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NEWSLETTER

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P.E. Kits

Indoor P.E

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Black pumps

Outdoor P.E

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Outdoor trainers

Or

Dark tracksuit

Outdoor trainers

It is important that your child not only has school pumps for indoor PE but trainers for outdoor PE.

This is a change in policy. We can't allow children to do outdoor P.E in school pumps or shoes—it just isn't safe or practical.

Our advice is for the children to have a pair of trainers that they can keep with their PE kit throughout the year.

If you have any problems getting suitable footwear please do come and see me—we will be happy to help. I will keep this notice on the Newsletter for the next few weeks.

Here we are... another Friday afternoon and what a lovely week we have had—beautiful autumnal weather always helps and it has been particularly nice this week. September seems to have slipped past us and we are well into the routines of school life. Everywhere I go in school people and children are busy, busy busy!

- Year 3 and 5 continued their swimming lessons this week, some children from Year 4 started additional swimming lessons at Archbishop Ilsley, all clubs are up and running and we ended the week with a lovely and extremely well presented Mass from Year 5.

- This week we also invited the Reception parents to a welcome meeting led by Mrs Hodson and Sister Maureen. Thank you to all the parents who took time out of their busy day to come into school—it was great to see you. It was a lovely service and it was a privilege to be part of it.

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2 Sister Maureen—Celebration Mass

- 2 Attached to this newsletter is a letter from Sister Maureen who wished to pass on her own thanks to you all for your presence at Mass last Friday evening. Please do read it—it lifts the heart!

- 2 I would like to add my thanks to all the children and families who came along to represent St Cuthbert's—there were over 50 pupils which is a wonderful effort. The Mass was long, but also very moving. The children's behaviour was impeccable and as a Headteacher I couldn't have been more proud. Along with members of the parish, families, Priests, Sisters from around Birmingham and Sister Maureen and her family it truly was a community event. I know that all of you who could make it made a difference to Sister Maureen and she was incredibly touched by your presence.

Many thanks to Corpus Christi School who held the party afterwards—I have to say the St Cuthbert's children certainly took centre stage on the dance floor!

Football Boots and Shin pads

MESSAGE FROM LAST WEEK

As you are aware we currently run three football clubs in school and these take place on the field. As the field can get quite muddy we would like the children to wear football boots and shin pads. However we are aware that this can be costly. Therefore we are asking that if you have any old football boots or shin pads that you would consider donating to the school so then we would have a supply of spare boots and pads for the clubs.

I am told on good authority that it will be safer for the children if they are wearing football boots and shin pads for the football clubs.

If your child is taking part in a football club and you don't have football boots or shin pads please don't rush out and buy some—let us see if we get any donated that the children can use. If your child already has boots and pads then they should wear them for football club.

Many thanks to the parents who have already donated old boots—they will be used and we really appreciate your support and generosity. Any more donations of boots or shin pads will be gratefully received!

Year 1 and 2 Flu Immunisation

All children in Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for flu immunisation; the school nurse team are coming into school on Wednesday 14th October to administer the immunisation. All children have received information leaflets and permission forms. If you have not received one please contact the school office and if you have the permission form please do so as quickly as you can.

It does not matter if you are allowing or not allowing your child to receive the immunisation we still need the form returned indicating your wishes.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Paige in Year 5 who won our attendance award last week for a full weeks attendance—the first attendance award of the year. Well done Cairo!

ATTENDANCE SINCE

SEPTEMBER

96.61%

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

94.9%

WINNING CLASS

Year 2—99.3%

Well done Year 2!

Punctuality

I am aware that I talk to you all a lot about attendance and punctuality but this is because good attendance and punctuality is incredibly important to your children.

We have been delighted with the way in which your children have responded to improving attendance over the last couple of years. We are aware that everyone gets ill from time to time but high attendance is 95% or above and many of our children are achieving this.

Punctuality is equally important—the school day begins at 8:55am and once the bell goes we are off and running. Children start work and begin tasks straight away in the morning and three times a week assemblies have started by at least 9:10am. Children need to be on time for school—I have to say that I know they don't like being late, coming into class when everyone has started, or coming into assembly late. Please try to ensure that your child or children are on time for school.

We do try to reward children and classes for achieving good attendance and punctuality as we feel it is an excellent lesson in life to be punctual and have a good attendance.

Gym Club for Year 1 and 2 on Tuesday

Due to the number of clubs we are running and the amount of parents that are arriving at school on a Tuesday we are changing the pick up place for Year 1 and 2 on Tuesday afternoon following gym club. Please could you go to their classroom doors to pick them up—we will make sure the side gate is open for you to get onto the playground.

This will just ease congestion by the office as Year 3 and 4 have football and 5 and 6 have Science Club. We will remind you by text next Tuesday. Thank you for your help in this matter.

After School Clubs

Monday

Dance Year 1 and 2

Football Year 5 and 6

Tuesday

Netball Year 5 and 6

Gym Year 1 and 2

Fizz Bang Year 5 and 6

Wednesday

Basketball Year 3 and 4

Football Year 3 and 4

Brass Band Year 5 and 6

Thursday

Gym Year 3

Maths Booster Year 6

Goodbye and Thank you Mrs Loughran

We have said goodbye to Mrs Loughran today and it was quite moving. Mrs Loughran has supported the school through her job as lunchtime supervisor and cleaner for the past 25 years. She worked closely with Mrs Laidlaw for many years and they were quite a team.

I just want to pass on my thanks to Mrs Loughran for all her hard work and her many years of commitment that she has shown to St Cuthbert's. She will be greatly missed but not forgotten. I hope she will come and visit us some time.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6th October—Swimming Year 3 and Year 5

Friday 9th October—Year 4 Mass

Monday 12 October—Year 5 Kingsbury Water Park

Thursday 15th October—Year 6 Class Assembly

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER—PARENTS EVENING

Wishing you all a very happy and restful weekend.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff

Contact Information

The ladies in the offices (Mrs Ashmore, Mrs Aktar and Mrs Gibbins) are always furiously busy—the telephone, the gate, the photocopier, the headteacher—always bothering them. They work extremely hard to ensure we have updated contact information for all pupils in the school.

Please could you ensure that we have the correct address and phone numbers on which to reach you. It would be of great help if you could fill out the slip below.

Child/Children's name: _____

Contact 1: (Name and Number) _____

Contact 2: (Name and Number) _____