09.24	Height and Weight check for Reception Class and Year 6	Year Reception and Year 6
October 2024		
Black History Month		
04.10.24	Year 3 Celebration of the Word in the hall	Year 3 9:15 a.m.
10.10.24	Flu Immunisation	All year groups
11.10.24	Y4 Celebration of the Word in the hall	Year 4 9:15 a.m.
18.10.24	Development Language Disorder Awareness Day	All year groups
18.10.24	Reception and Year 6 Celebration of the Word in hall	Y Rec and Year 6 3 p.m.
18.10.24	Welcome meeting for Reception Parents in the classroom	Y Rec 3:20 p.m.
w/c 21.10.24	All year groups to complete work for Black History Month	All Year groups
23.10.24 to 25.10.24	Y6 Residential to Emmaus Youth Village	Year 6
25.10.24	Year 5 Celebration of the Word in the hall	Year 5 9:15 a.m.
25.10.23 3:15 p.m.	School closes for half term	All year groups
w/c 28.10.24	Half term break	