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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.

Good afternoon to you all! I hope that the week has treated you kindly and that you are all getting used to the darker nights and slightly colder mornings.

- As always at St Cuthbert's it has been a busy but happy week. Year 5 had an excellent trip to Kingsbury Water Park on Monday, swimming continued for Year 3 and Year 5 on Tuesday, many of our Year 1 and 2 children had the flu vaccine on Wednesday, Year 6 presented a thoughtful and mature assembly to the school and their parents yesterday and we finished the week with a lovely mass from our Year 3 class—all that without mentioning any lessons!

- Next week promises to be just as busy with Nursery meetings, Parents evening and a Harvest Mass—it's a good job we like to be busy round here!

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2 Parents Evening

- 2 You should all have received the times for your parents evening appointments this week. If you haven't please see your child's class teacher because they will have the appointment times.

- 2 We always have an excellent turn out for parents evening, and it is crucial to your child or children that we all communicate and discuss how your children are getting along. If you are unable to attend parents evening please see the class teacher and arrange an alternative time.

I would ask though that you remember that each appointment is only a few minutes long and that if you wish to discuss things further then a separate appointment needs to be made—the teachers do need to go home at the end of the night.

If you have any concerns, questions or queries after you have seen your child's class teacher then Mr Kelly and I will be available to talk to—we tend to be around the entrance or the school library.

Book Fair

We have invited our annual book fair suppliers back into school next week. You have always supported the book fair incredibly well and been most generous. The school do get a high percentage of the money (60%) and we always spend it on new reading resources for your children.

I hope that you are able to continue to support the school in this way. The book fair will be open each evening after school from Monday—Thursday next week; it will be open throughout Parents Evening on Wednesday.

Nursery Meeting

Firstly, I must apologise for the confusion I caused to Nursery parents by putting Parents Evening on last week's newsletter. We do not hold a Parents Evening for Nursery until later in the year—this week's Parents Evening is for children from Reception to Year 6. My apologies for the confusion.

There is a Parents Reading Meeting for all Nursery parents on Tuesday 20th October at 9:15am. The meeting will be held in the main school; reading is a key skill that your children need to develop and the earlier they learn to love books the better. So please do make every effort to join us on Tuesday morning.

Parking

You know how much I love talking to you about parking! As we are on a cul-de-sac we are always going to experience congestion at key times in the day and thankfully most of us are very sensible in the way we drive and where we park. Can I please ask you NOT to park, even briefly, on the yellow lines outside the school gate, it is important for safety that we keep this area car free.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Jake in Year 4 who won our attendance award last week for a full weeks attendance—the first attendance award of the year. Well done Jake!

ATTENDANCE SINCE

SEPTEMBER

96.58%

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

95.43%

WINNING CLASS

Year 4

99.3% - this class are unstoppable!

Reflection

You are the image and likeness of God

But with you the morning awakens

With the call to rise, not for you

But always for others

God handpicked you from a myriad of souls

Moulded you since you were a babe

To prepare you for a journey, not for you

But always for others.

God blessed you with wisdom

To use, to give form to his plans

And love to carry them out, not for you

But always for others

God forever bless you

Walk and carry you when your feet are weary

Bring peace and joy to your heart

For though your life is never for you

It is Christ's and he delights in you.

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.

Harvest Collection

In recent years we have started an annual Harvest Collection and donated the food collected to local charities and food banks—it has always been gratefully received. This year we are donating our food to Stechford Foodbank and they have supplied us with a list of preferred food. I have always said that a donation of one tin of food from each child would mean that we have over 200 tins of food to give to the foodbank.

Stechford Foodbank: Milk (UHT or powdered), sugar, fruit juice (carton), soup, pasta sauces, sponge pudding (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), cereals, rice pudding (tinned) and teabags or instant coffee.

Please do come and join us on Friday for our Harvest Mass as we give thanks for our first half term and the generosity shown by our St Cuthbert's family.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 20th October—Swimming Year 3 and 5

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER—PARENTS EVENING

Friday 23rd October—Harvest Mass Year 2

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER— Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November—Blakesley Hall Year 2 (am)

Tuesday 3rd November—Swimming Year 2 and Year 6

Thursday 5th November—'Dr Bike' MOT day for bikes

Wednesday 11th November—Sacramental Meeting for Year 3 and Year 6 children and Parents. 6:30pm in the School Hall

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

No football or Basketball due to Parents

Evening

Brass Band Year 5 and 6

Thursday

Gym Year 3

Maths Booster Year 6

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S Hobbs and all the staff of St Cuthbert's School

