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## NEWSLETTER

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#### Big Pedal

Many thanks to all those children who have taken part in the 'Big Pedal' this week on bike or scooter!

Please keep it up—the Big Pedal runs for another week.

#### School Nurse

Our School Nurse will be available next Friday 29th April from 10:00am in the school library. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's health then please do come and see the nurse.

Good afternoon everyone, I hope that the week has been kind to you and that you are looking forward to the weekend—I certainly am!

- As you know Year 6 went away for three days this week—it was a wonderful trip of which I will tell you more later in the newsletter. On top of that excitement Reception had a great trip to the farm on Tuesday in the Spring sunshine. Indeed at one point on Tuesday there were less children in school than out of school with Year 1 and 4 going swimming—a very rare occurrence.

- Year 4 presented a lovely Mass this morning and we will finish off this week with our 'Rosemary for remembrance' event and although the M.P was unable to make it we are hoping that Mrs Laidlaw will be joining us for the event which would be lovely.

#### 2 Mrs Naraine

- 2 I wrote to all the Year 4 parents earlier this week to let them know that Mrs Naraine will be leaving us next week to move on to pastures new.

- 2 Mrs Naraine has been at St Cuthbert's for 11 years; for the majority of that time she has taught, supported and cared for children in Reception and Year 1. She has always supported St Cuthbert's fully and has been a valued member of staff, she is a great teacher and has been a real role model for all of your children. There is absolutely no doubt that all the staff and children will miss her greatly.

- 2 All the staff and children wish Mrs Naraine the best of luck as she starts a new adventure and phase of her life. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and support over the years, St Cuthbert's has been blessed to have her with us and we will miss her.

As I have explained to the Year 4 parents for the remainder of the school year Mrs Still will return to school for an additional day—so Year 4 will be taught by Mrs Still from Monday to Thursday and Mr O'Rourke is going to venture into Year 4 on a Friday—so they are in for a real treat!

Once again, I extend my warmest thanks to Mrs Naraine and wish her well in all she does.

#### Condoover Hall

Monday morning seems like a lifetime ago, when I think of all the Year 6 children gathering in the hall with their luggage I can't believe that was the beginning of this week. Many of them seemed packed and prepared for a fortnights holiday, not a three day residential!

I cannot possibly describe the three days to you in one short section of a newsletter but I can say this: the weather was beautiful, we walked through Carding Mill Valley in the Shropshire countryside, we stayed in a wonderful setting at Condoover Hall and we spent our days outside having a good time.

We climbed walls, went through tunnels, played cluedo, took part in laser quest, went kayaking on a lake, learnt how to fence and built and raced buggies. We were up early and in bed late and we had a great time.

The Year 6 children enjoyed every minute of it—their behaviour was excellent and I was very proud of the way they got stuck into everything they did. Although they are all absolutely shattered, all of them have told me how glad they are that they went and took part.

Many thanks to Mr Wilson, Mrs Harries and Mr Samuels who came to support and care for the children. It is the equivalent of being on playground duty for 72 hours and it is certainly going above and beyond any job description but I know all of them felt it was worth it.

So year 5 this time next year, all being well, it could be you on your way to Condoover Hall!

## ATTENDANCE

### Overall School

#### Attendance

95.92%

### Weekly School

#### Attendance

11.04.16-15.04.16

96.19%

### Winning Class

11.04.16-15.04.16

Year 5 99%

Keep it up Year 5—two weeks in a row!

### Bromford Lions Football Club

One of our parents is organising a 'mini kicker' session for children aged 4, 5 or 6 years old.

These will take place at Arden Playing Fields in Castle Bromwich at 11:45–12:45

It will cost £3 per session.

We are Easter people and alleluia is our song!



"He is not here, he has risen!"

## Holy Communion Meeting

Apologies for my absence to all parents and children who attended the First Holy Communion meeting on Wednesday—I would have been of no use to you after returning from Condover Hall. My thanks to Mr Kelly and Mr Gallagher for leading the meeting and Mrs Parkes and Ms Edwards for staying to support the children. As always we are incredibly well supported by the parish and Sister Maureen's words are always insightful and encouraging.

First Holy Communion is on Saturday 21st May at 9:30am and always we hope that many of our children will come to support their friends in Year 3.

We have had some beautiful First Holy Communion dresses donated to the school so if any Year 3 parents would like to borrow one of these or if you know of anyone who could use a

## Attendance

For the first time in a long time our school attendance has **dipped below 96%**. The Government's expectation is that school attendance should be 96% or more. We have worked hard together to improve attendance and I would hate to have to become more severe with attendance. I know all children get ill but even with that in mind most children should be able to achieve attendance of 96%. I will be sending out letters about attendance in the next couple of weeks—if you get a letter this is a clear indication that your child's attendance needs to improve.

## Message to Parents

At parents evening in March many of you filled in a questionnaire about the school—it was overwhelmingly positive. We are going to put the results on the website alongside some of the wonderful comments that were made—many thanks for these, they really cheered us. We really do appreciate your support and all the efforts that you put in to supporting your children, the school events, Masses, assemblies and meetings. My sincere thanks for this. I would also like to thank all those parents, grandparents and friends of St Cuthbert's who pick up and collect the children from St Cuthbert's who are unfailingly polite, happy and well behaved.

Unfortunately, there have been a number of incidents in the past couple of months where some people have been aggressive towards members of staff, confrontational with other parents on the playground and have not behaved in a manner that I would see as appropriate. Can I remind you all that this is a safe place for all the children and staff who work here and that I, and the governors, expect all adults to behave appropriately when on school property or dealing with members of staff.

We do have an open door policy and myself or Mr Kelly are always available to speak to you about any issue or enquiry that you may have—please treat all members of staff and other parents with the respect you would like to be treated with.

If there are issues outside of school—they stay out of school; if the issue is a school one I ask that you see a member of staff to discuss it calmly and sensibly.

Once again, my thanks to all of you who support us so well and with such community spirit!

## Key Dates

### Teacher Training Days

Friday 27th May

SEND meeting—Tuesday 26th April 2:00pm (corrected date -apologies)

Year 3 Assembly—Thursday 28th April

Year 5 Mass—Friday 29th April

Monday 2nd May—BANK HOLIDAY

Thursday 5th May—POLLING DAY School Closed

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

I wish you all a great weekend—I will be asleep for the majority of it!

Yours Sincerely Mrs Hobbs and all the staff