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Good afternoon to you all—after a blustery week we appear to be ending the week with a little winter sunshine, which is lovely.

- Although it doesn't appear too busy when you look at our school dates for the diary I can assure you
- that St Cuthbert's is a busy, busy place. As I wander around school (obviously with great purpose) I have heard the singing of carols, the practising of lines and the slightly crazy look of teacher heading
- for Christmas rehearsals. After school clubs are still up and running, Masses are being prepared, hymn practices completed, assemblies presented and many and various lessons going on at all times of the school day. It is quite amazing when you step back and look at all the hard work that goes on day
- in and day in this lovely place.
- It has also been great to hear people's comments about our new display in the entrance area of the school. If you haven't managed to have a look you are more than welcome to pop in or alternatively you
- can look on the school website www.stcuthbt.bham.sch.uk we have put a couple of pictures on the home section of the website.

Miss Neason

Miss Neason has asked me to pass on to all parents her thanks and best wishes. Both her and Lauren have been touched by all the cards, messages of sympathy and the collection that they have received from parents in the past couple of weeks.

I know that it has meant a lot to them both and they wanted me to pass on their thanks to you all. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for the funeral this coming week.

Sunday Mass—29th November

We do not hold many Sunday Masses during the school year as we know that both families and staff have their own commitments to their own parishes on a Sunday. However we do like to come together as a Parish community within the school year.

We have presenting a School Mass on Sunday 29th November at 10:30am. This will be an opportunity for the parish to be introduced to our Sacramental Classes and for those children who will be receiving Sacraments this year to formally demonstrate their commitment.

St Cuthbert's has a wonderful reputation for their singing at School Masses and for that we need as many children who can to attend.

Sunday 29th November is the first Sunday of Advent, the time when the Church officially begins its preparation for Christmas and during these busy weeks leading up to the festive season I feel it would be nice for us all to get together to start our preparations. I hope to see you there.

School Trips

We are all horrified by the terrible events in Paris over the weekend and as a school we gathered together on Monday morning to pray for those directly affected and all those suffering because of acts of terror across the world. We prayed for peace, friendship and comfort.

In response to queries and questions this week I want to assure you that we make the safety of your children paramount in every trip we plan; every trip we plan is carefully assessed and discussed in school. If we received notification from the Government, the Police or the Local Authority about restrictions or advice on school trips we would ALWAYS take that advice as soon as it was received to ensure your children's safety. We have had no notification from the Local Authority, the Government or the Police at this time. The only Department for Education Advice is about School Trips to France being postponed.

All school trips will continue as planned unless we receive information from authorities advising us differently. You are welcome to come in and talk to me about it. I understand your children's welfare and safety are the most important thing to you.

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy.

Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth.

Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate.

In fact, violence merely increases hate.

So it goes.

Returning violence for violence multiplies violence,

adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness:

only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Arianne in Year 6 who won our attendance award last week for a full weeks attendance. Well done Georgial!

ATTENDANCE SINCE

SEPTEMBER

96.81%

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

95.51%

WINNING CLASS

Year 6

98.6%

St Andrew

Feast Day: 30th November

Our wonderful ladies in the kitchen have created a special St Andrew's Day menu for his feast day for Monday 30th November.



Scottish Salmon or
Roast Turkey/quorn or
Scotch Egg
A selection of sandwiches

Roast tatties (potatoes)
Creamed tatties (potatoes)
Diced carrots or
Green Beans or
Salad bar

Followed by

All butter short bread and
custard.
Selection of fruit
Fruit Yoghurts

Mrs Laidlaw's Garden

Many thanks to those of you who attended the first 'project' meeting for Mrs Laidlaw's Garden. Mrs Sutherland greatly appreciated your attendance and suggestions. If you couldn't make the meeting but our happy to support the project in any way please let Mrs Sutherland know—you can contact her on

I will continue to up date you on further news, fundraising ideas for the garden in future newsletters. I am very excited and think we will create something truly fitting for our friend Mrs Laidlaw, who was, for so long, such an important person in this school community.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 24th November

Year 1—Blakesley Hall (am)

Year 4—Treasure Island Theatre Trip (pm)

Year 2 and Year 6—Swimming

Friday 27th November

KS1 Mass—9:15am

Sunday 29th November

**School Mass at Corpus Christi Church
10:30am**

CHRISTMAS PLAY DATES

Year 2 Christmas Play—2:15pm Tuesday 8th December

Nursery (pm) - 2:00pm Wednesday 9th December

Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Plays—7:00pm Wednesday 9th December

Nursery (am) - 10:30am—Thursday 10th December

Reception/Year 1 Christmas Play—2:15pm Thursday 10th December

After School Clubs

Monday

Dance Year 1 and 2

Football Year 5 and 6

Tuesday

Gym Year 1 and 2

Fizz Bang Year 5 and 6

Wednesday

Football Year 3 and 4

Basketball

Brass Band Year 5 and 6

Thursday

Gym Year 3

Maths Booster Year 6

As some of you will have seen we have an amazing new entrance display—the staff, children and governors all spent time considering what they wanted included on the display and we are extremely pleased with the outcome. If you haven't seen it, pop along to the main reception offices and have a look. It's fantastic—even though I do say that myself! I have also put some pictures on our school website under the School Tour section.

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Have a lovely weekend

Yours Sincerely

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

Wednesday 2nd

December — Gift Night.

Come and wrap a present after school on 2nd December.

All gifts will be distributed to those in need in our community.

Netball

Netball Club, which runs on Tuesday after school has finished for the winter season.

It will begin again in the Spring. Many thanks to Mrs Baker and Miss Reilly who have run the club.

Brass Assembly

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be presenting a Brass Assembly on Wednesday 16th December at 2:15pm.

I believe it is going to be quite festive!