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NEWSLETTER

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Dates for the diary 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.

Happy New Year! Welcome back! I do hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year, festive, fun-filled and fantastic.

■ We have had a lovely first week back at school—the children have returned and their attitude, maturity and behaviour have been outstanding, we have got down to work straight away and all the teachers and staff are delighted with the children. Long may it last!

■ Year 5 and 6 went to see 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' at the Rep Theatre on Wednesday; I am told it was a fantastic production, one child told me "words can't describe how good it was." All the teachers complimented the children on their great behaviour. On Thursday Year 1 and Year 2 went to the Town Hall to watch 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The highlight of my week was welcoming the classes back because they had clearly had a wonderful time and once again all the staff reported on their excellent behaviour.

■ It has been lovely to welcome your children back and I am really looking forward to the Spring term as there are lots of great things to look forward to!

■ Thank you

■ On behalf of all the staff of the school I would like to thank you all for the presents and cards that you gave to us at the end of term. We greatly appreciate all the gifts, notes and cards; there really is no need but thank you so much for your generosity.

Reception 2016

*If you have a child who will be 5 years old between September 2016 and July 2017 i.e. Nursery children, then you need to have completed the Local Authority application for Reception places. The school cannot 'give out' places all Reception places are allocated by the Local Authority. If you haven't completed the form the deadline is next week **FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY**—if you need some help please come into the school office and we will help complete the form. This is really important.*

Clubs

Our programme of after school clubs starts again next week—let me see how well I can explain all of this.

- 1) There is no Netball Club—this resumes later in the year
- 2) Fizz Bang Science Club has finished for the group last term, Mrs Harries has sent out letters to the new group of Year 5 and 6 children for this term.
- 3) Gym club has finished for Year 3 on a Thursday after school, Year 4 will now have the opportunity to take part in a Gym Club.
- 4) All other clubs remain the same—change over of groups for Dance, KS1 Gym and Basketball will happen after the February half term.

Monday: Football Year 5 and 6/ Dance KS1

Tuesday: Gym KS1/Fizz Bang Year 5 and 6

Wednesday: Football Year 3 and 4/ Basketball Year 3 and 4/Brass Band Year 5 and 6

Thursday: Gym Year 4

Academic after school sessions are also underway for various pupils across the school—Year 6 Maths Booster continues as normal on Thursday and Mr Gallagher has sent out letters for a club he will be running.

As always, if you are unsure, please phone the school office and we will try to make sure you get the right information.

ATTENDANCE

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

ATTENDANCE SINCE

SEPTEMBER

96.28%

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

93.86%

WINNING CLASS

Year 4—99%

Well done Year 4!

Thank you

Many thanks to Mr Daly, one of our school governors, who took time at the end of term to replace all the lights in the school hall for us. It has never been so bright in the hall and all the staff and children have commented on it.

We really do appreciate Mr Daly giving up his time, organising for a scaffolding tower and light tubes to be delivered and then fitting them all. I do have to thank Mr Kelly who helped Mr Daly (I just think he didn't want to help take the Christmas decorations down!)

New Year Blessing

“May Light always surround you;
Hope kindle and rebound you.
May your Hurts turn to Healing;
Your Heart embrace Feeling.
May Wounds become Wisdom;
Every Kindness a Prism.
May Laughter infect you;
Your Passion resurrect you.
May Goodness inspire your Deepest Desires.
Through all that you Reach For,
May your arms Never Tire.”

— D. Simone

Attendance

I did say in our final letter of the year that I would be sending out attendance letters, this has not been completed and letters will be sent out in the next week. We recognise that all children become ill, we are aware of children who have medical problems and other needs that mean they have time off school; however the government have set high attendance targets and have stated that attendance less than 90% is classed as 'persistent absence'. If you do have any concerns please do come in and see me. As a school our attendance is, currently, very good.

Football Success

Congratulations to Joseph in Year 6 who has been playing football on behalf of the district and has been chosen to play for Birmingham County. A great achievement—well done Joseph. We always try to recognise achievement outside of school, and your children are welcome to bring in medals, certificates and awards and we will show them to everyone in assembly. This year so far we have had dance, gymnastics, ice hockey and football medals and trophies... we are a most talented team of pupils.

Fundraising—bedtime in the day time!

We will be holding our next fundraising event next **Thursday 14th January**, this has been suggested by our School Council and the money raised will go towards Mrs Laidlaw's Garden and new school bins. We are inviting the children to wear their pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers for the day and bring in their favourite bedtime story book. We will ask for a £1 donation and all the money will go to the school council and Mrs Laidlaw's Garden Project.

Obviously the children will need their coats and outside shoes for playtime but the idea from the council is for the children to enjoy a day when they come to school in their bedtime clothes... you never know a teacher or two may be tempted as well!

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 12th January—Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 14th January—Bedtime Day

Friday 15th January—Year 3 Mass

Tuesday 19th January—Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 20th January—Year 6 to the Council House

Wednesday 20th January—Confirmation Meeting

Thursday 21st January—Reading Meeting for Reception Parents 2:15pm

Friday 22nd January—Year 2 Mass

Tuesday 26th January—Year 6 trip to Alton Castle

Tuesday 26th January—Year 3 and 4 Swimming

Friday 29th January—Year 4 Mass

Health and Safety Fortnight

From Monday 1st February until we break up for half term on Friday 12th February we are going to focus on special Health and Safety topics throughout school. The Health Bus will be visiting the school On Monday 1st and 2nd of February, all classes will have trips arranged in those two weeks, we will have visitors coming into school. Classes will be focusing on water, road, bicycle safety, some classes will be looking at fire safety, others will concentrate on personal hygiene and all classes will look at e-safety (being safe on line). I will let you know more of the details closer to the time.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I will see you all on Monday—back for another week!

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff at St Cuthbert's.