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NEWSLETTER

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When we are weary and in need of strength,
When we are lost and sick at heart,
We remember him.
When we have a joy we crave to share
When we have decisions that are difficult to make
When we have achievements that are based on his
We remember him.
At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,
We remember him.
At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
We remember him.
At the rising of the sun and at its setting,
We remember him.
As long as we live, he too will live
For he is now a part of us,
As we remember him

It is rare for me to not know how to start a newsletter but this week I find myself at a loss to know how to express how all the staff, children and families of St Cuthbert's are feeling this afternoon.

With the news of Robby's passing yesterday we are left a little diminished today, heavy hearted and sad. I can however say this, it is at these times of great sadness that you see the good in every aspect of the community that you serve. The support that the staff gave each other and the children yesterday and today, the behaviour, reaction and compassion with which your children reacted to the news and the way in which the wider community has come together to offer their condolences demonstrates such goodness in a time of terrible sadness.

Robby was, quite simply, a lovely, quiet, kind, thoughtful, gentle boy who will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. I ask you to keep his parents, sister, family, friends and friends at Archbishop Ilsley in your thoughts and prayers this half term as a light has gone out of their lives and cannot be replaced. I will keep you informed when arrangements for Robby's funeral have been made. We have a book of condolence open in the entrance area of the school that you are all welcome to come in and sign—this will be passed on, in due course, to his parents.

HEALTH AND SAFETY FORTNIGHT

I am hoping that you have heard from your children about our Health and Safety fortnight—if not please do ask them about it. Our philosophy is this—there are dangers out there but they shouldn't be ignored they should be explained and discussed and then the children should be taught about how to keep themselves safe.

Last week all classes looked at elements of keeping healthy and safe—this ranged from safety by water, fire safety, road and rail safety, hygiene and healthy living and cycling awareness. This week we have focused more on internet safety.

In the past two weeks all of these events have taken place:

Year 6—Bikeability—level 1 and level 2 proficiency for 16 pupils

Year 6—Safeside trip

Year 5—Fire safety trip

Year 4—Train safety trip

Year 3—Canal trip (water safety)

Reception—Year 2—Walks in the local area—road safety

Nursery—Small group trips in the local area.

All classes had a session of the 'life bus' - the children all discussed and studied aspects of Health and Safety.

Year 2 presented a FANTASTIC assembly on a Health and Safety theme.

Nursery parents have been making fruit salads with their children, Reception children have been making (very tasty) fruit smoothies.

We had visitors in from Road Safety Awareness talking to Nursery and Year 1 and a visitor from the RNLI talking to Year 3 about water safety. We have loved it and the children have, we feel, learnt a great deal. Mr Wilson has presented an assembly about e-safety and all classes have looked at the issues around keeping themselves safe on line.

All KS2 children were given a copy of 'Digital Parent', a magazine that the school has ordered, that is useful and informative about how to keep your child safe on line. We have also updated our e-safety information on the school website, and I would encourage you go onto the website and look at the parents section and the information we have put there.

Information from the fire service: to book a free safety check in your home by your local fire fighters, free phone 0800 389 5525.

ATTENDANCE

Two weeks worth of attendance statistics to give you!

**Attendance for the week
25.01.16—29.01.16**

94.00%

Class Winners

Year 5 with 97.3%

**Attendance for the week
01.02.16-05.02.16**

95.83%

Class Winner

Year 3 with 96.6%

**Attendance since
September = 96.14%**

I do hope that we can continue to work on attendance throughout the year—remember we are aiming for 97% across the school!

Congratulations to Alfie and Julianna in Reception who won the attendance awards for the last two weeks!

Reflection from Mass today—sung by Year 5

Je louerai l'Eternel de tout mon cœur,

Je raconterai toutes tes merveilles,
Je chanterai ton nom.

Je louerai l'Eternel de tout mon cœur,
Je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie.
Je chanterai ton nom.

Dieu, l'Eternel, est roi ; il règne à jamais.

Pour le jugement, il dresse son trône
Il jugera la terre.
Dieu, l'Eternel, est roi; il règne à jamais.
Le monde verra la force de son bras.
Il jugera la terre.

Mrs Laidlaw's Garden Project

Many thanks to the Garden Project Team who organised a community get together last week. It was a lovely occasion in which cakes and savoury treats were brought along to be tasted. Thank you very much to those who attended.

Their team has organised a special Mother's Day raffle with a number of chocolate treats; children can buy raffle tickets from the office and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 5th March in time for Mother's Day. 50p for a strip of tickets and all money raised will go to the Garden Project Fund. A designer has been in to look at the site and put forward ideas for designs.

Year 1 Inspire

Many, many thanks to all the parents of our Year 1 children who came in to support the Inspire workshop last week. It was a wonderful morning and all the children (and the adults I think) greatly enjoyed themselves.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are focusing on other faiths and celebrations in their inspires and Year 1 created some beautiful Menorahs - they are up in the Year 1 classroom and look brilliant.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is taking place on Sunday 28th February at 11:30am at Corpus Christi Church. Please do come and support our Year 6 pupils on this very special occasion, Bishop Byrne will be confirming the children.

Dates for the Diary

Lent began on Wednesday, we had a lovely Mass in which ashes were distributed to all. As you know we raise money in Lent for those who are less fortunate than ourselves; we do this in two ways, a sponsored walk around the schools perimeter and every Friday a KS2 class organise Lenten Activities in which the children come and spend money! We will let you know about the charities that we are raising money for in our next newsletter—suffice to say its going to be a busy half term.

Tuesday 23rd February—Year 2 and Year 5 Swimming

Thursday 25th February—Year 5 trip to Birmingham

Friday 26th February—Year 3 Mass

Friday 26th February—Year 4 Lenten Activities

Saturday 27th February—Swimming Gala Competition

Sunday 28th February—Confirmation for Year 6 at Corpus Christi School

Tuesday 1st March—Year 2 and Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday 1st March—Year 2 Trip to Kingsbury

Thursday 3rd March—Sponsored Walk

Friday 4th March—Year 5 Mass

Friday 4th March—Year 6 Lenten Activities

I do hope that you all have a peaceful and relaxing half term, school re-opens on Monday 22nd February at normal time.

Yours Sincerely

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

"Love one another as I have loved you."