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## NEWSLETTER

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#### School Nurse

The School Nurse will be available after Mass on Friday 15th April to discuss any queries or concerns that you may have about the health of your child and its impact on family. She will be in the library with tea and coffee after Mass.

As we reach the end of the Spring Term and we look forward to recharging the batteries, I have reflected on all the things we have managed to fit into 5 weeks—Lenten Activities, Sponsored Walk, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Parents Evening, Inspires, Trips and school Masses; this does not include all the curriculum teaching and learning that has been taking place across the school—it has been busy but such a lot has been achieved—however everyone is ready for a rest!

I would like to thank Year 5 in particular this week who performed a lovely, reflective Holy Week play on Tuesday morning for the school and their families—they were great. Also, our enthusiastic Brass classes performed outstandingly well on Wednesday afternoon and demonstrated great musicality (well done to Miss Walker our music teacher) and for those children who performed with gusto at the prestigious Adrian Boulton Hall last night.

All the staff continue to be very proud of your children and the way they conduct themselves around school and when out on trips. There is always much to celebrate in school, with the children taking opportunities and working hard to achieve and improve; although many of us are going to sleep for at least a week it has been a most enjoyable 5 weeks.

#### Father's Paul & Michael

It is with sadness that I relay the news to you that both Father Paul and Father Michael will be leaving the Parish at the end of summer. Father Paul, as many of you will know, is retiring in September. A few column inches in a newsletter cannot begin to express the thanks, admiration and love that we feel for him—he has been an integral part of our parish and school for such a long time and his support has been unwavering. After 25 years of dedicated service in the parish, he has undoubtedly earned a rest, though that does not make his departure any easier for us. Rest assured he will get the best of send off's and when we know where he is going we will let you know. He's still with us for a while longer yet and we don't know exactly when he will be leaving us. (May-be the powers above will change their minds and let us keep him).

Father Michael will be moving on to pastures new in the shape of a parish in Stoke on Trent. In the 5 years that Father Michael has been with us he has been a great servant to the local community and in particular the schools of the Parish. We hope that he can take a piece of us with him to his new parish and again say thank-you for all his efforts.

#### Garden Competition

The Kitchen Garden project run by Mrs Sutherland and her intrepid team continues to inspire pupils, staff and parents alike. The latest endeavour has been a competition for the children to design models of how they would like the garden to look like. The imagination and innovation in the entries (currently displayed outside the Library) are astounding. All entrants have had their photograph taken with their design and this will go onto the school website! Can I express my gratitude to Mrs Sutherland and her team for their enthusiasm and commitment to this most worthy of causes. Everyone involved wants to do a great and lasting job and therefore the project will take time but I know it will be worth it!

#### Brass Band—Adrian Boulton Hall

Many congratulations to our Brass Band who performed at the Adrian Boulton Hall last night; Mrs McKenna spoke to me afterwards to say how impressed she was with the attitude and sheer ability of the children. They were superb and I am sure they will continue to take their musical ability with them throughout their lives. Well done to Cairo, Reece, Tilly-Bo, Grace and Paige from Year 5 and Arianne, Julianna, Areeba, Kiera and Yasmen from Year 6.

## ATTENDANCE

### Overall School Attendance

96.01%

### Weekly School Attendance

13.03.16-18.03.16

94.46%

### Winning Class

13.03.16-18.03.16

Year 3 98%

Well done Year 3!

### Swimming

#### Year 1 and Year 4

*Just a little reminder that the new swimming groups will begin in the first week back after the Easter Holidays. Please can you ensure that if your child is currently in Year 1 or Year 4 that they have their swimming kits in school ready for their first session on Tuesday 12th April 2016.*

#### Phonics Meeting Year 1

*This is a reminder that Miss Flynn will be holding a Year 1 meeting about Phonics on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 2:30pm*



God be in my head and in my understanding

God be in mine eyes and in my looking

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end and at my departing.

## Dinner Money Changes

There has been a slight increase from Citiserve in the prices of school dinners. The new prices affect Nursery and Key Stage 2 only and will come into effect on the first week back after Easter. The new prices are as follows:

**Key Stage 2** : £2.15 per day or £10.75 per week.

**Nursery**: £1.85 per day or £9.25 per week.

## Holy Week—Corpus Christi Church

Maundy Thursday (today): Mass 7:00pm

Good Friday: Good Friday Liturgy 3:00pm and Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

Easter Saturday: Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: Easter Mass 10:30am

I know that one of our parents is being baptised during the Easter Vigil on Saturday—many congratulations to her.

## Lenten Fundraising

There are times as a Head when you know that it is a real privilege to have the responsibility of running a school and this half term has been one of those times. The generosity of spirit that has gone into Lenten Activities, Sponsored Walks, Prayer Services, Sacraments and Masses has been amazing—from families, children and staff. Your generosity never fails to move me. This lent, in the space of 5 short weeks we have raised a wonderful **£2800**—just incredible. All the money will be divided between our chosen charities and I know that it will be well used. Thank you.

## Key Dates & Polling Days

This year, as a polling station, St Cuthbert's will be closed for two days. On **May 5th** for the Local Elections and on **June 23rd** for the European Referendum. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause, though it is beyond our control.

### Teacher Training Days

Friday 27th May 2016

### Key Dates Next Half Term

Year 3 Trip—Thursday 14th April

Reception Trip—Tuesday 19th April

First Holy Communion Meeting—Wednesday 20th April

Year 6 Residential Trip— Monday 18th April—Wednesday 20th April

Garden Project—Rosemary for remembrance—Friday 22nd April

Year 3 Assembly—Thursday 28th April

Year 6 SATS week— Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May

Class Photographs—Monday 16th May

Year 5 Assembly—Thursday 19th May

First Holy Communion— Saturday 21st May

Year 6 Inspire—Thursday 26th May

Finally, as you can see above we return to yet another busy half term of activities and adventure. I haven't included all the events just the main dates that you need to be aware of. I wish you all a peaceful and happy Easter Holiday and many thanks for your continuing support.

Your Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff