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## NEWSLETTER

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##### 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 have to say I'm glad that we have finally had some proper winter weather (I know I don't think that when I'm scraping my car and trying not to slip on the ice in the morning) but I do love a clear winters day!

However on that note I would ask that you take extra care when coming onto the playground in the morning. Mr Laidlaw does make sure that he grits a safe path through the playground and the Breakfast Club ladies and staff do go out and check the playground but it does get very slippery so please take extra care.

We had a wonderful 'Bedtime Story Day' this week. An additional group of Year 5 children went swimming at Archbishop Ilsley and Year 3 and 4 went to their swimming lessons at Stechford Cascades on Tuesday. Year 3 have finished the week off beautifully for us by presenting a lovely Mass. It was great to welcome Father Michael back to school after he broke his elbow a few weeks ago. Father Paul is currently away until next week, Sister Maureen will be coming in to visit Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 next week.

#### Bedtime Story Day

Many thanks to you all for making 'Bedtime Story Day' such a success. Who knew that such a variety of bedtime wear even existed—I have to say it was the slippers and onesies that amused me the most! Well done to the School Council for organising the event, they helped explain all about in an assembly this week.

In a meeting with Mr Wilson I agreed that whatever money was raised by 'Bedtime Story Day' the school would match it from School Fund. The children raised £177, therefore the total is £354 and the money will be split between Mrs Laidlaw's Garden Project and new school bins that the School Council can now begin to choose.

I have to say it is remarkable how comfortable it is to do a days work in a pair of pyjamas. I was tempted to wear them again this morning but I'm not sure they help me work quickly or efficiently!

#### A message from the kitchen

Mrs Khan, our chief cook, has asked me to put this note into the school newsletter:

*May I start by wishing you all a happy new year, this year we are going to run more themed days as well as the traditional ones; we are going to ask the children and see what they would like as a themed day and, having already spoken to them, they are quite an enthusiastic bunch about their food!*

*We are planning out first themed day of 2016 next Thursday 21st January, after a discussion with the children, we have decided to go with a Mexican theme. I have included the menu for the day, there will be two choices on offer.*

*I look forward to the year ahead and I hope to see more new faces joining us at lunch time.*

*Please remember if you have any issues or there is anything you wish to discuss with me about meals then either phone the school or pop in for a chat.*

*Thank you*

*Wendy (Mrs Khan) and the team*

#### Menu:

*Chilli con carne with rice and sweet corn salsa*

*Assorted Fajitas*

*Potato wedges*

*Mexican Brownies*

*There will also be an assortment of sandwiches and jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings, a range of salsa and accompaniments in the salad bar to try and fresh fruit or yoghurts as a choice of desert.*



## ATTENDANCE

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

### ATTENDANCE SINCE

**SEPTEMBER**

**96.25%**

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

**95.59%**

### WINNING CLASS

**Year 4—100%**

**Well done Year 4!**

**They are unstoppable.**

Mrs Laidlaw's Garden

Valentines Workshop

On Friday 5th February there will be a Valentine's workshop for parents and children after school. I will let you know details in next weeks newsletter.



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

## Reception Reading Meeting

We have invited all parents of the children in the Reception Class to attend a reading meeting next Thursday 21st January at 2:15pm. This is a great opportunity for you to look at ways in which the school help and support your child in reading but also how you can help your child at home. The session will finish with you spending a little time with your child, hearing them read and talking to them about their book.

I do hope that you can make the meeting, as always if there are any problems or concerns, please do see Mrs Hodson before Thursday.

## The Big Read

I am very pleased to announce that St Cuthbert's will be taking part in 'The Big Read' project that will be going on in Birmingham this year. Many of you may have noticed lots of decorated owls that were put on display across Birmingham last summer. This year 'The Big Read' has been launched and we will be decorating a reading bench that will go on display somewhere in Birmingham over the summer. The bench will then be returned to the school in September. How exciting—I will let you know more about it in the coming weeks.

## Confirmation Meeting

On Wednesday 20th January we are holding a Confirmation Meeting for all the parents and children in Year 6 who will be receiving the Sacrament on Sunday 28th February. We try to ensure that the meetings include information, participation from the children and reflection. Please do make every effort to join us—the meeting begins at 6:30pm and Sister Maureen will be with us for this meeting.

## Welcome

We have welcomed Francesca into Reception this week—we know that she will greatly enjoy her new class and she has already had a super week with us. Welcome Francesca and her family to the family of St Cuthbert's!

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 19th January—Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 20th January—Year 6 to the Council House

Wednesday 20th January—Confirmation Meeting 6:30pm

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 Week 1

Healthy Bus in school—Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd February

Monday 1st February—Year 6 Safeside visit

Tuesday 2nd February—Year 5 Fire Safety trip

Wednesday 3rd February—Year 1 Inspire

Wednesday 3rd February—Reception Fire Safety Trip

Thursday 4th February—Year 3 Canal Trip

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.